



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Dear Families,

Christmas Performance Tickets

Christmas Performance tickets for the KS2 Performance of 'A Child is Born' have been sent home with your child tonight; please do look out for the brown envelope in his/her book bag. If you do not need all of the tickets you have ordered, these should be returned to the school office as soon as you can so that they can be distributed elsewhere. Please discuss any changes you wish to make to your tickets with the office as soon as possible; your ticket should also be brought to the performances, as this shows your allocated seat number.

As a reminder:

Each morning performance will start at 9.45am with the doors opening at 9.15am for you to take your allocated seat. Children of Reception age and younger are very welcome at the morning performances; however, please do not bring them to the evening performances as you will not be permitted to stay. This includes babies in carry cots, car seats and carriers.

Please note that pushchairs, prams, cots, tripods etc are not allowed in the school hall and there will be no admittance, as usual, once the performance has begun.

Filming *is* permitted from the back row only of the hall but you will not be allowed to stand – or video – from elsewhere, as this restricts the children's view of school staff providing direction. It also affects other visitors' enjoyment of the performance. Flash photography is not permitted because it is distracting when children have worked so hard to learn their parts.

I must ask you – please – not to share photographs or videos containing other people's children on social media. Understandably, some parents may not consent to images of their children being shared online and I would encourage our community to respect this decision.

If anyone can please help us with wheelchair pushing to and from Greenacres, we would be very grateful. If you would like to stay and watch the performance, and have not already reserved a Tuesday morning ticket, there are still a small number of tickets available for this one.

Tickets are also available for the other three performances should you wish to order more tickets for family and friends.

Refreshments for all performances will be available as soon as the doors are open and during the intervals; the Friends of St Norbert's will also have an optional raffle in the school hall, should you wish to purchase tickets. All donations are very much appreciated and support the cost of costumes and materials for our performances.

Doors for the evening performances will open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Please leave your child at the KS2 school entrance door at 6pm to change into his/her costume; a member of staff will be waiting at the door. If your child is booked into the Out-of-School Club, they will be escorted to their classroom by school staff to change. Staff will supervise changing and there will be no access for parents or visitors to the classrooms.

Children will leave after the evening performances through the main front Office Reception door – not via the usual side entrance. Please collect your child from the playground outside at the front of school at approximately 8:10pm (estimated).

Tickets for the Foundation Stage and Class 3 Performance will be sent out next week.

Christmas Pantomime

If you have not already done so, could you please make your payment through Parentpay for your child's Pantomime visit as soon as possible. Tickets must be paid for prior to the visit taking place, please. Please see me in confidence if you have any difficulties in making this payment. Thank you.

School Library: Thank You to Our PTA Members

I would like to publicly thank those parents and PTA representatives who have been working so hard to produce new 'borrowing card' labels for our school library books. This has proven to be a very time-consuming task – one which all helpers have undertaken with great humour and patience. Thank you so much to them for this support, which will enable us to restart library book borrowing again very soon.

Drama, Multi Sports, Football and Booster Club

All after-school activity clubs will finish for this term by the end of next week; there will therefore be no activity clubs taking place from week commencing Monday 2nd December, which is Christmas Performance week, until next term.

Our Breakfast Club and Out-of-School Club will continue to open as usual up to the end of term. However, please note that the Out-of-School Club will not be open on Friday 20th December, the last day of this term; all children should be collected at 3pm on this day. Thank you.

Full details of the after-school activity clubs available from January will be confirmed shortly.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance

As you will already be aware, children benefit from learning about different careers and vocations throughout their time at Saint Norbert's; I must again reiterate my thanks to those volunteers who visited us during Vocations Week, for example.

Our particular hope is to inspire children to consider a broad range of possible career and/or vocational choices in the future through our use of positive role models, our curriculum and our environment. I am therefore pleased to share our recently-achieved status as a 'Gender Action Supporter' school, in recognition of our ongoing work to tackle the effects that gender stereotyping has on pupils in relation to subject and careers choices.

Flu Vaccination Clinics

Please see the attachment for Vaccine UK with details of the flu catch-up clinics available in our area.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson