



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,

Parent/Carer 'Worry Monster' Coffee Afternoon delivered by 'With Me in Mind'

If you have booked a place for the Worry Monster Workshop this week, please meet at the school office at 2.55pm on Thursday; you will then be reunited with your child and can make your way together to the 'Workshop' through the school hall. Please remember to bring a small box with you to make your Worry Monster. All other art materials will be supplied in school. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Reminder - School Book Fair

The School Book fair will be open from today, at 3pm daily, until Monday 10th February in the school hall. Should you wish to have a look at the books on offer, please do feel free to browse with your child. If you wish to purchase any items from the fair, cash payments only can be accepted.

Reminder - Celebration of the Word – Class 4

Celebration of the Word, led by Class 4, will take place this Friday, 7th February. All families of children in Class 4 are invited to attend and participate in worship. Doors will open at 2.20pm with the Celebration beginning at 2.30pm. There can be no admittance once the Celebration has begun at 2.30pm. Thank you.

World Book Day

World Book Day is an established global celebration of books and reading, designed to promote reading for pleasure. We greatly enjoy sharing this day with children and traditionally do so on a slightly different date at Saint Norbert's, as the official day coincides with the Speech and Drama Festival.

This year we have decided to invite 'Blue Box Entertainment' (who provide 'West End in Schools' Dance and Performance Workshops) to visit our school on Monday 3rd March – this will be our 'World Book Day'. Workshops based around Alice in Wonderland will take place throughout the day for each individual year group; children will then enjoy a performance at the end of the day together.

We do recognise that one aspect of World Book Day – dressing up in costume – may not always be such an enjoyable proposition for families. We understand that whilst this is fun for some, it often proves problematic for others. As such, children will not be asked to dress up in costume this year; I hope that this reduces the stress sometimes associated with World Book Day and helps us to refocus on the joy of reading, rather than associating it with something which may now be seen as burdensome.

We are so very grateful to our PTA for funding this workshop and thank them again for their continued support. Without the fundraising support of families, of course, none of this would be possible – thank you so much to you too.

PGL Parents' Meeting

An information meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 29th April for parents whose children are joining this year's PGL visit; please confirm that you will be attending by completing the link on the email with this letter. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have and is for parents only. Please do note in advance of the meeting that children will not be permitted to take mobile telephones or devices to PGL, as is usual for school residential visits. Thank you.

In-School Parents' Appointments – All Children from Reception to Class 5

Parent Consultation Meetings will take place in school on Tuesday 25th March from 1.10pm to 8pm. You will note that, rather than two separate events, we have decided to trial combining both into one extended afternoon/evening session.

Please complete your preferred first and second choice time slot by using the attached link and, on a first-come first-served basis, you will be allocated a time as close as possible to your choices. Each meeting will be for 10 minutes. If you have more than one child attending the school, we will try to schedule meetings so that waiting time is kept to a minimum for you.

Should you require a longer consultation following your initial meeting, please book an additional appointment on a different date. Similarly, if you would like to meet with me to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please contact me for a separate meeting.

Where parents have shared responsibility but do not live together, we will not contact you further to ask about an appointment if one parent has been seen. If both parents would like appointments, you are – of course – very welcome to email and book these separately.

Nursery parents will be contacted separately to arrange appointments.

We are hoping that representatives from 'With Me in Mind' will be in school on the Tuesday evening between 4pm and 5pm should you wish to make an appointment to speak with them. Please complete the relevant section on the link to book a ten-minute appointment if you feel this might be beneficial. Please do note, however, that the With Me in Mind service is currently only available to children in Key Stage 2 and above; the availability of these appointments is also limited. Thank you.

Half-term Holiday

Children will break up on **Thursday** next week, 13th February, for the half-term holiday. Although staff will be in school working on Friday, we will be closed.

Goldstar Out of School Club will be open as normal on Thursday. School will re-open for all on Monday 24th February.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson