



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,

Reminders - Class 'Celebrations of the Word' for Families

Celebration of the Word led by Class 3 takes place this Friday 21st March. Celebration of the Word led by Class 2 will take place on Friday 28th March. Families of children in each class are warmly invited to attend as children will have prepared to lead the school community in worship.

The gates for each assembly will open at 2:20pm, with worship starting at 2:30pm. Unfortunately, there can be no admittance once the assemblies begin at 2:30pm as this disrupts the children's performance. Thank you and we very much hope to see you there if possible.

Reminder - Mass

A Lenten Mass, to celebrate the end of the school term, will take place at 10:30am on Wednesday 2nd April. Please do join us if you can – you do not need to be Catholic to attend and may enjoy the experience. If it might be your first time joining us for Mass, please be aware that the children will sit separately from you with their classes. There is usually a collection during Mass; if you are able to spare any change for a small donation, please send this with your child on the Wednesday morning if this is something you would like to do.

After School Activity Clubs

KS2 Craft Club

Miss Tonge will be leading a Craft Club for children from Classes 4 and 5 on Monday afternoons after the Easter Holiday. The club will run from Monday 28th April until Monday 16th June (inclusive) from 3 – 4pm. Places for this club are limited and will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-served basis'. There will be no charge for this.

Lincolnshire Show Club – Preparation for the Schools' Challenge – Children from Class 5 Only

Mr Walker and Mrs Pitois will be running a Lincolnshire Show Club on Tuesdays, starting from 29th April, to support preparations for this year's Schools' Challenge. All children from Class 5 will be taking part in the Lincolnshire Show visit anyway on either Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th June; however, children who wish to be involved in some additional preparatory work are invited to attend this club, which will run from 3 – 4pm each Tuesday afternoon.

Our other existing after-school activity clubs will also be available as follows:

Multi Sports with the Iron Foundation

From Monday 28th April 3 – 4pm

Children from Class 3 only

Free of charge

Football Club with the Iron Foundation

From Tuesday 29th April 3 – 4pm
Children from Class 3 and Class 4 only
Free of charge

Homework Club with Miss Peterson

From Tuesday 29th April 3 – 4pm
Children from Class 4 and Class 5 only
Free of charge

The daily Year 6 Breakfast Club, and Year 6 Booster Club on a Thursday, will continue up to SATs week; the Choir Club will continue on a Monday afternoon until Music Festival week (19th May). All existing permissions will continue to apply for these three clubs.

Should your child wish to take part in any of the other clubs on offer, please complete the appropriate link(s) on the email attached to this letter.

Friends of St Norbert's PTA – Easter Bingo

The Easter Bingo organised by our PTA takes place on Tuesday 1st April – doors will open at 6pm with 'eyes down' at 6.30pm. Refreshments, a raffle and other stalls will also be available. Please do come along with your family and friends for an enjoyable evening of bingo; you may even win a prize!

We are able to offer a Bingo event because of your generosity, which raises valuable funds for our school. Mufti Day for the Bingo will therefore take place on Monday 31st March; your child may come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a bingo prize. These could include: fancy goods or toys, chocolate, alcohol, whisky for the 'whisky board' or items for a hamper. If your child is unable to participate due to financial constraints, please do contact me – in confidence – and I will do what I can to make sure that everyone is included.

Thank you – as always – for your support and to our PTA for their organisation to prepare for this.

Bags2School Collection

The PTA have also organised another Bags2School Collection for Wednesday 30th April should you wish to donate any of your unused items of clothing. Please do not include soft toys, towels, bedding, curtains, school or work uniforms as we are told that these will not be collected.

If you have any school uniform that you wish to donate, please do speak with Mrs Coggrave who runs the PTA's pre-loved school uniform stall. If you wish to purchase any items, please see the school office who can contact Mrs Coggrave on your behalf or chat to her on the school playground if you prefer. This supply of second-hand uniform is a great way to find clothing which benefits the environment, as well as your pocket.

Bags for the collection will be sent home with your child in time for the Easter Holiday. Please do not return these until the collection date, as we do not have sufficient storage space available in school unfortunately.

Thank you once again for your support.

Mr Brady

Our wonderful caretaker, Mr Brady, will be leaving us in May to start an exciting new chapter in his career, having accepted a new position in a different sector elsewhere.

It is difficult to express just how much Mr Brady has done for our school over the years. From his positive attitude, to his unwavering dedication and determination to complete projects to a high standard, he has made such a lasting impact here. He has always gone above and beyond, not only delivering great results (and so quickly), but also embracing all new projects and challenges with such enthusiasm.

We will profoundly miss Mr Brady but staff are unanimous in wishing him every success and happiness in his new role. An advertisement for a replacement Caretaker has been published.

Goldstar Out of School Club

Our Goldstar out-of-school club will not be open on Friday 4th April, the last day of this term; as is our usual practice. Please do not book your children into the club on this date. However, Breakfast Club will be open on this day as usual.

Please note that bookings for Goldstar should be made in advance using ParentPay; this is necessary to ensure that the menu can be planned, as well as enabling us to ensure that we comply with statutory staffing ratios. Although we do endeavour to accommodate emergency one-off bookings, some repeated instances of no-notice bookings are having an adverse impact on the quality of provision, as well as creating additional workload.

Goldstar provides competitively-priced childcare led by trained school staff. Further information can be found on our website under 'parents' and 'clubs' but please note the following in particular:

When would you like to use Goldstar?	Pre-book and pay by:
Monday	Thursday (week before)
Tuesday	Friday (week before)
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday

We are currently reviewing how Goldstar operates to ensure that we continue to provide a quality service. The club must represent good value for money, not only for families but also as the cost for users is subsidised to maintain affordability. Thank you for your understanding, which we hope will ensure the club's sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson