



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,

School Crossing Patrol

The School Crossing Patrol will not be outside school again tomorrow afternoon, Friday 19th September. Please take extra care when crossing the road at this busy time.

Netball and Coding Clubs

Unfortunately, Netball Club will not take place on Monday next week and Coding Club will not take place on Tuesday next week; please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused. The Drama and Homework clubs - which also take place on Mondays and Tuesdays - will continue as normal. All clubs will be running the following week as they usually do.

Mass – Wednesday 1st October – 10.30am

Mass to honour the Feast Day of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place on Wednesday 1st October, at 10.30am, in St Norbert's Church. St Thérèse - also known as 'The Little Flower' - was a Catholic nun who is remembered for her strong faith and her devotion to doing small things for others with great love - all deeply inspiring qualities that we try to promote often here in school.

All family and friends are welcome to join us in church and it would be very special to worship with you there if you are free. Please allow your child to bring a small amount of change for the collection if this is something you feel able to do. Thank you.

Class 3 – Walk Around Crowle

The children in Class 3 will be taking part in a walking exploration of Crowle during the afternoon of Wednesday 8th October. This visit will support their Science and History work for this term, which involves investigating what Crowle is like today. You do not need to give separate permission, as this is covered by the 'Walking around Crowle' permission slips which we already hold for your child. However, do please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with him/her on this day in case of wet weather. If you would like any further details of this visit, please let me know.

Photograph Consents

Before the summer holiday we sent updated Photograph Consent Forms to all families which included an additional section on AI. If we have not yet received a response, we must send another copy of these Photograph Consent Forms by the end of the week. Please do return these by Monday of next week. Thank you.

Arbor

Thank you so much for your patience - and your feedback - while we continue to move over to our new system. I know that there have been some teething troubles, which – although expected – are no less frustrating for you and us.

If you *are* having any difficulties with making bookings, paying for lunches or school visits, or purchasing items through the School Shop, please let the office know and they will endeavour to assist you.

To try to make this transition easier for everyone, please do consider the following:

- Please check that you are booking or paying for the correct child – bookings for each child must be made and paid for separately.
- For purchases from the school shop, please check that you are 'in' the correct product.
- Out-of-School Club bookings for the first child should be made on the session that runs until 18:00; siblings should be booked on the session that runs to 17:59. This will ensure that you are charged at the discounted rate for additional children on the same night.
- If you book in advance for Wraparound Care and then need to amend the session, this has to be done via the school office. If you give more than 24 hours' notice, the cost will be refunded on Arbor. However, cancellations made within 24 hours will still be charged. Please email the admin@stnorbertscrowle.co.uk email address with your requirements.
- Please check your balances - particularly for school lunches - and top-up as needed. This should show on the main dashboard on your Arbor App.
- If you are not receiving notifications, do please make sure that notifications are switched on and inform the school office if you are not receiving emails but would like to.

We have found that parents seem to find using the Arbor App more user-friendly than using a traditional web browser to visit the Arbor website; this is - of course - personal preference. Either way, thank you very much once again for your patience and cooperation as we try to navigate this transition together.

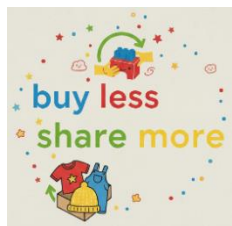
Book Bags

Book bags are now available to purchase via the School Shop on Arbor. Please place your order and then make your payment. Bags can be collected either from the school office or given to your child to bring home. Thank you.

I would like to remind you that my door is always open should you ever feel worried about the cost of school uniform items. Please do speak with me in confidence if you need any support and I will try to help.

Buy Less, Share More

I am pleased to share with you that - as part of the CAFOD Live Simply pledges we have made during this Jubilee Year of Hope - we will be trying to promote even more of a culture of 'buying less' and 'sharing more'. This is of course also intrinsically linked to our ongoing efforts to 'poverty-proof' the school day.



As a Catholic school, our mission is to live according to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which include:

- learning about the dignity of every human person (our work as a Rights Respecting School);
- standing in solidarity with each other and those who are most vulnerable (our charitable work);
- promoting peace;
- caring for God's creation and helping to work towards a more sustainable world.

One way in which you might feel encouraged to buy less could be to consider pre-loved good quality school uniform, when required, which is available from our PTA Chair, Catherine Coggrave. If you *would* like further details, please visit the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A Dawson