



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,

Our PTA - the Friends of St Norbert's - have asked me to let you know about some up-and-coming events they have planned before Christmas.

Not all schools benefit from the support of a hardworking, caring PTA like ours. We are so grateful for the efforts of our team of wonderful volunteers and I would encourage you – please - to consider supporting these events if you are at all able.

Bags2School Collection – Wednesday 8th October

The final Bags2School collection of this year will take place on Wednesday 8th October. Please bring any items you wish to donate in either the bag your child has been sent home with today or any other suitable bag of your choice. Additional bags are available from the school office.

The company will accept adult' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts or handbags. They are no longer able to accept duvets, pillows, cushions, towels, curtains or soft toys.

Please bring the bags you wish to donate into school at 8.30am on the morning of **Wednesday 8th October**. Although we really appreciate your donations, please do not bring them into school before this date as we do not have anywhere to store them. Thank you.

Quiz Night with former Capital FM presenter, Danny Oakes

We are excited to welcome Danny Oakes, former Capital FM presenter, to our school on the evening of Friday 17th October. Danny will be hosting a quiz night on our behalf. Tickets cost £5.00 per person and there is no maximum number in each team (although overall numbers may be limited by the maximum capacity of our school hall). Answers will be submitted through a 'tablet' provided by Danny.

Please note that this is an adults-only event and will not be suitable for children. Hot drinks, soft drinks and cakes will be available to purchase but you are more than welcome to bring your own cold drinks – alcoholic or non-alcoholic – with you. You *will* need to bring your own glasses to use on the evening for your own beverages; these will be provided for any drinks purchased on the night.

Doors will open at 6.30pm ready for a 7pm start. This will give you chance to meet up with your team, choose your team name and jingle, and set up your 'tablet' ready for the quiz to begin.

Tickets for this event can be purchased from Catherine Coggrave from the school reception at 3pm on Friday 26th September, Monday 29th September and Friday 3rd October – thank you very much indeed to Catherine for this. Tickets should be paid for, in cash, at the time of booking. Unfortunately, no refunds will be available should you be unable to attend for any reason. This event is for families and friends of the school only.

Christmas Bingo

The PTA will also be holding a Christmas Bingo on Tuesday 25th November. Doors open at 6pm with ‘eyes down’ at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available during the evening together with a raffle, sweet shop and board games.

We will be holding a Mufti Day on Monday 24th November; all children may come to school in non-uniform for the day in exchange for a prize for the bingo. Prizes *could* include: fancy goods or toys, vouchers, whisky for the whisky board, bottles of wine, alcohol, Christmas gifts, chocolates, selection boxes, items for a Christmas hamper etc. However, if your child is unable to participate due to financial constraints, please contact me – in confidence – and I will make sure that everyone is included and that a prize has been added for the bingo on his/her behalf.

Thank you again for your support.

Friends of St Norbert’s AGM

The AGM of the Friends of St Norbert’s PTA takes place at 3pm on Tuesday 14th October. All families are very welcome to attend. If you would like your child to be placed in the Goldstar out-of-school club for the duration of the meeting, please let the office know. No charge will be made for this time.

Election of Officers for the coming year will take place at the AGM. If you would like to be considered for one of the positions, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office.

Finally, if you feel able to volunteer some time to help at PTA events during the year, please do consider joining the group anyway. You could do as much or as little as your time allows but any support would be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson