



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,

Outdoor Clothing and Wellington Boots

As the colder months approach, we are preparing for lots of exciting outdoor learning and play to continue as part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme. We are looking forward to enabling children to develop their creativity, resilience and teamwork through play in all weathers. However, to make sure they can enjoy these experiences safely and comfortably, we ask that every child comes to school each day with suitable clothing:

- warm waterproof coat/jacket (any colour) – could get wet at playtime and then be needed again at lunch
- wellington boots (any colour) – could be needed any day so should 'live' in lockers for as often as required
- large 'Bag for Life' in which to store wet/muddy wellies – will be stored in lockers or in cloakrooms
- gloves and/or scarf for colder weather play (any colour) – might be used if it snows so would be best if quick-drying

Please aim for the cheapest items which will 'do the job' – they are likely to get wet and muddy.

There may be days when the sun is shining first thing in the morning and you choose to send your child to school in his/her normal school shoes. Should the weather change during the day, and it then become necessary for children to use their wellies for the walk home, they will need to remember to bring these back to school the next day for more outdoor play.

Our OPAL ethos is that 'there is no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing'. The playground and field areas will become muddy and wet during autumn and winter; having the right clothing means that children can continue to explore, build and play without getting cold or uncomfortable. Please do ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name so we can hope to find them easily if they are misplaced. Thank you in advance for helping us to make outdoor play a joyful and inclusive experience for every child, whatever the weather.

Information regarding our school uniform – including for all-weather play – can be found on our website at: <https://www.stnorbertscrowle.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/>. As always, if financial pressures mean that you are worried about providing any part of our uniform, please do speak to me – in total confidence – and I will try to find a way to help.

Drama Club

Drama Club for children in Classes 4 and 5 will continue after half-term. If your child is interested in a part in our forthcoming Christmas performances, it will be most helpful if they could attend our Drama Club rehearsals. Please sign your child up through the Arbor App. Sign up is open from now until Monday 3rd November by 8:30am.

Chess Club

Please take a look at the letter sent on Monday about the Chess Club we have planned for January. If your child would like to take part, please – again – sign up through Arbor.

Parent Workshop – Supporting Your Child to Feel Good About Themselves

I am pleased to share details of a parent workshop which will be taking place on Tuesday 4th November, from 6pm to 7:30pm, led by the North Lincolnshire 'With Me in Mind' service. The workshop will be in school and will focus on strategies to improve children's self-esteem and wellbeing.

Parents of children of all ages are welcome but the session is for parents only and children should not attend. Please use the link on the email which accompanies this letter.

Mass

November is a very special month in the Catholic Church as it is a time when we remember and pray for those who have died. It begins with two important feast days: All Saints' Day on the 2nd November, when we celebrate all saints – those known and unknown – and All Souls' Day on the 3rd November, which is dedicated to praying for all the faithful departed.

All families are warmly invited to join the celebration of Mass at 10:30am on Wednesday 5th November, in Saint Norbert's Church, where our school community will come together in prayer and reflection to honour the faithful departed. If you are able to spare any change for the collection in church during Mass, this would be much-appreciated.



Throughout the month of November, Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the hope of eternal life and the promise of resurrection. It is a time for gratitude for the lives of loved ones who have gone before us and a reminder of God's mercy and love. This focus on remembrance helps us to deepen our faith and to live with kindness and compassion in honour of those who have inspired us.

Smoking

Please be aware that smoking on school grounds is not permitted – including the area around the pedestrian entrance gates where children wait to come into school. Thank you for your understanding.

Half-Term Holiday

School closes for our half-term break this Friday, 24th October, for one week, with children returning on Monday 3rd November.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson