



## 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,

**Reminder - Workshops offered by the North Lincolnshire 'With Me in Mind' Service and the E -Safety Office**

If you would like to attend any of the workshops due to take place this half-term, please use the links sent with my previous letters to reserve a place. Details are as follows:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 3-4pm approximately 'Worry Monster Anxiety Workshop' for parents and children

*This will be an interactive workshop focusing on ways to support your child with understanding and managing feelings of anxiety and worry. You will need to bring a small box with you to create your own 'Worry Monster'. All other art supplies will be supplied.*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 6-7:30pm approximately 'Anxiety Workshop' for parents only

*This will be an interactive workshop focusing on ways to support your child with understanding and managing feelings of anxiety and worry.*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 8:30am E-Safety Workshop with Tim Pinto for parents

*This will cover online risks, how important it is to know what your child is accessing online and how you - as parents - can protect your children.*

**Reminder - Scholastic Book Fair**

The School Book Fair will be open from 3pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February (inclusive) in the school hall. Should you wish to have a look at the books on offer, do please feel free to browse with your child.

If you wish to purchase any items from the fair, cash payments only can be accepted. Please see my previous letter for full details. £1 book tokens will be sent home with your child on Friday; please note that these cannot be replaced if lost. Thank you.

**Reminder - Celebration of the Word - Class 4**

Celebration of the Word, led by children from Class 4, takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Doors will open at 2:20pm with the Celebration starting at 2:30pm. Families of children in Class 4 are warmly invited to attend and it would be very special to worship with you. As usual, there can be no admittance once the Celebration has begun - thank you for your understanding.

## After-School Activity Clubs

The following Activity Clubs will end this half term:

KS2 Craft Club	Last session will be Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
KS2 Ambassadors' Club	Last session will be Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2 Craft Club	Last session will be Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February

Speech and Drama Club will continue for one further session on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in preparation for the Festival, which begins Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Dates and times of the individual performances will be sent home as soon as they are received from the Festival Committee.

Year 6 Breakfast and Thursday afternoon Booster Clubs will continue after half-term, from week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February until SATs week.

## Chess Club

Chess Club will continue after half-term from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Places will be initially offered to those children already taking part. The club will run until Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and the cost for the next half-term will be £21. Parents of children in the Chess Club will be contacted separately before the end of next week for confirmation that their children wish to continue.

Any additional places which become available will be offered on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. Thank you.

## Teaching Placements

We are delighted to welcome Mr Jennings and Miss Dowler, students from Lincoln Bishop University, who are joining us for a few weeks this term to gain experience working alongside Classes 5 and 2, respectively.

## Key Stage Two Homework Club

Due to low demand and Teachers' commitments to other clubs, it was not possible to offer a Homework Club during this half-term. However, I am pleased to be able to offer an alternative Homework Club option should this prove useful.

From next week, and if your child is currently in Class 4 or Class 5, you will be able to book a one-hour place in our Goldstar after-school club **on Fridays**. Your child will have access to a quiet space in which he/she can complete some of the homework set by the Teacher for the following week. Mrs Amys and Mrs Maczka will be available to offer some support if required. Children should be collected at 4pm and would not be served the usual 'snack tea', which is made available at 4:30pm. Please note that the 'Homework Club' option makes no guarantee that your child will have completed his/her homework and that if numbers of children in the club were to be higher, the ratio of adult-child support would reduce accordingly.

Unfortunately, we can only offer this Homework Club option at a cost, which would be £5 per session, **booked and payable through Arbor each week** and as required. Our hope is that making this offer might take some pressure off families for the weekend, although it would be important to note that activities such as reading are of most benefit when done regularly.

As always, if you are experiencing financial difficulty but feel that your child would really benefit from the Homework Club, please do speak with me in confidence and I will try to find a way to help.

We have decided to extend the invitation to one-hour Goldstar childcare on Fridays to *all* families, in any Class, on a trial basis. If you regularly use Goldstar for no more than one hour on Fridays anyway, you will also have the option of booking for one hour only at a cost of £5. In this case, children would again need to be collected at 4pm. Please also note that late collections will be charged at the full rate (£10.20).

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson