



# 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,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back for this Pentecost Term. The children appear to have settled very well following the holidays and we will soon be sending home new Homework Diaries, with full details for this term.

## Mass

Mass with Canon Matthew, to celebrate our new school term, will take place at St Norbert's Church on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm. All families and friends are very welcome to join us in church. If you are able, would you please send your child with a small amount of change for the collection. Thank you.

## Chess Club

The Chess Club is now being offered to any child from Year 1 (and above) who would like to attend. Please see below for full details:

3-4pm from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May (first session) and then from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June until Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July (second session)

Please complete the permission on your Arbor App and make your payment of £14 at the same time. Please also note that this permission and payment covers the first session only up to half-term.

Arbor will be opened again before the end of the next half-term for the second sessions so that permission can be given; a further payment of £24.50 will then be required to secure your child's place.

If your child attended the Chess Club last term and you have not yet booked their place for the next session, you will need to do this again through Arbor and make your payment, should places still be available.

## Gardening Club

All children, for whom permission to take part in the Gardening Club has been given through Arbor, have been allocated a place. There are still some places available if you would like your child to attend.

## Choir Club

Choir Club continues for the children already taking part from Monday next week.

## Reminder PGL Visit

The meeting for parents, whose children are taking part in this year's visit, takes place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm and is for parents only.



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Please ensure you have your up-to-date contact details and your child's dietary and medical needs information with you. Thank you.

There is a place available on this year's visit for a child in Class 5. The cost of this visit is £350 and payment would be required by 3pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please contact the office for full details if you are interested.

#### **Reading/Library Books**

Could you please check at home to see if you still have any school reading or library books which have not yet been returned to us? If these could be returned as soon as possible, that would be much appreciated; books are costly to replace and, if we can avoid having to do this unnecessarily, we can use the money for other things. Thank you for your support.

#### **Reminder – Emergency Contact Details**

If you have still not checked your child's emergency contact details in Arbor, made any additions needed and then confirmed any changes required, please do so by Friday this week. All parents are required to update this information as soon as possible, please, and we do need at least two available contacts per child. Please see my letter of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March for full details. I have added the link again to today's email for your convenience.

#### **With Me in Mind Workshops – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

The first 'With Me in Mind' workshop this term will be a Coffee Afternoon, taking place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 3pm to 4pm. If you would like to join us, please arrive from 2.45pm for a 3pm start.

The topic to be covered will be "Supporting your Child to Sleep Well' and is for parents and children. The attached poster gives full details. If you would like to come along, please use the link on the email accompanying this letter to book your place.

Further details of the other workshops and coffee afternoons taking place this term will be sent out soon. Please do try to make use of these workshops if you are available as they are beneficial to both parents and children. Thank you.

#### **Lifting Children's Colour Dash – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

If your child is currently in our Nursery but not normally in school on a Friday - and you would like them to take part in the Colour Dash - please bring them to school at 1pm for the whole Friday afternoon. Children should be dropped off at our Nursery door and then collected at the normal time of 3pm.

Please do let our office know if your child will be attending and see my letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April for full details. Thank you.

#### **Melwood Pilgrimage – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

The annual pilgrimage to the site of Melwood Abbey, in honour of St Augustine Webster, takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Low Melwood Farm (DN9 1AD). The pilgrimage is being celebrated by Bishop Patrick and the Rosary Procession begins at 12 noon, which is then followed by Mass. You will need to take your own chair (folding) and appropriate footwear for the procession, which follows tracks through the fields. You are also welcome to bring a picnic, staying to enjoy this after Mass if you would like to. Please see the attached poster for full details or telephone me if you would like to know more.

#### **Bank Holiday Monday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

School will be closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May for the Bank Holiday.

#### **May Procession - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am and Summer Picnic**

Weather permitting, our annual May Procession - in honour of Our Lady - will take place on the school field on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am after the Parish Mass. As is the case every year, we would be very grateful if your child could bring a flower for the procession, as these are laid at the altar and then used in Saint Norbert's Church afterwards. However, please do not feel obliged to spend any money.

If you would like to join us, please meet us on the school playground just before 11.15am and follow the children onto the field or as otherwise directed. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you if you are available.

Once the procession has finished, children will then – again weather permitting – enjoy a 'Summer Picnic' lunch out on the school field. Choices have been made in school this week with those children who normally have a school lunch; those who have a packed lunch will eat their own packed lunch as usual but on the school field with everyone else.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson