



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,

Whole School 'Beach Day'

Some time ago, I was pleased to inform you that we were planning a whole-school visit to the beach, rather than our usual end-of-term bouncy castle day. I am now therefore delighted to confirm that this will be taking place on Thursday 16th July for all children from Classes 2 to 5.

Staff have been working 'behind the scenes' for quite some time to prepare a full day of seaside learning and fun; we are really looking forward to seeing the children enjoy the day that has been arranged for them. We hope that this visit will give them time to enjoy being together, explore the world around them and appreciate the beauty of God's creation.

Nursery Arrangements

Nursery children in Class 1 will not be left out of the fun. Indeed, all are warmly invited to share in the excitement, with their own special beach-themed day in school, also taking place on Thursday 16th. This will be delivered in their familiar and age-appropriate setting by Mrs Burkill and Mrs Amys. Children should arrive at the normal time of 8:20 – 8:30am and be collected at 3:00pm. During the day, they will also enjoy fun 'beach' activities, fish and chips from the school kitchen and - weather permitting - time on the school field for a special surprise treat kindly provided by our wonderful PTA. Should you prefer to send your child with a packed lunch, please let our office know as soon as possible.

Nursery children may come to school in their summer beach wear for the day (shorts and t-shirts), with a sun hat and sunscreen applied before school. They do not need to bring bookbags but will need swimwear and a towel in a separate bag for fun water play during the day.

Please let the school office know – as soon as possible – if your Nursery child does not normally attend on a Thursday and would like to participate, so that food and activities can be finalised.

Class 2, Class 3, Class 4 and Class 5

Children from Reception to Year 6 may also come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 16th. They should be dressed comfortably for both activity time spent on the beach, as well as time spent walking. If the weather turns, and rain is forecast, the visit will still go ahead. Children will therefore also need to bring suitable clothing in the event of wet or colder seaside weather – we all know how unpredictable the British summer weather can be!

Please apply sunscreen before school and provide a sun hat; additional sunscreen may also be brought in to school if needed.

We will travel to Cleethorpes by coach straight after morning registration and our day will begin with a briefing at Cleethorpes Leisure Centre before our planned activities begin.

All children will enjoy a ride on the Cleethorpes Light Railway at some stage during the day. Older children will take a one-way trip, allowing them to explore wildlife and nature along the route back; younger children will enjoy a round trip on the railway, observing the sights from the train. Weather permitting, the children will enjoy their picnic lunch on the beach, followed by the activities organised by Class Teachers. Should rain appear, we will be using our Leisure Centre base for our picnic lunch before continuing onto the beach dressed appropriately for the weather.

When we are finally ready to return to school, the coaches will depart promptly at 2pm. We should hopefully be back at St Norbert's for the usual home-time collection at 3pm.

A 'Mr Whippy' ice-cream has been organised for each child as a special treat before returning to school.

If your child is unable to have a Mr Whippy - due to an allergy, intolerance or other dietary requirement - please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we can make suitable alternative arrangements.

Children in Class 2 (Reception) and Class 3 (Years 1 and 2) will all receive a packed lunch from the school kitchen, which will be organised before we leave with Class Teachers. Children in Classes 4 and 5 will need to bring their own packed lunch for the day. Please do not send glass bottles/containers or anything that may spill.

Children in Classes 4 and 5 who are in receipt of free school meals are very welcome to a school-provided packed lunch. If you would like your child to have one of these, please email the school office, clearly stating your child's choice of white or brown bread and cheese or ham filling. Where applicable, we have 'normal' lunch boxes/bags for eligible children in Key Stage 2 so that nobody feels left out or conspicuous in any way. Of course, you are equally welcome to provide your child with a packed lunch from home if you would prefer.

The visit will be free-of-charge for all children, thanks – in part – to a donation from our fabulous PTA. We are profoundly grateful for the generosity of our community and for the way in which this generosity enables us to create such special memories for the children.

As always, we endeavour to organise class visits throughout the school year because we want children to enjoy a wide range of experiences during their time with us at Saint Norbert's. However, creating these worthwhile opportunities – and memories – *does* necessitate significant effort 'behind the scenes'; we must make bookings, secure competitive transport quotes, complete risk assessments and ensure that staffing ratios are appropriate. When multiplied across several classes, this preparatory work can be considerable.

Please do continue to support our efforts to deliver our planned programme of events by returning your permissions – using your Arbor App – as soon as you possibly can and, in the case of *this* visit, **no later than Wednesday 8th July**. Thank you very much for your understanding.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We feel very blessed to work in partnership with such supportive families, and we are looking forward to a joyful and memorable day where the children can learn, play, care for one another and share in the wonder of the world around them.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson