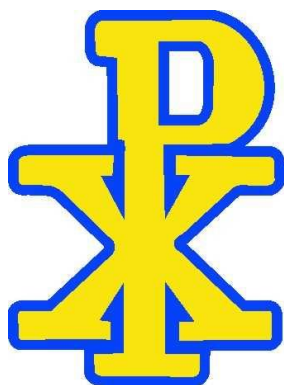


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Friday, 28th September 2018

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs																
28 Sept – Parental Survey Open Online	Mon -Limitless Dance (Rec-Y2)	Rec – Wesley																
28 Sept – Nursery Application Deadline	-School Council 12.30-1	Y1 – Ariana																
2 Oct – Baby & Toddler Group 9-11	Tues -Art (Rec-Y2) 10 max.	Y2 – Kenya																
3 Oct – Harvest assembly @ 9	-Craft (Y3&4) 10 max.	Y3 – Lewis																
4 Oct – Y6 Assembly @ 9.15	-Lego (Y3-6) 12-12.30	Y4 – Maisie																
4 Oct – National Poetry Day	-Reading (Y6 Group)	Y5 – Jack																
4 Oct – Playground Poems for Parents @ 2.30	-Mathematics (Y6 Group x 2)	Y6 – Malakai																
5 Oct – Parental Survey Closes @ 12	-Gymnastics (Y1-2)																	
5 Oct – Y5 Mass @ Church @ 9.30	Wed -Football (Y3-6)	Marvellous Merit																
6 Oct – Bonus Ball Draw	-Netball (Y4-6)	Mr McGoldrick’s Marvellous Merit																
7 Oct –Nursery & Reception Welcome Mass @ Church @ 11	-Band (Y4-6)	Codi-James Y5																
9 Oct – Baby & Toddler Group 9-11	-Drama (Y3&4) 12.30-1																	
10 Oct – Y6 @ Low Sizergh Farm	-Instrument (1:1) 12-12.20	House Champions																
10 Oct – Y6 London Talk @ 3.30	-Instrument (Y4-Y6) 12.20-1	This week’s house champions are St Andrew’s																
10 Oct – Y5 Coniston Talk @ 3.30	Thurs -Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1	St P= 1, St A=1, St G=1, St D=0																
11 Oct – Phonics Session for Reception Parents @ 3.30pm	-STEM (Y3-6) 10 max.																	
11 Oct – Y5 Assembly @ 9.15	-St Bernard’s Hockey (Y3-6 invitation)																	
12 Oct – Y3 & Y4 Mass @ School @ 9.30	Fri -NO CLUBS																	
12 Oct – Open Afternoon for Prospective Pupils @ 1.30 – 3.00.																		
18 Oct – Y4 Assembly @ 9.15																		
19 Oct – School Trip Deposit Deadline																		
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19 Oct – Confirmation Mass @ Church @ 7																		
19 Oct – Half-term Begins @ 3.15																		
22-26 Oct – HALF-TERM																		
29 Oct – Back to School																		
29 Oct – Parent Voice @ 5.30																		
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Letters/messages sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word

Baby & Toddler Group

Our Baby & Toddler Group will continue to take place weekly, throughout term time. Space has now been made in the School Office to leave prams and buggies. It has been lovely seeing old and new faces at the group.

National Poetry Day

Next **Thursday 4th October** is National Poetry Day. This year, children are learning old playground poems and rhymes. Parents are invited into school from **2.30pm** to take part in National Poetry Day. Children from each class will be teaching you playground poems, with accompanying actions. This will take place in the playground. If the weather isn't kind then it will take place in the classrooms. Parents are asked to leave at 3pm so staff can get the children ready to go home. We hope you can make it. Please remember to sign in at the School Office.

Come and Learn Afternoon

Our Come and Learn afternoon will take place on **Thursday 15th November from 1.30pm to 3pm**. We hope someone from each family can make it.

Parental Survey

The parental survey is now open online at <http://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/our-school/parental-survey> and will close at 12noon next **Friday 5th October**. Please have your say.

School Social Media

Last year the decision was taken to stop anyone using pupils' names when commenting on our social media pages. The step was taken to ensure pupils' safety. If a child's name appears on our social media it means that anyone can see it and potentially strangers will be able to use the pupils' names to identify and potentially gain their trust. All comments with pupils' names will be removed.

Building Update

Unfortunately, our new entrance has been postponed due to budgetary reason. Alterations will be made and the plans will be resubmitted for tendering. We apologise for the inconvenience caused. Unfortunately, the building working is unlikely to start before December. The School Office will remain in its temporary place.

Christmas Performance

Due to the building work saga, we will be unable to hold a Christmas Performance in school. Instead, we will be holding a performance at St Mary's Church. The date and times are to be confirmed.

New Playground Equipment

We have nearly raised enough money to replace the old and dilapidated adventure trail. We are just a little short. Fingers crossed the Race Night makes a good amount. The School Council will be helping to design the new adventure trail.

School Trips

Letters regarding school trips for all year groups will be sent out next **Friday (5th October)**. Payments will be taken via School Money. Deposits are required by **Friday 19th October**.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. Where possible, they should have a sports lid. Bottles should contain fresh water only. Research has shown that water can stimulate brain function and help pupil's concentrate. Juice is recommended to be limited to meal times to maintain healthy teeth. Please remember to write your child's name on their bottle.

New Fencing and Security

We have secured funding for new fencing, including gates, around the perimeter of the school grounds. In addition, CCTV will also be installed to improved security. We will keep you informed of any updates.

Nursery Applications

The closing date our January Nursery intake was today. We will sort through the applications in line with our admissions policy. Parents will be informed by **Friday 19th October** as to whether they application has been successful.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for supporting our MacMillan Coffee morning. The total will be announced next week. There is also a 'Guess the length of the roll' for £1 a go in the School Office. The winner will receive a bottle of prosecco.

Guitar Club

We are waiting for confirmation from Cumbria Music Services about a lunchtime guitar club for children in the juniors. In the meantime, please put your child's name down at the School Office if you are interested.

Harvest Festival

Reminder: We will be holding a Harvest Festival Assembly on **Wednesday 3rd October at 9am** – all welcome. The assembly will be led by Fr Manny. To coincide with our Harvest Festival Assembly we are once again asking for donations for the foodbank. A volunteer from the foodbank will attend our assembly to collect the items.

Please see **an updated** list of items:

- Pasta sauce
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit
- Rice pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Biscuits
- UHT fruit juice

Lotto

Reminder: Lotto numbers are available at the School Office for £2 per number for October's draw.

Nursery & Reception Welcome Mass

Reminder: There will be a Mass to welcome Nursery & Reception families to our school and parish on **Sunday 7th October at 11am**. This will take place at St Mary's Church, Duke Street. All welcome.

Boxes of Hope

Reminder: We will once again be taking part in the Boxes of Hope shoebox campaign. For more information please visit www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk. There was an assembly for the children this week and leaflets were sent home. Boxes will be collected from school the week beginning **Monday 12th November**.

Year 6 London & Year 5 Coniston Water Park Residentials

Reminder: We will be holding information talks regarding the Year 5 and Year 6 residentials on **Wednesday 10th October from 3.30pm**. These will take place in the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms.

Parent Voice

Reminder: This year's Parent Voice meetings will be held termly. The first meeting will be held on **Monday 29th October at 5.30pm**. If you would like anything adding to the agenda please contact Mr McGoldrick.

Backpacks

Reminder: Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **do not** need to bring backpacks to school. They only need to bring their book bags (clear wallets provided by school), water bottles and lunch boxes. We simply don't have space for backpacks in the classroom. If you wish, you can purchase a small fabric book bag from the School Office for £4. Book bags are sold on a first come, first served basis. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Bag 2 School

Reminder: There will be a Bag2School collection on **Tuesday 6th November**. Please get sorting out your wardrobes. Further details to follow.