

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
6 Oct – Bonus Ball Draw	Mon -Limitless Dance (Rec-Y2)	Rec – Luke
7 Oct –Nursery & Reception	School Council 12.30-1	Y1 – Millie
Welcome Mass @ Church @ 11	Tues -Art (Rec-Y2) 10 max.	Y2 – Isaac
9 Oct – Baby & Toddler Group 9-11	-Craft (Y3&4) 10 max.	Y3 –Scarlett
10 Oct – Y6 @ Low Sizergh Farm	-Lego (Y3-6) 12.30-1	Y4 – Brody
10 Oct – Y6 London Talk @ 3.30	Reading (Y6 Group)	Y5 – Erin
10 Oct – Y5 Coniston Talk @ 3.30	-Mathematics (Y6 Group x 2)	Y6 – Clarissa
11 Oct – Phonics Session for Reception Parents @ 3.30pm	-Gymnastics (Y1-2)	
11 Oct – Y5 Assembly @ 9.15	Wed -Football (Y3-6)	
12 Oct – Y3 & Y4 Mass @ School @ 9.30	-Netball (Y4-6)	
12 Oct – Open Afternoon @ 1.30 – 3.00	-Band (Y4-6)	
12 Oct – Y6 London Talk @ 3.30	-Drama (Y3&4) 12.30-1	
12 Oct – Y5 Coniston Talk @ 3.30	-Instrument (1:1) 12-12.20	
13 Oct - Car Boot Sale @ 10	-Instrument (Y4-Y6) 12.20-1	
18 Oct – Y4 Assembly @ 9.15	Thurs -Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1	
17 Oct - Y5 @ Big Bang	-STEM (Y3-6) 10 max.	
18 Oct – Phonics Session for Reception Parents @ 3.30pm	-St Bernard’s Hockey (Y3-6 invitation)	
19 Oct – School Trip Deposit Deadline	Fri -NO CLUBS	
19 Oct – Y4 Mass @ Church @ 9.30		
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		
1 Nov – Hearing Test for Rec Class		
2 Nov – Y6 Mass @ Church @ 9.30		
4 Nov - Mass @ Church @ 11		
15 Nov – Y1 Assembly @ 9.15		
9 Dec – Mass @ Church @ 11		

Letters/messages sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word
- Half-term Football Club

Year 5 Assembly

Please note that the Year 5 assembly has been postponed until **Thursday 29th November**.

Reception Phonics Session for Parents

Please note that the Reception phonics session for parents has been postponed until **Thursday 18th October at 3.30pm**.

Year 6 London & Year 5 Coniston Water Park Residentials

Please note that the information talks regarding the Year 5 and Year 6 residentials on have moved to **Friday 12th October from 3.30pm**.

Year 6 Reading Club

Please note Year 6 reading club is cancelled next week. Mrs Gill is out of school on training.

Race Night Total

Our Race Night raised an amazing £1,405. Thank you for your support. A great night was had by all. A special thank goes to Angela Gallagher for organising the event. Her hard work and dedication is much appreciated by the school.

Christmas Performance

This year's Christmas Performance will take place at St Mary's Church on **5th December 2018** at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. They should be collected from church at approx. 6.30pm. Staff will supervise children between performances at the parish centre on Nelson Street. Children are asked to bring a packed tea.

Communication

Our intention is to streamline our communication to parents. Our main forms of communication will be ClassDojo and OurSchoolsApp. All information and messages sent via ClassDojo and OurSchoolsApp will be placed in the box above at the end of each week. Parents who don't have access to either of these forms of communication can pop into the School Office for updates and further information. No new information will be posted on our social media platforms. Our social media is used to celebrate and give reminders.

Car Boot Sale

There will be a car boot sale on the school grounds on **Saturday 13th October from 10am**. Car £5 and Browsers 20p. Turn up on the day.

Library - Book Bingo

"This year, us Year 6 librarians (Jenna, Mia, Molly and Scarlett) have decided to try something different called Book Bingo. The aim of Book Bingo is to entice pupils to come and use our library more often. How it works is when a pupil, in the juniors, comes in the library we will give them a sheet containing different genres of books and challenges. To prove the book has been read, they will be tested by us. As they do it, we will stamp sections. The first three people to complete the Book Bingo will get a special prize."

Medication

Please note that our medication policy only allows school to administer medicine that is prescribed by a doctor and is four times a day or more. Any non-prescribed medication or medication that is less than four times a day is unable to be administered.

Big Bang

Year 5 will be visiting Furness College on **Wednesday 17th October** for their annual Big Bang event. This is due to finish at 3.30pm, so children will be late returning to school.

Parents' Evening

The dates for parents' evening this term are **6th & 7th November from 3.30pm**. Please sign up by popping in or calling the School Office.

Whole School Mass on Sunday's

Father Manny is keen to introduce masses for St Pius X on a Sunday once each half term. Our children will help organise and minister the mass. The dates for the Autumn term are **Sunday 4th November** and **Sunday 9th December**, both at **11am**. We hope to see lots of families at the masses supporting our school.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to hear readers in school. If you're interested please speak to the School Office.

Raised Planters

Mr Thompson has been working hard to sort and prepare our raised planters over the last few weeks. Over the years they've got a little wild. He is looking for willing volunteers to help out during the mornings. If you are able to help please put your name down at the School Office and Mr Thompson will get in touch.

Confirmation

Our parish Confirmation will take place on **Friday 19th October at 7pm**. Our choir has been invited to sing at the event. Mrs Roberts will be sending out a letter with more details. All are welcome to attend.

School Trips

Letters regarding school trips will be sent out on Monday via ClassDojo and OurSchoolsApp – sorry for the delay. Payments are to be made via School Money. Deposits are required by **Friday 19th October**.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for supporting our MacMillan Coffee morning last week. The total amount raised was £175.00.

Baby & Toddler Group

We now have a new fold down baby changing unit in our disabled toilet. This has been purchased from donations.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your food donations. We donated enough food for 302 meals.

National Poetry Day

Thank you for attending our Playground Poems for Parents afternoon yesterday. We hope you enjoyed it. It is lovely having parents and families around school.

Parental Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parental survey. Results and responses from our parental survey will be published next week.

Building Update

The new entrance plans have now gone out to tender. Fingers crossed they come back within budget.

Come and Learn Afternoon

Reminder: 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.

School Social Media

Reminder: 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 them and potentially gain their trust. All comments with pupils' names will be removed.

Water Bottles

Reminder: 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 concentration. Juice is recommended to be limited to meal times to maintain healthy teeth. Please remember to write your child's name on their bottle.

Guitar Club

Reminder: 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.

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. Boxes will be collected from school the week beginning **Monday 12th November**.

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.