

# St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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<div>Key Dates</div> <div><div><div><div>13 Oct – Car Boot Sale @ 10</div><div>18 Oct – Y4 Assembly @ 9.15</div><div>17 Oct - Y5 @ Big Bang</div><div>18 Oct – Phonics Session for Reception Parents @ 3.30pm</div><div>18 Oct – Pulse Football Tournament</div><div>19 Oct – Brighten Up Non-uniform Day</div><div>19 Oct – School Trip Deposit Deadline</div><div>19 Oct – Y4 Mass @ Church @ 9.30</div><div>19 Oct – Confirmation Mass @ Church @ 7</div><div>19 Oct – Half-term Begins @ 3.15</div></div><div>22-26 Oct – HALF-TERM</div><div><div><div>29 Oct – Back to School</div><div>29 Oct – Parent Voice @ 5.30</div><div>30 Oct – Parent Voice @ 5.30</div><div>1 Nov – Hearing Test for Rec Class</div><div>2 Nov – Y6 Mass @ Church @ 9.30</div><div>4 Nov – Mass @ Church @ 11</div><div>6 Nov – Bag 2 School Collection</div><div>6 Nov – Parents’ Evening</div><div>7 Nov – Parents’ Evening</div><div>11 Nov – Whole School Mass @11</div><div>15 Nov – Y1 Assembly @ 9.15</div><div>9 Dec – Mass @ Church @ 11</div><div>14 Dec – Christmas Family Night @ 6.30</div></div></div></div><div><div>Red = added or altered since previous newsletter</div><div>Strike out = cancelled</div></div></div>	<div><div>Extra-Curricular Clubs</div><div><div><div>Mon</div><div>-Limitless Dance (Rec-Y2)</div><div><del>School Council 12.30-1</del></div></div><div><div>Tues</div><div>-Art (Rec-Y2) 10 max.</div><div>-Craft (Y3&amp;4) 10 max.</div><div>-Lego (Y3-6) 12.30-1</div><div>-Reading (Y6 Group)</div><div>-Mathematics (Y6 Group x 2)</div><div>-Gymnastics (Y1-2)</div></div><div><div>Wed</div><div>-Football (Y3-6)</div><div>-Netball (Y4-6)</div><div>-Band (Y4-6)</div><div>-Drama (Y3&amp;4) 12.30-1</div><div>School Council 12.30-1</div><div>-Instrument (1:1) 12-12.20</div><div>-Instrument (Y4-Y6) 12.20-1</div></div><div><div>Thurs</div><div>-Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1</div><div>-STEM (Y3-6) 10 max.</div><div><del>St Bernard’s Hockey (Y3-6 invitation)</del></div></div><div><div>Fri</div><div>-NO CLUBS</div></div></div><div><div>School Lunch Menu</div><div>Week 1</div></div></div>	<div><div>VIPs</div><div><div>Rec – Myannah</div><div>Y1 – Sebastian</div><div>Y2 – Amaya</div><div>Y3 – Lena</div><div>Y4 – Scarlett</div><div>Y5 – Ahmad</div><div>Y6 – Molly</div></div><div><div>Marvellous Merit</div><div>Mr McGoldrick’s Marvellous Merit</div><div>Harrison Y4</div></div><div><div>House Champions</div><div>This week’s house champions were St David’s &amp; St Andrew’s</div><div>St P= 1, St A=2, St G=2, St D=1</div></div><div><div>Attendance</div><table><tr><td>Reception</td><td>91.9</td></tr><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>94.81</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>95.0</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>95.0</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>92.27</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5</td><td>93.79</td></tr><tr><td>Year 6</td><td>96.0</td></tr><tr><td>Whole School</td><td>94.21</td></tr></table></div></div>	Reception	91.9	Year 1	94.81	Year 2	95.0	Year 3	95.0	Year 4	92.27	Year 5	93.79	Year 6	96.0	Whole School	94.21
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## Letters/messages sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word
- Signal Films
- Sea Life Centre
- Circus Panto
- Kids Guide
- Confirmation Choir

## Hockey

Please note hockey has been cancelled due to football.

### **Brighten Up Day**

Join our Brighten Up Day and help build a brighter world, free from poverty. **Friday 19th October** is our Brighten Up for CAFOD day. Children are invited to come to school dressed in bright clothing. A small voluntary donation can be made on the day and all money will go towards CAFOD. We are looking forward to seeing our school as bright as ever!

### **Whole School Mass on Sundays**

Please note the November date has changed – see below and in diary dates. 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 11<sup>th</sup> November** and **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, both at **11am**. We hope to see lots of families at the masses supporting our school.

### **Parking**

This week we received a visit from our PCSO. They have asked us to remind you that you should not be parking on 'Ladybird Lane'. They will be patrolling this area in future and may take action. I appreciate parking around school is difficult but please take on board the above message.

### **IT Acceptable Use Policy**

Schools in our Catholic Cluster have all decided to adopt one IT Acceptable Use policy. I wanted to bring a few key points to your attention. Please note that due to the paragraphs below staff have been told to remove parents/carers or pupils they are friends with on their personal social media platforms. Parents are also reminded not to message staff on the social media platforms. Instead:

- Send them a personal message using ClassDojo or
- Send them an email.

Staff have been told not to respond to any messages on their personal social media platforms. These will be ignored.

### **Guidance for staff on preventing and responding to negative comments on social media**

*The school should regularly reinforce with all parties that discussion of school issues on social media platforms, either positive or negative, should not take place as this could bring the school into disrepute and affect families and children. Parents should be encouraged to be good online role models and not post statements written in anger or frustration. Identified routes to raise concerns directly with the school should be used.*

### **Online safety policy guide - Summary of key parent/carer responsibilities**

*The school provides online safety information for parents/carers, through the website, in newsletters and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting children to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.*

*The online safety policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community.*

- *Parents/carers are required to support their child in understanding and signing the Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement for pupils.*
- *Parents/carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas of the school unless otherwise informed, e.g. for specific events and activities. Under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises that include anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified agreement with individuals and parents/carers. When a parent/carer is on school premises but not in a designated area, their phone/s must be switched off and out of sight.*
- *Parents/carers should not assume that pupils can bring technological devices to school and should always check the school policy.*
- *All cyberbullying incidents affecting children in the school should be reported immediately. (If the incident involves an indecent image of a child the report must also be made immediately to the police for your own protection.) The school will investigate and respond to all reported cyberbullying incidents, liaising with others where appropriate. No reply should ever be sent to the sender/poster of cyberbullying content. If applicable block the sender and report abuse to the site. Evidence should be retained and shown in school and/or to the police. Evidence should not be forwarded.*
- *The school may choose to set up social media sites, blogs or have some other online presence in its own name. Parents/carers, however, do not have the right to set up any site, page, chat group or any other online presence that uses the school name or logo in any form.*
- *Any parent/carer, distressed or concerned about an aspect of school should make immediate contact with a member of staff rather than posting their concerns online. Parents/carers should not share school related information or images online or post material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute. Negative postings about the school would impact on*

*the reputation of the whole school community. Parents/carers are encouraged to report breaches so that we can protect the reputation of the school, staff, pupils and parents/carers.*

*Please see the full online safety policy in the policies section on the school website.*

### **Social Networking**

*I understand the need to separate my professional role from my private friendships; in my professional capacity I will not become 'friends' with parents/carers or pupils on social networks. Where my school role is my only connection to an individual, private online contact is unacceptable with parents/carers or pupils. When using social networking for personal use I will ensure my settings are not public. My private account postings will never undermine or disparage the school, its staff, governors, parents/carers or pupils. Privileged information must remain confidential.*

### **Bag2School**

We are hoping the Bag2School bags will be delivered next week. Recycle your old clothes and help raise money for school. We get money back to school per kg. Bags will be sent home with your children as soon as they arrive. Extra bags can be collected from the School Office. Please find a list of what is and is not accepted.

We accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

### **Parental Survey**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parental survey. Results and responses can be found on our website <http://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/our-school/parental-survey>. The responses on what the school could do better will be added to the agenda of the next Parent Voice on **30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 5.30pm**.

### **Christmas Family Night**

There will be a Christmas Family Night on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm**. Tickets are £2.50 per child and £1 per adult and are available via the School Office or Miss Matthews. Bring your own drink but please remember you are responsible for your own children. Food and treats will be on sale during the night.

### **Parent Voice**

Please note the date change to **30<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm**.

### **Car Boot Sale**

This has been cancelled due to the weather forecast.

### **Confirmation Choir**

Our parish Confirmation will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. Letters have been sent out to choir members.

### **School Trips**

Please remember that deposits for school trips are required by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. Some letters may have shown the wrong date. By paying the deposit we will be able to book numbers accordingly. Please remember you can continue paying as often as you like as long as the total is paid before the dates in the letters.

### **Christmas Performance**

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

### **Communication**

**Reminder:** 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.

### **Medication**

**Reminder:** 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**

**Reminder:** Year 5 will be visiting Furness College on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

### **Volunteers**

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

### **Raised Planters**

**Reminder:** 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.

### **Come and Learn Afternoon**

**Reminder:** Our Come and Learn afternoon will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](http://www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk). Boxes will be collected from school the week beginning **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**.