



St Pius X Catholic Primary School & Little Lambs Nursery

Newsletter – Friday 13th October 2023

<div>Key Dates</div> <div>30 Oct – Rosary Session for Parents 9am</div> <div>30 Oct – FOSPX Autumn Disco</div> <div>1 Nov – All Saints Mass</div> <div>1 Nov – Parents’ Evening Booking Deadline</div> <div>2 Nov – Love your Library Year 4 8.25 am</div> <div>2 Nov – Reception Class Assembly</div> <div>2 Nov – Y1 Library Visit</div> <div>6 Nov – Parents’ Evening 1/2</div> <div>8 Nov – Parents’ Evening 2/2</div> <div>8 Nov – Y5 & Y6 Drug & Alcohol Information Talk</div> <div>9 Nov – Reception to Visit the Library</div> <div>9 Nov – Y5&6 Remembrance Day Assembly</div> <div>13 Nov-20 Nov – Sponsored Read</div> <div>13 Nov-17 Nov – Book Fair</div> <div>14 Nov – World Diabetes Day – Wear Blue</div> <div>15 Nov – Red Wednesday (Aid to the Church in Need)</div> <div>15 Nov – Bags2School Collection</div> <div>16 Nov – Love Your Library Year 5 8.25am</div> <div>16 Nov – Year 3 Mass</div> <div>16 Nov – Year 3 Library Visit</div> <div>16 Nov – Year 1 Class Assembly</div> <div>23 Nov – Love your Library Year 6 8.25am</div> <div>23 Nov – Year 2 Class Assembly</div> <div>27 Nov – Reception Hearing Screening</div> <div>27 Nov-8 Dec – ASSESSMENT FORTNIGHT</div> <div>30 Nov – Year 3 Class Assembly</div> <div>30 Nov – Year 6 Mass</div> <div>6 Dec – Advent Family Workshop 3:30pm</div> <div>7 Dec – Year 4 Class Assembly</div> <div>7 Dec – Year 6 Enrichment Day Furness College</div> <div>7 Dec – FOSPX Christmas Fayre</div> <div>12 Dec – Infant Nativity 9:30-10:30</div> <div>12 Dec – Infant Nativity 5-6</div> <div>13 Dec – Whole School Jack and the Beanstalk Panto @ The Forum (am)</div> <div>14 Dec – Junior Nativity 9:30-10:30</div> <div>14 Dec – Junior Nativity 5-6</div> <div>15 Dec – End of Term Mass 10:45</div> <div>18 Dec – Infant Christmas Party (am)</div> <div>18 Dec – Junior Christmas Party (pm)</div> <div>18 Dec – End of Term (3:25 Finish)</div> <div>18 Dec – Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade</div>	<div>Extra-Curricular Clubs</div> <div>Mon - Guitar (Y3-6) 3:15-4:15 PAID</div> <div>- Football Club (Y1&2) PAID</div> <div>- Art & Crafts (Rec-Y2)</div> <div>- Laudato Si’ (Y3-6)</div> <div>Tues - Netball Club (Y3-Y6)</div> <div>Wed - Gymnastics (Y1&2)</div> <div>- Gymnastics (Y3&4)</div> <div>- STEM (Y3-Y6)</div> <div>Thurs - Librarians (Y6) 8-8:45</div> <div>- Choir (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30</div> <div>- Wellbeing (Y3-Y6)</div> <div>- Radio (Y6) 12:15-12:45</div> <div>- Football (Y3-Y6)</div> <div>Fri - Homework (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30</div> <div>Term Dates 2023/24</div> <div>Autumn – Wed 6th Sept-Mon 18th Dec</div> <div>Half-term – Mon 23rd Oct-Fri 27th Oct</div> <div>Spring – Thurs 4th Jan-Thurs 28th Mar</div> <div>Half-term – Mon 12th Feb-Fri 16th Feb</div> <div>Summer – Tues 16th Apr-Fri 19th July</div> <div>Half-term – Mon 27th May-Fri 31st May</div> <div>Bank Holidays:</div> <div>Good Friday – 29th March</div> <div>Easter Monday – 1st April</div> <div>Early May – 6th May</div> <div>Red = added or altered since previous newsletter</div> <div>Strike out = cancelled</div> <div>Sent home this week:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Bag2School Leaflet</div>	<div>VIPs</div> <div>Rec - Jason</div> <div>Y1 – Daisy I</div> <div>Y2 – Rose</div> <div>Y3 – Dexter</div> <div>Y4 – Jacob N</div> <div>Y5 – Cole</div> <div>Y6 – Clio</div> <div>Family members are invited to attend Celebration Assembly on a Friday at 9:05am</div> <div>This week’s Marvellous Merit</div> <div>Reina Mae (Y6)</div> <div>This week’s House Champions</div> <div>St Patrick</div> <div>St P= 1, St A=1, St G=1, St D=2</div> <div>This Week’s Attendance</div> <table><tr><td>Nursery -1</td><td>88.17%</td></tr><tr><td>Nursery -2</td><td>80%</td></tr><tr><td>Reception</td><td>91.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>91.67%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>93.16%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>97.74%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>96.71%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5</td><td>88.21%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 6</td><td>94%</td></tr><tr><td>Whole School</td><td>92.84%</td></tr></table> <div>Key:</div> <table><tr><td>Top Class</td><td>Below 96%</td><td>Above 96%</td></tr></table>	Nursery -1	88.17%	Nursery -2	80%	Reception	91.3%	Year 1	91.67%	Year 2	93.16%	Year 3	97.74%	Year 4	96.71%	Year 5	88.21%	Year 6	94%	Whole School	92.84%	Top Class	Below 96%	Above 96%
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General News:	
<p>Miss Stephen's Half-Term Art Challenge Simon Fell's Christmas Card Competition Each year, Simon Fell's Christmas card has come from this competition and every year there have been a fantastic number of entries. The core of the competition this year is to look for images that show a Christmas scene or to convey the message of Christmas. Entries must be A4 and coloured in pencil, pen or paint with nothing stuck on (no glitter). Entrants must live or attend school in the Barrow & Furness constituency. Simon is really looking forward to seeing all the images. On the back of each entry, please include the child's: -full name -age & year group -school address (St Pius X Catholic Primary School, Schneider Road, LA144AA) Deadline - Monday 30th October 2023 (to main office)</p> <p>Christmas Performances – 12th & 14th December It's that time of year again! The infants and juniors will each hold two performances (on the same day). This is to accommodate as many audience members as possible – we don't want any disappointed parents. Each sitting will have a limit of 120 tickets. Tickets will <u>initially</u> be limited to 2 per child and will cost £1 each to cover licence fees, costumes and any remaining money will go towards to cost of the Panto. More details will follow on the next newsletter. Infant Performances – 12th December – 9:30am & 5:00pm Junior Performances – 14th December – 9:30am & 5:00pm</p> <p>Rosary Session for Parents/Family Mrs Cotgreave, our Prayer & Liturgy Co-ordinator, will be leading a Rosary session for parents and family members on Monday 30th October at 9am. All are welcome. Parents are welcome to stay and watch Mr McGoldrick's whole school Prayer & Liturgy at 9:15am, following the Rosary session.</p>	<p>Children in Need/St Joseph's Children's Home – 17th November We recognise that Children in Need is a national event, and many children and families want to take part in their fundraising activities. However, when giving money to a large body like Children in Need, children do not always see how the funds they raise benefit other people. As a Catholic school, we are encouraged to look for Catholic charities that support similar aims to national charities and provide resources to help children understand charitable giving as part of the Catholic character of our school. As a Catholic school, we teach about charity as a virtue, a habit we want to develop because it makes for rounded individuals. We encourage children to fundraise not just for fun, but because their charitable gifts help to make the world a better place for others. Therefore, instead of raising money for Children in Need, we will raise funds for St Joseph's Children's Home in India. The children's home (church and school) was set up by Fr Ajish (our Assistant Priest). Fr Ajish and parishioners visit St Joseph's on a regular basis and pupils will be able to see the impact their fundraising and charitable gifts have on the children's lives – children who are less fortunate than them. Photographs and videos will be shared with our pupils. Children can come to school in non-uniform and make donations via the bucket or School Hub. Children are asked to wear the colour red as it is often worn to celebrate St Joseph's feast day.</p> <p>World diabetes Day – Blue for Diabetes Day On Tuesday 14th November children are invited to dress up in Blue for World Diabetes Day. We ask for a small donation. All donations will go to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). On the day, the children will attend a whole school assembly and complete activities based around Type 1 diabetes. Donations can be made via School Hub or placed in the bucket in the morning.</p>
Reminders:	
<p>Term Dates - IMPORTANT Please note that we will finish a day earlier than planned at the end of term to allow for staff training. Term will now end on Monday 18th December at 3:25pm.</p> <p>School Communication Our main forms of communication with parents are via ClassDojo and School Jotter (school app). As a school, we work hard to try to make communication the best it can possibly be, whilst at the same time vastly reducing the number of letters that are sent out. Our weekly newsletter is our main form of communication, which is shared on both platforms. You can download the School Jotter App from Google Play Store (Android users) or Apple App Store (iOS users).</p>	<p>Parents' Evenings – 6th & 8th November Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th November. These will be in the form of face-to-face meetings. Appointments can be made by phoning the School Office. The deadline to make an appointment is 12noon on Wednesday 1st November. The meeting will be a discussion about how your child has settled into school since the start of the new academic year. Parents are reminded they are only allowed to book an appointment slot for their own child/ren. In addition, there will be no extra-curricular clubs this week.</p>