



St Pius X Catholic Primary School & Little Lambs Nursery

Newsletter – Friday 5th January 2024

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs																								
9 Jan – Baby & Toddler Group 9.00 – 10:20 10 Jan – Y2 Liverpool Trip 11 Jan – Y5 Manchester Trip 11 Jan – Love your Library (Rec) 11 Jan – Y3 Class Assembly 9:15 15 Jan – Deadline for Nursery Applications 16 Jan – Baby & Toddler Group 9.00–10:20 18 Jan – Love your Library (Y1) 25 Jan – Love your Library (Y2) 30 Jan – Baby & Toddler Group 9.00-10:20 1 Feb – Love your Library (Y3) 6 Feb – Baby & Toddler Group 9.00 – 10:20 8 Feb – Love your Library (Y4) 9 Feb – Finish Half Term (3.25pm) 19 Feb – Return to School (8.55am) 22 Feb – Love your Library (Y5) 29 Feb – Love your Library (Y6) 15 Mar – FOSPX non-uniform (Raffle/tombola donations) 18 Mar – Governors’ Day 28 Mar – Break up for Easter (1.30pm) 16 April – Return to School (8.55am) 16 April – Baby and Toddler Group 9.00 – 10.20am 22 April – St Pius X Catholic Primary School’s 50 th Birthday Celebration 22 April – Whole School Mass 10.30am 23 April – Baby & Toddler Group 9.00 – 10:20 23 April – Bags to School Collection 8am	Mon - Guitar (Y3-6) 3:15-4:15 PAID - Art & Crafts (Rec-Y2) - Laudato Si’ (Y3-6) Tues - Netball Club (Y3-Y6) - Book Club (Y4-6) Wed - Gymnastics (Y1&2) - Gymnastics (Y3&4) Thurs - Librarians (Y6) 8-8:45 - Choir (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30 - Radio (Y6) 12:15-12:45 - Football (Y3-Y6) Fri - Homework (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30 Term Dates 2023/24 Spring – Thurs 4 th Jan-Thurs 28 th Mar Half-term – Mon 12 th Feb-Fri 16 th Feb Summer – Tues 16 th Apr-Fri 19 th July Half-term – Mon 27 th May-Fri 31 st May Bank Holidays: Good Friday – 29 th March Easter Monday – 1 st April Early May – 6 th May Red = added or altered since previous newsletter Strike out = cancelled Sent home this week: • Year 5 Water Park Residential	Rec – Elijah Y1 – Evelyn Y2 – Daksha Y3 – Nadia Y4 – Parker Y5 – Kayden Y6 – Archie Family members are invited to attend Celebration Assembly on a Friday at 9:05am Last Term’s Attendance <table><tr><td>Nursery -2</td><td>86.44%</td></tr><tr><td>Nursery -1</td><td>91.57%</td></tr><tr><td>Reception</td><td>90.74%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>90.31%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>94.34%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>94.9%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>93.64%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5</td><td>94.36%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 6</td><td>91.52%</td></tr><tr><td>Whole School</td><td>92.72%</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td>Key:</td><td>Top Class</td><td>Below 95%</td><td>Above 95%</td></tr></table>	Nursery -2	86.44%	Nursery -1	91.57%	Reception	90.74%	Year 1	90.31%	Year 2	94.34%	Year 3	94.9%	Year 4	93.64%	Year 5	94.36%	Year 6	91.52%	Whole School	92.72%	Key:	Top Class	Below 95%	Above 95%
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Headteacher's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a very Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with lots of quality family time.

We had a busy but lovely countdown to Christmas. We hope you all enjoyed the festivities we offered. Thank you for your continued support, either financially and by attending the events.

This term, we will be having a big push on attendance. Our attendance continues to drop and no class reached a percentage of 95% or above, which is a national expectation last term.

November marked 5 years since our previous Ofsted inspection. We were informed that we would be inspected between 24-36 months due to our grading. We are unsure of when our next inspection will be as since joining the Mater Christi Multi-Academy Trust inspection timeframes are reset. Despite our judgement, numbers at St Pius X have continued to increase. I would like to thank parents and carers for believing in St Pius X.

Kind regards, Mr McGoldrick

General News:	
<p>Contact Details</p> <p>If your contact details have changed (phone numbers, address, contacts, etc), please ring the school office to update.</p> <p>Prompt Collection</p> <p>Parents are reminded that school finishes at 3:25pm and children must be collected promptly. Staff have meetings and extra-curricular clubs to get to. If your child is not collected by 3:35pm then they will be placed in After School Club and a charge of £3 per child will be applied to your School Hub account. If collected after 4pm then the full charge of £5.50 will be applied.</p> <p>Cold Weather</p> <p>Parents and pupils are reminded to take extra care when walking around the playground in the mornings as it can be icy. Please do not let children play on the equipment – please ensure they go straight to class. Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat, scarves and gloves – all named.</p> <p>Swimming</p> <p>Year 5 will be swimming this half term.</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>All pupils with an attendance of less than 80%, unless there is a valid medical reason with medical evidence, will be placed on an action plan. Letters and action plans will be sent out by our EWO (Education Welfare Officer) in the next couple of weeks. Our attendance continues to drop, and we are now below national figures.</p> <p>Class Assemblies</p> <p>There will be no class assemblies in the spring term due to the school hall being used for something else. They will return in the summer term.</p>	<p>Nativity Ticket Sales</p> <p>Our Nativity ticket sales raised £462, which will cover licences and the remainder will be set against the cost of the Pantomime trip.</p> <p>Mrs Young</p> <p>Mrs Young has decided not to return following her maternity leave, instead she plans to spend time at home with her precious gift. Who can blame her? Miss Harris will take on her Teaching assistant Role, Miss Jeffries will take on her Midday Supervisor Role and Mrs McAlloone will take on her Breakfast Club Role. All above staff have done these roles on a maternity leave cover basis, so they will just become permanent.</p> <p>Extra-Curricular Clubs (Spring)</p> <p>Below you will find a table of extra-curricular clubs for the Spring term below. Clubs will start again the week beginning 8th January. Please contact the member of staff who is running or organising the club (see brackets) via Class Dojo to book your child into a club. Please note, places are on a first come, first serve basis but we will give other children on the waiting list preference this term. Where clubs are oversubscribed, we will ensure pupils are added to a waiting list and we may change groups after half term to give all pupils a chance. In addition, if pupils are successful in gaining a place in more than one club, we may ask them to choose one to enable all pupils have an opportunity to attend at least one club. It is important your child attends the club each week, otherwise they may be removed and their place given to another child on the waiting list. Please note that STEM and Wellbeing clubs have now ceased.</p>
Reminders:	
<p>Parking on Zigzag Lines</p> <p>Under no circumstances should any parents stop on the zigzag lines at the front of school to drop their children off. The zigzag lines are there to keep your children safe.</p> <p>Breakfast Club Drop Off & After School Collection</p> <p>Breakfast Club starts at 7:30am - do not arrive any earlier as staff are not employed until that time. After School Club finishes at 5:30pm promptly. Staff are contracted until this time. If children are collected later than 5:30pm then a late collection charge of £4 per child will be added to School Hub to cover additional staff costs.</p> <p>SEND Coffee Mornings</p> <p>St Pius X has run SEND Coffee Mornings/Afternoon for the past 10 years for parents with SEND children or for parents who require additional support and advice. The next meeting will be in the Spring term and will run termly thereafter. We are hoping to be joined by Mollie Denning, an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) coordinator who will talk parents through the EHCP process and what to expect from EHCP reviews. Once a date has been confirmed we will inform parents. Mr McGoldrick will also provide an input on ADHD following some recent training.</p>	<p>Free School Meals</p> <p>If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please follow the link below. All children in the infants (Reception to Year 2) are entitled to Universal Free School Meals but it is important for other funding that you apply for Free School Meals if you are entitled. This will entitle parents for support towards school trips, residential as well as a uniform grant.</p> <p>https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers</p> <p>Lost Property</p> <p>We have several items of uniform in the lost property basket, which includes lots of items with no names. The basket can be found in the main entrance foyer. It will be emptied/recycled at the end of term.</p>

The Friends of St Pius X (FOSPX)	
Target: £10,000-15,000	Current total: £2785.07 Aim: Outdoor Classroom (to replace Band Stand)
Next meeting: Date and time TBC	Agenda: Spring Events
Total What an amazing total for the Autumn term - £2785.07 . We are just over £200 short of reaching £3k. Thank you for your continued support. 5p Challenge The 5p Challenge will launch on Monday! It will run from Monday 8th January to Thursday 8th February. We are hoping to raise over £800 if each bottle is filled. FOSPX challenge each class from Nursery to Year 6 to fill a 2-litre bottle with 5ps. The bottles will be on the entrance gate each morning for pupils to add their 5p coins. The classes will get a class treat once their bottle is filled! The class who raise the most will get a treat and movie at the end of half-term. A member of the FOSPX team will post a visual update of the bottles every week on our Facebook page to give everyone an update on how the classes are doing and who might be in the lead. So raid your money boxes, save your change, look down the back of the sofa, ask family members for help and join us to help us raise funds for the school. Christmas Jumpers Please don't throw your Christmas jumpers away in the new year. Please donate them to us so we can sell them next year at an affordable price of £1 to parents. Easy Fundraising FOSPX are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference, so we would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It is completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pius-x-pta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1	Save the Dates Treat Friday - Every Friday at the end of the school day. All items 50p. 5p Bottle Challenge - 8th January to Thursday 8th February 5p Bottle Challenge Champions (Movie and Treat) - Friday 9th February Non-Uniform (raffle and tombola prizes) - Friday 26th January Family Night (Valentines: Mr & Mrs) - Friday 2nd February 6pm-8:30pm Non-Uniform (House Colour Hamper Donations) - Friday 15th March Easter Competition (Decorate an Egg) - To be brought in on Friday 22nd March and will be judged on Monday 25th March at the Easter Fayre Easter Fayre/Market - Monday 25th March 3:30pm-5:30pm Furness Peninsula Rotary Event - Tuesday 26th March 1:45pm-3:15pm Easter Bunny Visit (Free) - Thursday 28th March (am) Car Boot Sale - Monday 1st April - Cars from 9:30am & Browsers from 10am Inflatable Fun Day - Monday 15th April 1pm-3pm (INSET Day) Bag2School - Tuesday 23rd April 8am Non-Uniform (raffle and tombola prizes) - Friday 19th April Family Night (theme TBC) - Friday 26th April 6pm-8:30pm Sponsored Walk/Run - Friday 3rd May 1pm-3pm Car Boot Sale - Monday 6th May - Cars from 9:30am (£5) & Browsers from 10am (50p) Sports' Day (Refreshments) - Friday 24th May Car Boot Sale - Monday 27th May - Cars from 9:30am (£5) & Browsers from 10am (50p) Non-Uniform (House Colour Hamper Donations) - Friday 21st June Summer Fayre - Friday 28th June 1:30pm-4pm Pius Calling - Friday 28th June 5:30pm-8:30pm School Camp/Field Games Night - TBC Bounce Fest - Monday 22nd July - Time TBC Car Boot Sale - Monday 26th August - Cars from 9:30am (£5) & Browsers from 10am (50p)

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Day	Name of Club	Year Group/s	Staff	Time
Monday	Guitar	Years 5 and 6	James (Mrs Steele)	3:30-4:15pm
Monday	Arts & Crafts	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Miss Caine	3:25-4:25pm
Monday	Barrow Community Sport	Year 1 and Year 2	Independent – Letter to Follow	3:25-4:25pm (starting after half-term)
Monday	Laudato Si'	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Lingard	3:25-4:25pm
Tuesday	Netball	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Miss Stephens & Mrs Hurley	3:25-4:25pm
Wednesday	Gymnastics	Years 1 & 2	Mrs Boylan	3:25-4:25pm
Wednesday	Gymnastics	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Sadler	3:25-4:25pm
Thursday	Choir	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Roberts	12-12:30pm
Thursday	Football	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mr Bolton	3:25-4:25pm
Thursday	Radio	Year 6	Mrs Mason	12-1pm
Friday	Homework	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (pupils who haven't completed their homework)	Mrs Ward	12-12:30pm
TBC	Librarians	Year 5 (application process)	TBC	TBC