

# St Pius X Catholic Primary School



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Key Dates	Clubs	VIPs
17 Oct - 19.00 - Choir at Confirmation	Mon -Barrow Community	Reception – Cian Timlin
19 Oct - 9.15 - Y5 Assembly	Sports (Y1-4)(last one)	Year 1 – Farren Ross
19 Oct - 15.30 - Waterpark meeting	Tues -Gymnastics (Y1,5&6)	Year 2 – Chantelle Clarke
20 Oct - 9.15 - Y5 & Y2 Mass	-Coding Club (Y5&6)	Year 3 – Lily-May Steel
28 Oct - 12.10 - Choir at Ordination	Wed -Football (Y5-6)	Year 4 – Kenzie Morris
31 Oct - Bag2School collection	-Band (Y4-6)	Year 5 – Adam Taylor
2 Nov - 18.00 - Parent voice meeting	Thurs -Netball (Y4-6)	Year 6 – Niobi Hulston
6 Nov - 2.45 Parents' Evening	-Choir (Y3-6)12.30-1	Family members are welcome to join us for our
6 Nov - Parents' Evening	Fri -Instrument (Y4)12-12.30	Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2.45pm
7 Nov - Parents' Evening	-Instrument (Y6)12.30-1	<b>Mr McGoldrick's Marvellous Merit</b>
8 Nov - Shoebox Deadline		Ella Byrne
17 Nov - Race Night@Barrow Cricket Club		<b>House Champions</b>
		Last week – <b>St Patrick's</b>
		This week – <b>St David's</b>

## Truth

The theme for this has been Truth, one of our Gospel Values. Jesus Christ is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life' and through the scriptures and his Church he teaches us the ways of truth. We are challenged through this Gospel value to always stand up for the teachings of the Church and strive always for the Truth as hard as this can be sometimes. In Sunday's second reading St Paul encourages us 'fill your minds with everything that is true...then the God of peace will be with you'.

**Lord, Jesus Christ, You are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Hear our prayer for truth and integrity in all parts of society today.**

**May the truth be spoken by us and affirmed in others, that in seeking truth, the world will come to find You, the Source of all Truth. Amen**

## Foodbank

We managed to make three hampers with your food donations. The Foodbank are very grateful. They will be coming to collect on Monday.

## London

Reminder: deposits were due today. Please pay this weekend to avoid disappointment.

## Department for Education

On Wednesday, we had a full day visit from the Department for Education. They commented on the wonderful behaviour of our children and the optimism and dedication of our staff. They left feeling reassured about the future of St Pius X.

### **Parental Survey**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Parental Survey. Mr McGoldrick will publish an analysis of the responses next week. He will also provide a response to all recommendations on what the school could do better. Your views are important to us and are vital to move the school forward in the right direction.

### **Choir**

Last week, we informed you that ten members of the choir have been selected to sing at the Ordination of Steve Donnan. In addition, they have also been asked to sing at the Confirmation of children in our parish on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. Mrs Roberts and Miss Sadler will make contact to inform parents.

### **Parent Voice Meeting**

Following the success of our first Parent Voice meeting we will be holding a second meeting on **2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm**. The agenda will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Barrow Community Sports**

Next **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** is the last football session run by Barrow Community Sports for Years 1-4. Parents are reminded that they are invited to attend a presentation ceremony at 4.15pm.

### **House Groups**

The children have now all been placed into house groups; St Andrew's (blue), St George (red), St Patrick (green) and St David (yellow). The house with the most house points each week will be presented with a trophy (collected by the House Captain in Year 6) in our Celebration Assembly. The house group with the most winning weeks at the end of each term will receive a popcorn and movie morning in the school hall. The house champions will be announced on the newsletter each week.

### **Dojo Points – Top Scores**

At St Pius X we believe in rewarding positive behaviour. The child who receives the most Dojo points in each class at the end of each term will get a special treat.

- Autumn term – Vue Cinema
- Spring term – Laser-zone
- Summer term – Zero Gravity Trampoline Park

### **Water Bottles**

Reminder: We are proud to be a healthy school. Children should bring a refillable water bottle, with a sports cap, to school each day. Research shows that drinking water helps improve concentration and retention. Pop bottles are discouraged.

### **Year 2 Music Lessons**

Children in Year 2 are asked to bring some empty boxes (cereal and tissue) and tubes. These will be used to create their own musical instruments during music next week. Unfortunately, we can't accept toilet roll tubes.

### **Reading Competition**

At St Pius X we are trying to promote the love of reading. All classes have been set a challenge to create an inviting and stimulating reading area for children to enjoy a good book. This is an initiative from Nursery to Year 6. There is a £200 prize for the winning class to spend on reading resources.

### **Library Challenge**

In addition to our reading areas, we are setting children the challenge to join the local library over half-term. Those children who are already members of the library should visit and check out a new book. After half-term children should bring in their library book to share with the class. All children who bring in a library book will receive a raffle ticket from the class teacher. These will be placed into a prize draw which will be drawn in Celebration Assembly. The winner will receive a £15 book voucher.

### **Class Merits**

After half-term, if your child has been awarded a Class Merit you will be informed by text on the Thursday before

Celebration Assembly on Friday. Class Merits are not limited to one per year group. All achievements are celebrated; personal, social and academic.

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' evening will take place on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. This will take a new format this year. Workbooks and assessments will be available for you to see. We now have a culture of honesty and transparency. In addition, progress and attainment will both be shared. Previously only progress has been shared at the end of the school year.

To help parents prepare for the new information being shared Mr McGoldrick will be holding a session for parents and carers on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm** in the school hall. All are encouraged to attend.

### **Gymnastics**

The last gymnastics session for Years 1, 5 & 6 will take place next week. Gymnastics after half-term will be for Years 2, 3 & 4. Please see Mrs Woodend for a letter.

#### Letters sent home this week:

- Messy Church
- Ordination Choir
- Wednesday Word
- Y5 Coniston Waterpark Residential
- All Hallows Messy Church