

St Pius X Catholic Primary School



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Key Dates	Clubs	VIPs
<p>16 Dec – Noon-1.30 Choir singing in the market</p> <p>16 Dec – 2-5 Messy Church Advent Party</p> <p>18 Dec – 9.30- Noon Nursery & Reception Party</p> <p>18 Dec – 1.30-3.15 Yr1 & Yr 2 Party</p> <p>19 Dec – 9.30-Noon Yr 3 & Yr 4 Party</p> <p>19 Dec – 1.30-3.15 Yr 5 & Yr 6 Party</p> <p>20 Dec – 1.30pm End of Term</p> <p>8 Jan – School re-opens</p> <p>8 Jan – Yr 4 Tennis @ Hoops</p> <p>8 Jan – 2.15pm Family Learning</p> <p>9 Jan – Yr6 & Rec class photographs</p> <p>11 Jan – Reception Vision</p> <p>12 Jan – Whole School Mass – Epiphany</p> <p>12 Jan – Library bus to visit school</p> <p>12 Jan – Cinema trip Top Dojo Scorers</p> <p>15 Jan – Yr 4 Tennis @ Hoops</p> <p>15 Jan – 2.15 Family Learning</p> <p>16 Jan – Furness Voices Yr1 & Yr2</p> <p>17 Jan – U Dance</p> <p>17 Jan – 3.30pm Friends of St Pius X Meeting</p> <p>18 Jan – Reception Hearing</p> <p>18 Jan – 2pm Parent Voice</p> <p>19 Jan – Yr 4 Mass@ St Mary's Church</p> <p>22 Jan – Yr 4 Tennis @ Hoops</p> <p>22 Jan – 2.15 Family Learning</p> <p>24 Jan – Swimming Gala</p> <p>26 Jan – Yr 3 & 4 Mass</p> <p><small>Red = added or altered since previous newsletter Strike-out = cancelled</small></p>	<p>Mon</p> <p>Tues Gymnastics (Y2,3&4) Coding (Y5&6) Lego (Y3&4) 12-12.30</p> <p>Wed Football (Y4-6) Band (Y4-6) Drama (Y3&4) 12.30-1</p> <p>Thurs Netball (Y4-6) Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1 Origami (Y3&4) 12.15-12.45</p> <p>Fri Instrument (Y4) 12-12.30 Instrument (Y6) 12.30-1</p>	<p>There are no VIPs until next week due to it being a three day week.</p> <p>Mr McGoldrick's Marvellous Merit Jackson (Year 2)</p> <p>House Champions This Term's Overall Winners are St Patrick's St P= 5, St A=1, St G=1, St D=1</p> <p>Bonus Ball Winner (19) Claire Sanderson</p>

Preparation

In Sunday's Gospel John the Baptist, the voice crying in the wilderness, makes clear to us what the season of advent is all about: Preparing the way of the Lord. He points out clearly that preparing the way of the Lord involves 'Metanoia' – a change of heart. Change of heart as implied here is what Cardinal Newman captures beautifully in his statement, 'To change is to live, and to change often is to be perfect.' What habits or attitudes do you need to change to prepare the way for Jesus' entrance into your life? Would you be a voice like John announcing the coming of Jesus to others?

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are with us always, even to the end of the world, yet we do not always know your presence.
Free us from whatever hinders you from taking full possession of our hearts by the power of your Spirit.
Amen**

Last Day of Term

Reminder: school finishes on **Wednesday 20th December at 1.30pm.**

Clubs

There will be no extra-curricular lunchtime or after school clubs until January. Please remember there will be no After School Club on Wednesday due to school finishing at 1.30pm.

Christmas Performance

We were extremely proud of all the children who took part. A great performance from all involved. We hope you enjoyed it. The tickets sales and raffle made £1312.77. This will go towards new resources for the children in Nursery and Reception. We have one outstanding raffle prize: green 767.

Christmas Fair

Raffle prizes still awaiting collection are: pink 272, light blue 230, white 529 and white 530. These can be collected from the School Office.

Any uncollected raffle prizes will be used again in future raffles if they are not collected by the end of term.

Choir Treat

Unfortunately, Dakota (Y6) was missed from the pizza and party treat at the Parish Centre. We apologise! Dakota joined the movie and popcorn morning today instead.

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £94.65 For Action for Children.

Lost Property

There is a box of lost property in the entrance. Please pop in and take a look. Anything left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Homework

There was no homework this week and there will be no homework over the festive period. The only homework is to have a wonderful Christmas.

New Appointments

Congratulations to Mrs Garbacz who is now employed by St Pius X. She was previously employed through an external agency.

Congratulations to Miss Bennett who has successfully completed her apprenticeship at St Pius X (well nearly). She has now been given a contract with the school starting in January.

Congratulations both and welcome to the team!

New Office Hours

Mrs Steele will be in the School Office from 8.15am-4.15pm, except on a Friday when she finishes at 3.45pm.

Friends of St Pius X

We are still looking for new members to join the Friends of St Pius X. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 17th January at 3.30pm** in the Staff Room.

Christmas Parties

Please look at the key dates above to find out when your child's Christmas party is. They may come dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party.

Families in Need

If there are any families in need this Christmas who need a helping hand please see Mrs Steele in the School Office.

Family Learning

Cumbria Adult Education are running a 'Focus on Phonics' course for parents/carers starting on 8th January for five weeks at our school. Forms are available from the School Office. It would lovely to have some parents sign up. Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details.

New Parent Governor

The Governors would like to formally welcome our new Parent Governor, Miss Tracy Matthews, to the Governing Body. Please remember that Mr Daniel Webber and Miss Tracy Matthews represent your voice at Governing Body meetings.

Lunchshop

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for ordering their child's lunches. Last week the School Office had to chase nearly 50% of parents. After Christmas, if lunches are not ordered on time (by 9.30am), a jacket potato and beans will be ordered by the School Office staff. There will be no other option. This will still be charged to your account. The usual reminder and chase up text messages and phone calls will stop.

Parent Voice

The next Parent Voice meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th January 2018 at 2pm**. We have changed the time in the hope more parents (and members of the school community) are able to attend.

Catholic Education

I would like to inform you of issue regarding the future of Catholic schools like ours and Catholic Education in general. The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, has asked us to contact all our parents and parishioners, as he sees this as the biggest ever threat to the future of Catholic Education in our country.

At the election Teresa May committed to removing the 50% admissions cap in the Conservative manifesto, this has not happened and looks like the government will not deliver on their promise.

To put this into context: It may mean that in the future Catholics would not get a place in a Catholic school, as the governors would only be allowed to offer half the places to Catholics. Every class in our school has more than 50% baptised Catholics, this ruling would have a catastrophic impact on Catholic families and our school communities.

I urge you to type in the link <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> into your internet browser to sign a petition regarding the future of Catholic Education.

All it asks for is your name and address and an agreement to the letter below:

Dear Secretary of State,

As a Catholic, I firmly believe in the right to a Catholic education. I am also proud that our schools are historically diverse and inclusive to children of all faiths and none. However, I am alarmed to learn that there is a cap in place which prevents new Catholic schools from admitting some Catholic pupils on the basis of their faith.







At the election, the Government committed to removing the 50% admissions cap in their manifesto. In addition to this, you have previously stated in the House of Commons that the cap was ineffective and acknowledged the impact this had on Catholics in particular.

I would ask you to consider your promise to the electorate and remove the 50% faith admissions cap allowing all Catholics who want to provide a Catholic education to be able to do so. In keeping your promise, you will also show the Catholic community that equality includes the right to practice a faith.

Thank you for your time and please type in the link today, as a matter of urgency.

Letters sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word
- Choir - Market Carols
- UDance at The Forum

<div>  <div>ST PIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK 3</div> <div>Freshly made every day!</div> </div>		
DAY	CHOICE 1 	PUDDING 
Monday	Sliced Ham served with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Flapjack and a Milk Drink or Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Chicken Fillet served with Sauté Potatoes, Peas and Tomato Ketchup	Chocolate & Raspberry Sponge Cake and Custard or Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit 
Wednesday	Savoury Mince served with Mashed Potato and Broccoli	Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Cumberland Sausage in a Baguette served with Potato Smiles and Salad Platter	Fruit Shortbread or Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Breaded Coddies served with Oven Chips, Peas and Tomato Sauce	Ice Cream Roll and Peaches or Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<div>  <div>Available Daily: Fresh Fruit and Bread!</div>  <div>orlan</div> </div> <p>If you have any questions about food allergens please speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to help.</p>		

Barrow
Community
Learning and
Skills

Focus on Phonics

Family
Learning at
St Pius X
Catholic
Primary
School

FREE practical and fun
weekly sessions to attend
with your child, working
together on fun and
interactive activities for KS1
children,

Starts Monday
8th January
2.15 – 4.15pm

**Meet other
parents/carers**

**Spend quality time with
your child**

FREE Prize Draw



Our tutors are friendly, approachable and aim to make the sessions fun and accessible for all. If you would like to book a place, please complete the slip below and return to Reception in school by **Wednesday 20th December** or as soon as soon as possible as the course can only run with sufficient numbers.

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Parent/Carer's name:	Child's age:
Child's name and class:	
Your contact number:	Email:
Do you require childcare for younger siblings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, name/s of child/ren	Age/s:
Please book me a place on the 'Focus on Phonics' Course on Monday 8 th January 2018	
Signature:	Date: