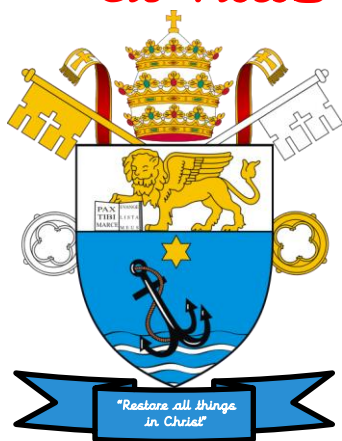


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Friday, 9 March 2018

Key Dates	Clubs	VIPs
10 Mar – The Big Clean (10am)	Mon -Limitless Dance	Reception – Joe D
10 Mar – Quarry Walk (1pm)	Tues -Maths Intervention (Y6 Group x 2)	Year 1 – Skyla
13 Mar – Netball @ Hoops	-Lego (Y3&4) 12-12.30	Year 2 – Hallie
15 Mar – Reception Assembly	-Chatterbooks (Y5&6 Group)	Year 3 – Lydia
15 Mar – SEN Coffee Afternoon	Wed -Football (Y3-6)	Year 4 – Sam
16 Mar – Y3 & 4 Mass @ School	-Band (Y4-6)	Year 5 – Tyler S
16 Mar – Non-uniform (raffle donations)	-Drama (Y3&4) 12.30-1	Year 6 – Christina
16 Mar – Reports Meeting	Thurs -Netball (Y4-6)	Family members are welcome to join us for our
17 Mar – Race Night	-Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1	Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2.45pm
20 Mar – Netball @ Hoops	-Origami (Y3&4) 12.15-12.45	
22 Mar – Year 2 Assembly	-Maths Intervention (Y6 Group)	
22 Mar – Easter Fayre	Fri -Instrument (Y4) 12-12.30	
23 Mar – Whole School Mass @ School	-Instrument (Y6) 12.30-1	
23 Mar – Closing Date for Nursery Applications (September)		
26 Mar – U Dance @ Forum		
27 Mar – Netball @ Hoops		
28 Mar –Payment Deadline for London		
29 Mar – Finish 1.30 pm-Easter Holidays		
7 Apr – Bonus Ball Draw		
16 Apr – Back @ School		
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Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

Jesus seeks to reclaim the temple as a place of prayer rather than commerce. His short explanation is a great Tweet: "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disruptive actions of dumping out money and overturning tables would become breaking news online today.

Similarly Pope Francis has made direct, quotable statements about repairing Earth, which he reverences as God's creation and our sacred home. He urges us to stop pollution and our wasteful ways. "The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth," he says (#21). "Earth is a shared inheritance. God created the world for everybody" (#93).

Jesus' actions to cleanse the temple calls us to clean our houses this Lent and to examine our hearts. Our fast-paced, productive lives can erode our relationships with God and make us feel like cogs in the wheels of commerce rather than friends of God and one another. Lent calls us to assess what we consume and what consumes us.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I try. I really do, but the world keeps moving and most of the time I'm not strong enough to say no. Please help me to keep my temple clean and free of distractions. When You walk into my home, I want to be ready to be still with You. Amen.

Non-uniform

Next Friday is a non-uniform day. Instead of money donations we are asking for raffle prizes (bottles, sweets, chocolates, toys) for our upcoming Easter Fayre.

NURSERY PLACES

We have limited places in our wonderful Little Lambs Nursery. We are now accepting applications from 'Rising 3s'. This means children can start at the beginning of the term they turn 3 years old, instead of waiting until the term after they turn 3 years old. Please contact the School Office for further details.

Race Night

The parish are running a Race Night on **Saturday 17th April at 7pm** which is being held at the Parish Centre. There is a poster in our entrance - please take a look. Please contact the School Office for tickets. Tickets are £5 each. Bring your own drink.

SEN Coffee Afternoon

Please note that this is an invite only event.

School Grounds

We are looking for volunteers to help improve our school grounds. On **Sunday 22nd April at 1pm** we will require help to prepare our raised beds, take down an old shed, paint the band stand, carry out tip runs, move HMS St Pius (ship), litter pick and tidy up Lady Bird Lane. Refreshments will be provided. Please sign up at the School Office.

Preparation for Reconciliation

The next session for Preparation for Reconciliation will take place on **Wednesday 14th March at 6.30pm** at St Mary's Parish Centre. The session postponed due to the snow will now take place on **Tuesday 20th March at 6.30pm**.

Mobile Phones

This is a reminder that children should not bring mobile phones to school. Contact home can be made via the School Office if required. However, if it is a necessity, it is school procedure that mobile phones should be handed into the School Office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the school day.

New School Sign

Several Parishioners have come together and made donations towards a new sign which is due to be erected during the Easter holidays.

Letters

All letters sent out via Our Schools App can also be found at: <http://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/latest-newsletters/letters>

Scholastic Book Fair

We raised a total of £400. The school will get 40% back to spend on new books for the school.

U Dance

We are looking forward to Year 3 taking part in U Dance at The Forum. Please can Year 3 parents ensure permission slips are returned as soon as possible. It is great to see the school involved in so many community and local events.

Girls Football Report

The girls performed brilliantly this week. We are proud of them all. The children won 2, drew 1 and lost 0. Unfortunately, they didn't progress based on goal difference.

"The team did really well and I am proud of them" Kadie (Team Captain)

"It's a shame that we got knocked out by one goal difference but we worked as a team. We enjoyed it and had fun. That's all we can do!" Jenna, Year 5

Netball

The girls did a great job this week and they definitely looked the part. They drew against St George's. A great start to the tournament – keep it up.

Sport

It is lovely to see St Pius X getting involved in so many sporting events. The children are doing so well and it's great to see their team spirit and enthusiasm. We have two sponsors for our new tracksuit; **Plaster Right** and **Cumbria Teaching Agency**. Thank you!

Parents' Evening Records

I am aware that some parents' have concerns regarding the recent Parents' Evening Records. I will be holding a meeting on Friday **16th March at 3.30pm** in the School Hall to give you an overview of the reports and discuss any concerns.

Nursery - 30 Hours Eligibility

Please can parents make sure they have updated their 30 hour eligibility. This is to ensure the school receives the appropriate funding. If parents let their eligibility lapse, we will have no choice but to charge for sessions - we don't want this to happen.

Nursery and Reception Furniture

We have once again been offered free furniture from Cumbria County Council. This time the nursery is located in Barrow. However, we still require vehicles to help transport the furniture from the nursery to school. Please contact the School Office if you are able to help.

Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported recently. Please check your child's hair and treat, if appropriate. This will stop the problem spreading.

School Council Fundraising

The School Council received an anonymous donation of £60 towards their bike/scooter storage. Thank you.

100 Mile Challenge

Reminder: we have organised a Quarry Walk for tomorrow (**Saturday 10th March at 1pm**), meeting in the School Hall.

Refreshments will be provided by the school on your return.

Blue Bag Collection

Reminder: It is that time of year when people start to think of having a Spring Clean and sort out. Blue Bags will be coming home again next week. Blue Bags should be returned by **8.30am** on **Wednesday 18th April**.

Lunchshop

Reminder: Parents are reminded that due to now offering two options on our Lunchshop (main meal or jacket potato) no alternative main meal will be provided. This make notes previously provided to the kitchen null and void.

School and Residential Trips

Reminder: Please remember to keep paying for school and residential trips on School Money (link available on Our Schools App).

Family Learning: Smart Art

Reminder: We are trying again to get family learning sessions up and running, starting on **Monday 23rd April at 2.15pm-4.15pm** for 5 weeks. This is a great and fun opportunity. Please get involved and sign up via the School Office. We would love this to be a success. You will be given a raffle ticket for each session you attend. The lucky winner could receive a £25 Debenhams voucher.

Letters sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word
- U Dance (Year 3 for those whose permission has not been received)

School menu for week beginning 12th March 2018...



ST PIUS X PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK 3

Freshly
made
every day!

DAY

CHOICE 1



PUDDING



Monday

Sausage Roll
served with Mini Waffles and Beans

Ice Cream Roll and Peaches
or
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Cheese and Tomato Pizza
served with Sweetcorn

Fruit Jelly and Fruit Cocktail
or
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit



Wednesday

Meatballs in Gravy
served with Pasta Spirals,
Peas and Sweetcorn

Kitchen made Sticky Toffee Pudding and Ice Cream
or
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Garmon Steak and Pineapple
served with Oven Chips
and Salad Platter

Chocolate Cookie with a Milk Drink
or
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Friday

Wholemeal Salmon Nibbles
served with Mashed Potato,
Sliced Carrots and Peas

Frozen Strawberry Smoothie
or
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit



Available Daily: Fresh Fruit and Bread!

If you have any questions about food allergens please speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to help.

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