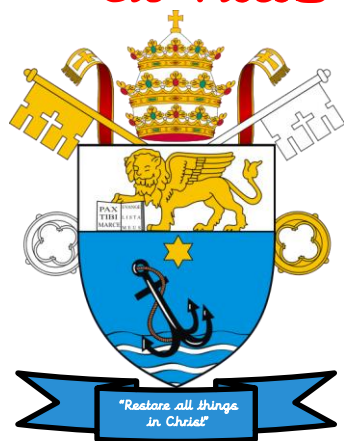


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Key Dates	Clubs	VIPs																
<div>24 Mar – Messy Church</div> <div>26 Mar – U Dance @ Forum</div> <div>27 Mar – First Confession</div> <div>27 Mar – KS1 Cricket Skills</div> <div>27 Mar – Rotary Event</div> <div>27 Mar – Netball @ Hoops</div> <div>28 Mar – RE Day</div> <div>28 Mar – Image Theatre production of Wind in the Willows</div> <div>28 Mar –Payment Deadline for London</div> <div>29 Mar – Food Bank Collection Date</div> <div>29 Mar – Finish 1.30 pm-Easter Holidays</div> <div>29 Mar – Year 5 Assembly</div> <div>7 Apr – Bonus Ball Draw</div> <div>16 Apr – Back @ School</div> <div>16 Apr – YoKids</div> <div>17 Apr – Blue bags back to school</div> <div>20 Apr – Whole School Mass</div> <div>22 Apr – School Grounds Tidy up</div> <div>26 Apr – Football @ Pulse</div> <div>27 Apr – Yr 4 Mass @ St Mary’s Church</div>	<div>Mon -Limitless Dance</div> <div>Tues -Maths Intervention (Y6 Group x 2)</div> <div>-Lego (Y3&4) 12-12.30</div> <div>-Chatterbooks (Y5&6 Group)</div> <div>Wed -Football (Y3-6)</div> <div>-Band (Y4-6)</div> <div>-Drama (Y3&4) 12.30-1</div> <div>Thurs -Netball (Y4-6)</div> <div>Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1</div> <div>Origami (Y3&4) 12.15-12.45</div> <div>Maths Intervention (Y6 Group)</div> <div>Fri Instrument (Y4) 12-12.30</div> <div>Instrument (Y6) 12.30-1</div>	<div>Reception – Jaiden-James</div> <div>Year 4 – Noah</div> <div>Year 5 – Scarlett</div> <div>Year 6 – Riley</div> <div>Family members are welcome to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2.45pm</div> <div>Mr McGoldrick’s Marvellous Merit</div> <div>Theo Year 1</div> <div>House Champions</div> <div>This week’s house champions are St Patrick</div> <div>St P= 4, St A=1, St G=4, St D=1</div>																
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Reflection for Sunday's Gospel

This week we enter into Holy Week, sometimes called 'The Great Week'. It is the most important period in the Church's year. On Palm Sunday we recall Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we celebrate one event spread over three days. All Christians should be present at these services; they are at the very core of what it is to be follower of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what Palm Sunday day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. We praise you, we bless you Lord! Amen.

End of Term

Please note: School will finish at **1.30pm on Thursday 29th March 2018.**

Clocks

Please note: Clocks go forward this weekend.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

Preparation for Reconciliation is now complete. Children involved in the programme will make their First Confession on **Tuesday 27th March at 11.30am** at St Mary's Church. Parents are welcome to attend. Please note: Children who are waiting to be baptised will make their First Confession at a later date. After Easter, preparation for First Holy Communion will begin. All sessions are held at St Mary's Parish Centre starting at 6pm. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 18th April

Wednesday 2nd May

Wednesday 16th May

Wednesday 6th June

Children will make their First Holy Communion on **Sunday June 10th**.

U Dance

There are still tickets available to watch Year 3 perform at The Forum on **Monday 26th March**. Tickets should be purchased directly via The Forum.

New School Entrance

We have been successful in a bid to extend and redevelop our entrance to create a safer school for our children. The work will begin at the start of the Summer holidays and is due to run for 12 weeks. The projected completion date is October half term. During the Summer holidays the School Office will move into the library until the work is completed.

Silver Woodland Trust Green Trees Awards

This week, we have been accredited the Woodland Trust Green Trees School – Silver Award.



Easter Fair

Yesterday's Easter Fair raised an amazing **£539**. A fantastic amount! Thank you for supporting our school. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of St Pius X for organising the event. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated. The money raised will go towards replacing the adventure trail. The total amount raised this financial year by the Friends of St Pius X is £3,704.41.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes: blue 321 (perfume and chocolates), blue 351 (shower bag), orange 499 (love heart plaque), blue 323 (necklace and earrings set), pale blue 611 (perfume), blue 370 (cup and saucer).

Egg Competition

It was lovely to see so many decorated eggs entered into our competition. The winners were judged by Fr Manny this morning and will be announced in Monday's assembly

Gas Holes

Children have been spotted in the local area playing in gas holes. Please speak to your child about the risks.

School Trips Letters

All school trip letters are now available on our website <http://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/latest-newsletters/letters>. Please remember to keep paying off the amount due via School Money.

September Nursery Places

Yesterday (22nd March) was the official deadline for nursery applications for children starting in September. There are only limited places available.

Applications for January 2019 and April 2019 are now being accepted. Please contact the School Office for more information or visit <http://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/our-school/admissions>.

VIPs

There will be no Celebration Assembly next week due to finishing for the term on Thursday. VIPs will get to wear their jumpers for two weeks. Children in Years 1, 2, and 3 have now all had a chance to be VIP.

Race Night

The parish race night rose just over £2000. Thank you to those that supported the event. St Pius X will be running a race night in September. Watch this space!

YoKids

Update: YoKids will only run for 4 weeks due to their being a bank holiday and not for 5 weeks as stated on last week's newsletter. The dates are **16th April 2018 – 14th May 2018** (excluding 7th May). This will be for children in Reception to Year 2. Leaflets are available on our website: <http://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/latest-newsletters/letters>.

Tennis Club

Reminder: Gary Weatherburn will be running an outdoor Tennis Club at Furness Academy from 5pm-6pm starting after the Easter holidays. The cost is £5 per week. If you're interested please text 'Furness Academy Tennis' together with your Childs name to 07467375335. Further details are available in the documents section of our app.

Year 5 Assembly

Reminder: There will be an additional Year 5 assembly this term on **Thursday 29th March at 9.15am** called 'The Man who planted trees'.

Bags 2 School

Reminder: Blue Bags should be returned by **8.30am on Wednesday 18th April**.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing• Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)#• Handbags• Hats• Bags• Scarves and ties• Jewellery• Lingerie• Socks• Belts• Soft toys• Household linen• Curtains• Towels• Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)	We DO NOT accept: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duvets and blankets• Pillows and cushions• Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)• Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing• School uniforms with and without logo• Corporate clothing and workwear• Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
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Corporal Acts of Mercy Volunteers

Reminder: There is still time to send in your food donations. The Food Bank will be collecting the donations on **Thursday 29th March**. Items needed are: *breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce/tomatoes, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, potatoes/instant mash, tea, coffee, rice pudding, sponge puddings, sugar, biscuits, UHT/long-life fruit juice, UHT milk, jam and snacks*.

School Grounds

Reminder: We are looking for volunteers to help improve our school grounds. ***We don't have many volunteers yet.*** 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.

Family Learning: Smart Art

Reminder: Smart Art session start 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. 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
- YoKids (Rec – Year 2)
- Cricket Skills (Individual Children)