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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs																
22 Apr - School Grounds Tidy Up 23 Apr - Family Learning: Smart Art 23 Apr - YoKids 23 Apr-4 May - Big Pedal Challenge 24 Apr - Baby & Toddler Group 26 Apr - Yr 6 Assembly (9.15am) 26 Apr - Dojo Top Scorers Treat 26 Apr - Car Boot Meeting 26 Apr - Phonics Screening Check Meeting (2.45pm) 26 Apr - Football @ Pulse 27 Apr - House Champions Movie & Popcorn 27 Apr - Yr 4 Mass @ Church (9.30am) 30 Apr - Family Learning: Smart Art 30 Apr - YoKids 1 May - Baby & Toddler Group 1 May - Parent Voice Meeting (2.30pm) 2 May - First Holy Communion Prep (6.30pm) 3 May - RE Day (Bishop Elect) 4 May - RE Day (Mysteries of the Rosary) 4 May - Yr 6 & 1 Mass @ School (9.30am) 7 May - Bank Holiday (School Closed) 7 May - Car Boot Sale (8.30am) 8-11 May - Yr 5 Water Park Residential 9 May - Yr 4 Assembly (9.15am) 10 May - Whole School Mass @ School (9.30am) 13 May - Harvey & Adam Baptism (12.30pm) 14-18 May - Yr 6 SATs 14 May - Family Learning: Smart Art 14 May - YoKids 15 May - Baby & Toddler Group 15 May - Library Visit (Reception & Yr 1) 16 May - First Holy Communion Prep (6.30pm) 17 May - Yr 5 Assembly (9.15am) 17 May - Library Visit (Yr 2) 18 May - Yr 3 Mass @ Church (9.30am) 21-25 May - Yr 2 SATs 21 May - Family Learning: Smart Art 21 May - Parents' Evening 22 May - Baby & Toddler Group 23 May - Parents' Evening 24 May - Yr 3 Assembly 24 May - Reading Challenge Ends 25 May - Reading Challenge Deadline 25 May - Yr 3 May Procession to Church	Mon -YoKids (Rec-Y2) -School Council 12.30-1 Tues -Maths Intervention (Y6 Group x 2) -Lego (Y3&4) 12-12.30 -Chatterbooks (Y5&6 Group) -Eco-Committee 12.30-1 Wed -Football (Y3-6) -Band (Y4-6) -Drama (Y3&4) 12.30-1 Thurs -Netball (Y4-6) -Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1 -Maths Intervention (Y6 Group) Fri -Instrument (Y4) 12-12.30 -Instrument (Y6) 12.30-1 School Lunch Menu Week 2 Bonus Ball Winner Tracy Matthews (13)	Reception – Oliver Year 4 – Gracie Year 5 – Ollie Year 6 – Dakota Family members are welcome to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2.45pm. Mr McGoldrick's Marvellous Merit Layton (Year 4) House Champions This week's house champions are St Patrick's St P= 1, St A=0, St G=0, St D=0 Attendance <table><tr><td>Reception</td><td>97.41</td></tr><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>96.84</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>97.14</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>96.67</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>95.19</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5</td><td>97.93</td></tr><tr><td>Year 6</td><td>92.5</td></tr><tr><td>Whole School</td><td>96.2</td></tr></table>	Reception	97.41	Year 1	96.84	Year 2	97.14	Year 3	96.67	Year 4	95.19	Year 5	97.93	Year 6	92.5	Whole School	96.2
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25 May - Half-term Begins		
Red = added or altered since previous newsletter Strike out = cancelled		

Reflection for Sunday's Gospel

This Sunday has been traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday,' and when you hear in the Gospel the reason for this becomes blindingly obvious. Here Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for his sheep. This too is, by tradition, the day when in particular we pray for vocations to the priesthood.

Prayer

Dear Lord, our parish, over forty years, has benefitted from the service of many priests, but sadly has not produced one vocation for the diocese. Let us earnestly pray for vocations to the priesthood. Amen.

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 from 1pm**, we 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.

Mr Younger

Mr Younger has left the school to pursue other avenues. We wish him well for the future.

Netball

Netball will be open to Years 3 & 4 from next week.

Food Bank

We raised 129 meals from our recent collection organised by St Pius X Corporal Acts of Mercy Volunteers.

Dojo Top Scorers

We have rearranged the treat to next Thursday morning. This is due to some children being too young to attend Lazer-Zone. The children will now go to Vue Cinema to watch Duck, Duck, Goose.

Car Boot Sale

We will be holding a meeting next **Thursday at 3.15pm** to discuss to Car Boot Sale. All welcome to attend. We would love some volunteers.

Reminder: We will be holding a car boot sale on our school field on **Monday 7th May** (Bank Holiday Monday). Gates open at 8.30am (£5 per car) and browsers are welcome from 9am (20p entrance fee).

Attendance Certificates

100% attendance certificates will be handed out at next week's Celebration Assembly.

Sports' Day

This year's Sports' Day will take place on 25th May. Infants will take place in the morning and juniors in the afternoon. The reserve dates are 22nd June and 29th June.

Winning House

This week has been extremely busy. Movie and popcorn will now take place next Friday afternoon.

Baby & Toddler Group

Our first Baby & Toddler Group was a huge success. Thank you to those parents who supported the event. Hopefully, we will see you again next week. We would like to thank our volunteers for doing such a great job.

Bags 2 School

The total amount raised was £84. Thank you for supporting the event.

Reading Challenge

Reminder: We are setting children a challenge to read **six** books by **six** different authors over a period of **six** weeks. The challenge starts on **Monday 16th April - Friday 25th May**. Children are asked to keep a record of the books they read and complete a book review for each book read. Children are free to present their completed challenge in their own format. Children should bring in their record and book reviews into school on **Friday 25th May**. All entrants will receive 20 Dojo points. One entrant will receive an extra 60 Dojo points by 'pulling a name out of the hat'.

Bapitsm

Reminder: Harvey (Year 4) and Adam (Year 5) have decided to be baptised Catholic. They will be baptised on **Sunday 13th May at 12.30pm** at St Mary's church. It would be lovely to see families from St Pius X at church to support both children.

Race Night

Reminder: Following the success of the recent parish race night, St Pius X will be running a race night on **Friday 28th September 2018 from 6.30pm**. Add the date to your diaries! This is guaranteed to be a fun event. Tickets for the event are £5, with pie and peas included. You can sponsor a horse and jockey for £5. We are looking for the following support:

- Horse and jockey sponsorship (£5 per horse and jockey),
- Companies to sponsor each race (£25 per race),
- Donations of bottles of wine (9 needed),
- Donations of boxes of chocolates (9 needed),
- Donations of raffle prizes and
- A bottle of spirit (for roll the coin).

Please contact the School Office or Angela Gallagher for further details.

Parent Voice Meeting

Reminder: Our next Parent Voice Meeting will be held on **Thursday 1st May at 2.30pm**. If you would like anything adding to the agenda please let us know.

Summer Uniform

Reminder: More information can be found on our website: <http://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/our-school/uniform>.

Social Media

Reminder: You may have noticed, when we publish photographs of children on our social media pages we don't include their name. We ask that when commenting on our posts that you don't use the children's name. This a safeguarding measure to ensure the safety of our pupils. If children's names are used in comments after **Friday 20th April** they will be deleted.

Phonics Screening Check Meeting

Reminder: We will be holding a meeting for Year 1 & Year 2 (children who did not meet the expected standard last year) parents on **Thursday 26th April at 2.45pm** to give you an overview of the Phonics Screening Check due to take place in May.

School Trips

Reminder: Please remember to keep paying off the amount due for school trips, via School Money. Are you struggling to log on to School Money? Please pop into the School Office and Mrs Steele will be able to assist you. Bring your bank details and login details with you.

KickOff4

Reminder: We are an official ticket purchase point for the KickOff4 Dementia event being held on **Saturday 26th May from 11am**. Ticket prices are: Family (2A & 4C) £10, Adult (16+) £5 and Children (5-15) £2.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

Reminder: 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 2nd May,

Wednesday 16th May and

Wednesday 6th June.

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

Family Learning: Smart Art

Reminder: Smart Art session starts 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 (Whole School)
- Big Pedal (Whole School)
- Dock Museum Trip (Year 1)
- Inspiring Infants (Year 1)