

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Friday 6th December 2019

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
9 Dec – Junior Christmas Production 2pm & 6pm	Mon -School Council 12.20-12.50	Rec – Lincoln
9 Dec – Sacramental Group Christmas Party	-Barrow Community Sports (Rec-Y2) PAID	Y1 – Luke
9 Dev – Y5 Staffing Parents’ Meeting 3.30pm	Tues -Art & Craft (Rec-Y4) 20 max.	Y2 – Harlow
10 Dec – Baby & Toddler Group	-Lego League (Y5&6 Group) 12.20-12.50	Y3 – Kenya
10 Dec – Infant Christmas Production 2pm & 6pm	-Choir (Y3-6) 12.20-12.50	Y4 – Hallie
11 Dec – Christmas Lunch	-Orchestra (Y5 Group) 12.30-1	Y5 – Kacey-Leigh
11 Dec – Christmas Fayre 2.45	-Brass (Y3 & 4)	Y6 – Layton
11 Dec – Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade 5.30pm	-Maths (Y6 Group x 2)	
11 Dec - Nursery Transition Morning	-Reading (Y6 Group)	
12 Dec – Assembly Rec 9.15am	Wed -Laudato Si’ Club (Rec-Y6) 12.20-12.50	
13 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day	-Homework (Y3-Y6) 12.20-12.50	
13 Dec – Y4 Mass @ Church	-Netball (Y3-6)	
13 Dec – Christmas Family Night 6.30pm	-Film Club (Rec-Y6)	
16 Dec – Nursery & Reception Party am	Thurs -Football (Y3-6)	
16 Dec – Y1 & 2 Christmas Party pm	-Lego League (Y5&6 Group)	
17 Dec – Baby & Toddler Christmas Party	Fri -Barrow Community Sports (Rec-Y6) PAID	
17 Dec – Y3 & 4 Christmas Party pm		
18 Dec – House Champions Popcorn & Movie		
18 Dec – Top Dojo Cinema Trip		
19 Dec – Y5 & 6 Christmas Party pm		
20 Dec – Whole School Mass 9.30am		
20 Dec – End of Term 1.30pm Finish		

This **week’s** house champions are

St David’s

St P= 2, St A=5, St G=1, St D=1

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	75.24
Year 1	69.58
Year 2	73.57
Year 3	87.92
Year 4	82.08
Year 5	85.5
Year 6	46.43
Whole School	74.93

Sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word
- Barrow Bid
- Signal Starters

School App

You can download the School Jotter App from Google Play Store (Android users) <https://bit.ly/2GRPx3U> or Apple App Store (iOS users) <https://apple.co/2oGDD64>. We are no longer using the old app (OurSchoolApp).

Weekly Challenge

This week's challenge is to select a tag from Furness Peninsula's Rotary Club Christmas Gift Tree (located at Tesco Extra) and buy a gift for a person who may be alone at Christmas, have no family or is experiencing hardship. Please share photos of your child/ren selecting the tag and handing over the gift on our Facebook page or send them to Mr McGoldrick via ClassDojo **9am on Friday 13th December**. Children will receive 5 ClassDojo points and a Merit Certificate for completing the challenge.

'Restore all things in Christ'

A statement from Ron Stephenson (Furness Peninsula Rotary Club member):

Over 7 years ago, I approached Tesco to use their tree. The Rotary Club of Furness Peninsula's Christmas Gift Tree.

We have it available to us from approximately the 12/11 to the 15/12.

We approached providers for Christian names and ages of people who are alone at Christmas, have no family or who are experiencing hardship at this time of year.

We place a named tree tag with the persons Christian name and age. We invite the general public whilst shopping in Tesco to take a named tree tag, select a gift, purchase it and leave the gift and tree tag with the Service Desk in Tesco. The gift does not have to be purchased from Tesco.

As a club we then collect the gifts and named tag, our members wrap the gifts and return them to the provider before Christmas in time for them to distribute. We are grateful for any donation of gifts bags to help wrap the presents.

Over the last 7 years we have wrapped over 4500 gifts which were given to over 3395 people. This year we have to date 645 names to place on the tree and to date we have wrapped 485 with a minimum of 385 tags to be taken.

The public in Barrow and the Furness District are so generous this time of the year it's humbling. People receive a gift that wouldn't normally get one. Tesco are so happy to provide the tree for our Club.

Movember

Thank you for supporting Movember. The final amount raised was an incredible **£436**. Wow!

Miss Ann Lillivek

Miss Ann Lillivek was a former Headteacher of St Pius X. We were informed last Friday that she had passed away. Ann's Requiem Mass has now been arranged to take place at Our Lady's Catholic Church in Dalton at 12.15pm on Thursday 12th December. There will be a reception of the body at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December. Staff members and pupils, old and new, are welcome to attend.

Mrs Woodend

After nearly 8 years at St Pius X, Mrs Wooden has decided to take a new career direction. We are expecting her last day at school to be **Friday 14th February**, but she is awaiting confirmation of her start date. Once she receives a specific date we will let you know. To mark the end of her time working at St Pius X, Mrs Woodend has requested a sports related fundraising day to enable her to leave a lasting legacy. For a suggested £1 donation, children can come dressed in sports kits and take part in sports activities. She would like the money raised to go towards new bikes for the Early Years. The date for the fundraising day will be **Monday 10th February 2020**. There will also be an extended celebration assembly on **Friday 14th February**, starting at the earlier time of **2.30pm**, to say goodbye – all are welcome. Please spread the word. It would be lovely for past parents and pupils to have a chance to say goodbye and good luck to a valued member of staff.

Extra-curricular Clubs

Please note several extra-curricular clubs have been cancelled next week due to Christmas productions and other Christmas related activities. Please see the extra-curricular clubs section of this newsletter.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are encouraging everyone to get into the festive spirit by wearing a Christmas jumper on **Friday 13 December 2019** to raise funds for our local Children's Ward (Bay Hospital Charity). We are hoping to have a preloved Christmas jumper stall at our Christmas Fayre. Please donate any old Christmas jumpers to school via the School Office.

READvent

Please share the READvent videos with your child/ren that are posted on our Facebook page and website each day until 24th December. Throughout the month of December, staff and governors will read a few pages from The World's Worst Teachers by David Walliams.

Furness Christmas Gift Appeal

Are you struggling to buy presents for your little ones this Christmas? There is no need to struggle! Mr McGoldrick can make a referral on your behalf to Furness Christmas Gift Appeal to relieve the pressure. Please drop him a ClassDojo message or grab him in the playground and have a quiet word (no one needs to know).

Rescheduled Events

Due to this week's sickness levels and pupil attendance percentages, we have rescheduled several events that were due to take place this week. New dates can be found below.

- Junior Christmas Production - Monday 9th December @ 2pm & 6pm
- Year 5 Parents' Meeting - Monday 9th December @ 3.30pm
- Infant (Nursery to Year 2) Christmas Production - Tuesday 10th December @ 2pm & 6pm
- Year 1 Assembly - Thursday 19th December @ 9.15am
- Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade - Wednesday 11th December @ 5.30pm (following the Christmas Fayre)

Swimming

Swimming has now finished for the term. It will recommence on **Tuesday 7th January** for Year 4.

Lost Property

Our lost property items will be on display in the School Hall on **Wednesday 18th December at 3.15pm** and **Thursday 19th December at 3.15pm**. Any items unclaimed after these dates will be donated to charity or recycled.

Barrow Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar

We are once again supporting Barrow Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar. We're asking staff, parents and pupils to consider doing a reverse advent calendar throughout the month; picking up one item a day and putting it in a box (in our School Entrance) to donate to the Foodbank. Collecting a box is a great way to show young people that Christmas is a time for giving and not just receiving. Ideas for the reverse advent calendar are below, but they also welcome additions of our regular shopping list items.

1 Tinned Potatoes or vegetables	2 Steamed Puddings	3 Crisps	4 Custard	5 Wrapped Biscuits	6 Hats, Gloves or Scarves
7 Tea or Coffee	8 Tinned Fruit	9 Tinned Ham or Meat	10 Jam or Honey	11 Long Life Milk	12 School Socks or Tights
13 Hot Chocolate	14 Tinned Potatoes or Instant Mash	15 Long Life Juice	16 Instant or Tinned Soup	17 Shower Gel or Shampoo	18 Christmas Pudding
19 Tinned Sauces	20 Children's Treats	21 Christmas Cake	Text ADVENT 3 to 70460 to donate £3	23 Tinned Pies or Stew	24 A Selection Box of Biscuits

Christmas Post Box (Pius Post)

Reminder: Our school post box is now in position in the School Hall. Pupils should clearly write the names and classes on the front of each card, for example 'Joe (Year 4)' and post them into the post box. Remember to include surnames if there is more than one child with the same forename in the class. Our School Council (RotaKids) will then sort and deliver the cards. Children should not hand Christmas cards out in class.

Food Bank Vouchers

Reminder: As Christmas is fast approaching, please remember the school is able to authorise food bank vouchers to struggling families. Please pop and see Mr McGoldrick or the School Office staff – both will be happy to assist. Don't struggle this Christmas.

There is No App To Replace Your Lap

Reminder: We are aiming to promote reading at St Pius X, especially adults taking the time to read to their children. Staff will record themselves reading to younger family members and friend's children and post these videos on our Facebook page. Parents are encouraged to read to their child/ren and share their video on our Facebook page, using the hashtag #ThereIsNoAppToReplaceYourLap. This is a project that will last for the foreseeable future. Post as many videos as you like. Happy reading!

Guitar Club

Reminder: One of our Foundation Governors, Mrs White, has offered to start a guitar club in January on Monday's from 3.15pm-4.15pm. The club is open to pupils in Year 5, with a maximum of six in the group. Children will have to provide their own guitars. If your child is interested and you are thinking of purchasing a guitar for them, Mrs White would recommend getting one with nylon strings. Please let the School Office know if your children would like to join the club – if we have more than six children interested we will select names out of a hat.

Barrow Community Sports Club

Reminder: We have reintroduced the Friday afterschool club. This is a paid club, costing £5 per week, until 4.30pm. Please contact the School Office or Mr Thompson via ClassDojo for more details.

THE FRIENDS OF ST PIUS X

Cake Donations

We need cake donations for our Christmas Fayre – home baked or purchased are both fine.

Bottles & Chocolate Donations

We still need more bottle and chocolate tombola donations. If you are able to help out, please send them into the School Office.

Preloved Christmas Jumpers

We are hoping to have a preloved Christmas Jumper stall this year at our Christmas Fayre (11th December), ahead of the planned Christmas Jumper Day on 13th December. Please donate your old jumpers, which your child/ren may have grown out of, to The Friends of St Pius X. Please hand them in at the School Office.

Thermometer Update



Christmas Events

Please note the Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade date and time has been updated.

