

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Friday 24th January 2019

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
27 th Jan – Year 4 at Hoops	Mon -School Council 12.20-12.50	Rec – James
28 th Jan – Baby and Toddler	-Limitless Dance (Rec-Y2) PAID	Y1 – Kalvyn
28 th Jan – Year 4 swimming	-Guitar Club (Y5)	Y2 – Paige
29 th Jan – Ormsgill Community Meeting 6pm	Tues -Art & Craft (Rec-Y4) 20 max.	Y3 – Cooper
30 th Jan – KS2 Brockhole Learning Safari	-Lego Robot Programming (Y4&5 Group)	Y4 – Willow P
30 th Jan – Year 2 trip to South Lakes	-Choir (Y3-6) 12.20-12.50	Y5 – Layla
31 st Jan – Y5 Mass @ Church	-Orchestra (Y5 Group) 12.30-1	Y6 – Jacob T
2 nd Feb – Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Children	-Brass (Y3 &4)	
3 rd Feb – Year 4 tennis at Hoops	-Maths (Y6 Group x 2)	
4 th Feb – Baby and Toddler	-Reading (Y6 Group)	
4 th Feb – Year 4 swimming	Wed -Laudato Si’ Club (Rec-Y6) 12.20-12.50	
5 th Feb – KS 2 Swimming Gala	-Homework (Y3-Y6) 12.20-12.50	
5 th Feb – Year 5 / 6 Heartstart and CPR training.	-Netball (Y3-6)	
6 th Feb – Y5 Assembly	Thurs -Football (Y3-6)	
7 th Feb – Stay & Read 9-9.15	-Lego League (Y3-6 Group) 12.20-12.50	
7 th Feb – Celebration Assembly 1.15	-Film Club (Rec-Y6)	
7 th Feb – Dowry of Mary trip (selected pupils)	Fri -Barrow Community Sports (Rec-Y6) PAID	
7 th Feb – Y3 & Y4 Mass @ School		
7 th Feb – NSPCC Number Day		
7 th Feb – Valentine’s Family Night		
10 th Feb – Mrs Woodend’s Guinness World Record Challenge Day		
10 th Feb 20 - Year 4 at Hoops		
11 th Feb 20 – Year 4 swimming		
11 th -14 th Feb 20 – Year 5 residential to Winmarleigh Hall		
13 th Feb – Year 6 Assembly		
14 th Feb - Y4 Mass		
14 th Feb 20– Non Uniform (Raffle/Tombola Prize donation)		
14 th Feb – Mrs Woodend’s leaving assembly		
14 th Feb – Finish for Half-Term 3.15pm		
17 th -21 st Feb - HALF-TERM		
24 th Feb – Start of New Term 8.55am		
25 th Feb – Baby & Toddler Group		
25 th Feb – Year 1 Swimming		
26 th Feb – Year 4 Vindolanda Trip		
26 th Feb – Year 3 First Aid Training		

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	99.05
Year 1	100.0
Year 2	94.29
Year 3	97.92
Year 4	96.8
Year 5	96.98
Year 6	93.21
Whole School	97.01

'Restore all things in Christ'

27 th Feb – Year 4 Assembly 27 th Feb – Year 5 & 6 Barrow Raiders 28 th Feb – Year 1 & 2 Mass @ School 2 nd Mar – Parent Voice 5.30pm 3 rd Mar – Baby & Toddler Group 4 th Mar – Come and Learn 1.15pm 4 th Mar – Reconciliation Preparation @ St Mary's Church 6.30pm. 5 th Mar – World Book Day 5 th Mar – Year 3 Assembly 6 th Mar – Year 3 Mass @ Church 10 th Mar – Baby & Toddler 11 th Mar – Reconciliation Preparation @ St Mary's Church 6.30pm. 12 th Mar – Year 2 Assembly 13 th Mar – Y 6 & 5 Mass @ School 16 th Mar – Little Lambs Author Visit 17 th Mar – Baby & Toddler Group 18 th Mar – Vista Photos for Nursery, Reception and Year 6 18 th Mar – Reconciliation Preparation @ St Mary's Church 6.30pm. 15 th Apr - First Holy Communion Preparation @ St Mary's Church 6.30pm. 17 th Mar – Baby & Toddler 18 th Mar – Year 4 Bible Exhibition 19 th Mar – Year 1 Assembly 20 th Mar – Y6 Mass @ School 20 th Mar – Family Quiz Night 6.30pm 23 rd Mar – Speed Read 5-6.30 24 th Mar – Baby & Toddler Group 24 th Mar – Easter Fayre 2.45pm 25 th Mar – Rotary Event Afternoon Tea 26 th Mar – Reception Assembly 27 th Mar – 9.30am Whole School Mass 27 th Mar – End of Term 1.30pm 22 nd Apr - First Holy Communion Preparation @ St Mary's Church 6.30pm 6 th May - First Holy Communion Preparation @ St Mary's Church 6.30pm 13 th May - First Holy Communion Preparation @ St Mary's Church 6.30pm 17 th May – First Holy Communion		
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Sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word
- NSPCC Number Day

Weekly Challenge

This week's challenge is to create a friendship bracelet. Our Gospel Value theme this month is friendship. Completed bracelets can then be shared with friends and family at school and home. Please share photos on our Facebook page or send them to Mr McGoldrick via ClassDojo by 4pm on Thursday 30th January 2020. Children will receive 5 ClassDojo points and a Merit Certificate for completing the challenge.

Please note the challenge deadline has now moved to Thursday's.

Lego League

Lego League Club will now be called Lego Robot Programming on a Tuesday after school (3.15 - 4.15pm) for Years 4 and 5. There will be a general Lego Club on Thursday lunchtimes for Years 3 to 6.

Stay and Read

On the first Friday of each month we will hold a stay and read session. Parents are invited into school to read with their child. They can either read their individual reading book or choose one from the class reading area. Reading records must then be completed. The session will last for 15 minutes, until 9.15am. The first session will take place on **Friday 7th February**.

Speed Read

The school will be holding a Speed Read event for pupils and their families on **Monday 23rd March, 5pm-6.30pm**. Teachers will read short stories or extracts in their classrooms and plan a short activity to follow. Each session will last no longer than 20-25 minutes. Mr McGoldrick will carry out an introduction in the school hall at 5pm and there will be a list of classrooms and texts displayed for you to choose from. After your first session, the school bell will ring and you can move to another classroom of your choice. There should be enough time to visit three classrooms.

Homework

You may have noticed that the spellings format in Key Stage 2 (juniors) has changed slightly recently. Mr McGoldrick will be sending out a separate letter regarding homework next week.

First Holy Communion

We have had several children sign up for the First Holy Communion Programme. The programme will begin with an Enrolment Mass at all Churches on Sunday 2nd February where the candidates will be presented to the Parish Community. The programme sessions will take place at St Mary's Church and the Parish Centre and are for parents and children to attend together. The children will have their own preparation with parish catechists and Fr Manny will lead the sessions for the parents.

There will be three sessions to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and four to prepare for First Communion. The last session will be a practical one to discuss what happens on the day and will finish with Eucharistic Adoration in Church.

Each session will begin in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm where we will celebrate Mass. Then we will move over to the Parish centre for the preparation sessions. The sessions will finish at about 7.45pm.

Dates for Reconciliation preparation are as follows:

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 11th March

Wednesday 18th March

During the week beginning 23rd March arrangements will be made in each church for the children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. More details will be given nearer the time.

Dates for First Holy Communion preparation are as follows:

Wednesday 15th April

Wednesday 22nd April

Wednesday 6th May

Wednesday 13th May

FIRST COMMUNION DAY will be **Sunday 17th May**.

If you missed the initial meeting and would like your child to take part in the programme, please contact Mr McGoldrick as soon as possible.

The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

On 29th March 2020, the Bishops of England, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols will rededicate England as the Dowry of Mary. The attached leaflet explains this in some detail. There is a dedicated website www.behold2020.com which has additional, ongoing, information.

As part of the preparations for this event the Dowry Tour will be coming to our own Cathedral of St. Peter in Lancaster between the 6th - 8th February. Our Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator, Mrs Cotgreave, has organised a trip for the afternoon of Friday 7th. Individual invites to Key Stage 2 (junior) pupils, who regularly Altar Serve and attend the Sacramental Group, will be sent via ClassDojo. More details to follow.

Nursery Applications

The deadline for applications for Little Lambs Nursery Summer term intake was **15th January**. If you still wish for your child to be considered, please complete and application for as soon as possible and return it to the School Office.

Celebration Assembly

Please note that Celebration Assembly on **7th February** will move to the earlier time of **1.15pm**.

Kit List Help

Reminder: Year 5 will be going on residential to Winmarleigh Hall in February. They must take most of their own kit. We are struggling with the following items:

- Waterproof jackets
- Waterproof trousers
- Sleeping bags

If you have any of the above items you are able to donate to school, it would be much appreciated.

Guitar Club

Reminder: We have had one pupil sign up for guitar club. This will be run by one of our Foundation Governors, Mrs White, on Monday's from 3.15pm-4.15pm. The club is now open to pupils in Years 4-6. 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.

Friends of St Pius X

Valentine's Family Night

On **Friday 7th February, 6.30-9.30pm** there will be a Valentine's Family Night. The theme will be 'Mr & Mrs'. We are asking for volunteers to take part – you don't have to be couples. There will be three rounds; children, parents/family and teachers. There will also be an interactive round for the whole audience. Tickets are available from the School Office. Refreshments will be available on the night. Once again you can bring your own alcohol but parents are reminded to be responsible and must supervise their own children.