

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
Friday 19th June – Family Night @ 7pm via Facebook Live Monday 22nd June - Silly Squad Summer Challenge Launch Day Tuesday 23rd June - Reading Challenge Wednesday 24th June - RE Challenge Thursday 25th June – Design and Technology Challenge Friday 26th June – Well-being Challenge Monday 29th June – Music Challenge Tuesday 30th June – Art Challenge 1st-3rd July – Y6 Virtual London Trip Wednesday 1st July – Mathematics Challenge Thursday 2nd July – History Challenge Friday 3rd July – Science Challenge Monday 6th July – French Challenge Tuesday 7th July – Spelling & Phonics Challenge Wednesday 8th July – Writing Challenge Thursday 9th July – Geography Challenge 9th July – Y6 Virtual Awards Evening Friday 10th July – End of Term Mass 13th July - Transition Activity 14th July – Reading Area Activity 14th July – Pyjamarama 15th July – Sports Day 16th July – Transition Activity 16th July – School Camp 16th July – School Closed to Pupils (no childcare) 17th July – End of Term 'Brighter Days Are Coming' Event 17th July – End of Term	CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER Red = added or altered since previous newsletter Strike out = cancelled	CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER Marvellous Merit Maisie (Year 5) This week's house champions are St George's St P= 0, St A=0, St G=1, St D=3

Sent home this week:

- Reports (via ClassDojo)

House Champions (19.06.2020)

1st St George 199 points

2nd St David 158 points

3rd St Andrew 113 points

4th St Patrick 59 points

'Restore all things in Christ'

Reports

Reports were sent home today, via ClassDojo. Please check your messages.

Wider Opening of our School

We are now considering moving to the next part of our Phased Plan (opening up to children from Years 2 to 5). Initially, we would like to gauge interest from parents, who have children in one of these year groups. We are asking parents to complete an online form using the link <https://forms.gle/fM3rFANam2NKuSbR9> by **12noon on Monday 22nd June** to indicate whether or not they intend to send their child back to school. School will send out more details on Monday following the analysis of the online form results.

We have also decided to initiate Phase 4 of our Phased Plan for the Wider Opening of our School from next week (week beginning 22nd June), earlier than planned. Therefore, capacity will increase from 20 pupils to 30 pupils. This decision is based on many factors including increased staffing levels and the UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy moving to Phase 3. These are just a few examples and many other factors were taken into consideration before making this decision.

Good Luck

We'd like to wish Mr Burchell the best of luck in the future. He leaves St Pius X at the end of term. He has been offered a full time permanent job at another local school. Well done!

We'd also like to thank Mrs Nelson and Mrs Johnson for their support throughout the year. They will take up new positions through Learning Support Agency in September.

Congratulations

Miss Mallinson has been offered the job of PPA Teacher at St Pius X, starting in September. Congratulations!

Home Learning

Today marks the last day of our formal Home Learning. Next week, staff will be setting daily challenges across a range of subjects. Staff will award 5 ClassDojo points for every child who participates. Challenges will be posted on ClassDojo and Facebook.

Online Safety

We would like to encourage parents to monitor their children's online interactions. We have had several parents contact school regarding online bullying. More information and support can be found on our website via: <https://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/covid-19/online-safety>

YouTube

We now have a YouTube Channel. Please subscribe (search for St Pius X Catholic Primary School).

Transition Video

The staff have made a transition video to say hello to their new class. Please share the video with your child. The video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzhNMjtAwT4&t=10s> and on our Facebook page.

Library

Mrs Gill and Miss Harrison are going to give the Library an uplift before September. We can't wait to see what it looks like.

iPads

We are purchasing 40 new iPads. This means the majority of children across school will either have their own iPad or will share one with another child.

Year 1 & Year 2 – shared

Year 3 – individual

Year 4 – individual

Year 5 & Year 6 – shared

Interactive Screens

We are getting new interactive teaching screens in Year 1 & Year 6. This means that all classes, from Year 1 to Year 6, have had new screens fitted over the last two years.

Summer Reading Challenge (Silly Squad)

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual event in Cumbria County Council's libraries over the school summer holidays. Children are encouraged to read six (or more) books of their choice during the summer holidays, with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate for every child who completes the Challenge. We have been Barrow Champions for the last two years. Can we make it a third year? Can we win across the whole of Cumbria?

We are launching the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge on Monday. More information will be shared by Mrs Gill on Monday. Please dress up in silly clothes on Monday – the sillier the better! Please post your photos on our Home Learning & Keeping in Touch Facebook group.

You can sign up to the challenge using the link: https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up



Sophie's Little Bookworms are offering parents 10% off these four books throughout the Summer Reading Challenge with the code 'stpius10'. Contact Sophie Jeffries on 07399013967 or on Facebook @sophieslittlebookworms

Reading Scheme

Reminder: Please can parents return any reading books they have at home. There is a large box in the main entrance for you to drop books off.

Brighter Days Are Coming Event

Reminder: We are planning to hold an end of year event that all school families are invited to on Friday 17th July.

Year groups will be given an allocated slot to visit the school field and participate in activity stations manned by staff. We will limit to eight families on site. Children will be given the opportunity to produce a small piece of art at each station, which will be collated into a large collage. The stations will be themed on the colours of the rainbow.

There will be an ice cream van on site at the end of the stations for all family members to enjoy.

This will be weather dependent and a risk assessment will be completed before the event.

To ensure the event is as safe as possible, staff will be in school on Thursday 16th July preparing and putting safety measures in place. Therefore, school will not be offering childcare on this day.

More details to follow.