

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
<p>Friday 3rd July – Family Night @ 7pm via Facebook Live</p> <p>Monday 6th July – French Challenge</p> <p>Monday 6th July – New Parents' Zoom Meeting @ 6pm</p> <p>Tuesday 7th July – Spelling & Phonics Challenge</p> <p>Wednesday 8th July – Writing Challenge</p> <p>Thursday 9th July – Geography Challenge</p> <p>Thursday 9th July – Y6 Virtual Awards Evening</p> <p>Friday 10th July – End of Term Mass</p> <p>13th July – End of Term Mass</p> <p>13th July - Transition Activity</p> <p>14th July – Reading Area Activity</p> <p>14th July – Pyjamarama</p> <p>15th July – Sports Day</p> <p>16th July – Transition Activity</p> <p>16th July – School Camp</p> <p>16th July – School Closed to Pupils (no childcare)</p> <p>17th July – School Closed to Pupils (no childcare)</p> <p>17th July – End of Term 'Brighter Days Are Coming' Event</p> <p>17th July – End of Term</p>	<p>CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Red = added or altered since previous newsletter</p> <p>Strike out = cancelled</p>	<p>CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Marvellous Merit</p> <p>Scarlett (Year 4)</p> <p>This week's house champions are</p> <p>St David's</p> <p>St P= 0, St A=1, St G=1, St D=4</p>

Sent home this week:

Family Night (Name That Tune)

Please note that tonight's Family Night has been postponed until Friday 10th July.

House Champions (03.07.2020)

1st **St David** 166 points

2nd **St Andrew** 136 points

3rd **St Patrick** 129 points

4th **St George** 83 points

2 Year Old Places

The Diocese has allowed us to extend our age range to 2 Year Olds from September. Initially, we only have four places available and are only accepting funded places. If you are interested, please contact the School Office.

'Restore all things in Christ'

Summer Holidays

The school will close for the Summer holidays on Friday 17th July after the 'Brighter Days are Coming' event. It will reopen to children on Wednesday 2nd September. The school has been open throughout the pandemic and the staff need a well deserved break.

Food Packages

We have offered food packages to our families since the beginning of lock down. When school closes we will be donating any food stock to Schneider Road Community Hub. Parents and families can continue to access food packages from them. Food packages can be requested from Mr McGoldrick, Mrs Steele or via Tracy Matthews. We would like to thank Tracy and her hub team for this offer of support.

Home Learning

In recent weeks, we have changed the way we approach Home Learning. We are now taking a more challenge based approach as we come to the end of term. However, we are still encouraging pupils and families to access other resources if they wish. There is a document on our website (<https://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/covid-19/home-learning>) with various useful links (bottom document). In addition, there are daily lessons on BBC Bitesize (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>). Staff would be delighted to see any additional work children complete. Please share it via Tapestry or ClassDojo.

Childcare & Bubbles

A ClassDojo message will be sent to parents, to confirm childcare places for next week, later today. Please note **we will not be accepting anymore applications for childcare**. In addition, due to updated government guidelines from 4th July (1m social distancing rule) we have extended our bubbles sizes to 15 pupils maximum. Therefore, we have been able to increase the number of days for some bubbles.

The timetable for bubbles for the next fortnight is:

Week commencing 06.07.2020

	Year 1 Classroom	Year 2 Classroom	Year 4 Classroom
Monday	Critical & Vulnerable Bubble	-	-
Tuesday	Critical & Vulnerable Bubble	Y1 Bubble	Y2-5 Bubble
Wednesday	Critical & Vulnerable Bubble	Y1 Bubble	Y2-5 Bubble
Thursday	Critical & Vulnerable Bubble	Reception Bubble	Y6 Bubble
Friday	Critical & Vulnerable Bubble	Reception Bubble	Y6 Bubble

Week commencing 13.07.2020

	Year 1 Classroom	Year 2 Classroom	Year 4 Classroom
Monday	Critical & Vulnerable Bubble	-	-
Tuesday	Critical & Vulnerable Bubble	Y1 Bubble	Y2-5 Bubble
Wednesday	Critical & Vulnerable Bubble	Reception Bubble	Y6 Bubble
Thursday	NO CHILDCARE	NO CHILDCARE	NO CHILDCARE
Friday	NO CHILDCARE	NO CHILDCARE	NO CHILDCARE

September Arrangements

Yesterday, the government published their guidance for schools for September. A letter outlining our school plans will follow in the coming weeks. A Facebook Live Q&A will follow the letter. It is our intention, to open up for all pupils from 2nd September.

Term Dates

CUMBRIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020/2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020		
STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 2 September	Friday 18 December	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
Number of school days in term – 73		

SPRING TERM 2021		
STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5 January	Thursday 1 April	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
Number of school days in term – 58		

SUMMER TERM 2021		
STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 19 April	Friday 16 July	Good Friday – 2 April Easter Sunday – 4 April Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June Early May Bank Holiday Monday 3 May
Number of school days in term – 59		

Uniform Scheme

The Parish and other organisations are offering to help families in need. They will purchase new school uniforms for our pupils, ready the new academic year. This includes uniforms for pupils transitioning to St Bernard's Catholic High School. Please contact Mr McGoldrick for more details.

September Staffing

We shared staffing arrangement for September back on May, but we thought we would take this opportunity to share again.

Nursery – Miss Sadler (Little Lambs Lead), Miss Mallinson, Miss Garbacz, Mrs Gomersall

Reception – Miss Milligan (EYFS Lead), Miss Foreman

Year 1 – Mr Bolton, Mrs Mulholland

Year 2 – Miss Harrison, Mrs O'Connor

Year 3 – Miss Stephens, Miss Light

Year 4 – Mr Marshall, Miss Skarzynska

Year 5 – Mrs Roberts, Mrs Greaves

Year 6 – Mrs Gill, Mrs Crellin, Miss Caine

SENCo – Mrs Hurley

PPA – Mrs Crellin, Miss Mallinson

Sports Coach – Mr Thompson

Mrs Hurley will be in touch with parents to confirm support staff for those pupils who receive 1:1 or additional support.

Packed Lunches during the Summer Holidays

Reminder: School will continue to offer packed lunches during the first three weeks of the summer holidays. The current arrangements will stay in place. The school will provide vouchers for the final three weeks of the summer holidays. Unfortunately, these will only be available to pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals.

Summer Reading Challenge (Silly Squad)

Reminder: You can still sign up to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge using the link: https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up

YouTube

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

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.