

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Friday 13th November 2020

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
16 th Nov -20 th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Cancelled until further notice.	Rec – Orla
16 th Nov – Odd Sock Day		Y1 – Isaac
16th Nov – Y2 Inspiring Infants	Red = added or altered since previous newsletter	Y2 – Luke
17th Nov – Y5 Swimming	Strike out = cancelled	Y3 – Millie
16 th Nov – Bag2School Collection Deadline		Y4 – Ava
18th Nov – TriKidz Day	Sent home this week:	Y5 –
19th Nov – Y3 Ordsall Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	Y6 –
19 th Nov – Feast of Christ the King whole school Mass (streamed)		Staff – Miss Bennett and Miss Stephens
20 th Nov – Termly Parents’ Summary Report Sent Home		
23rd Nov – Y2 Inspiring Infants		House Champions Tally
23 rd Nov – Parents’ Evening		St P= 0, St A=0, St G=1, St D=2
24 th Nov – Library Bus		St George’s – 927
24th Nov – Y5 Swimming		St David’s – 893
24 th Nov – Parents’ Evening		St Andrew’s – 838
30th Nov – Y2 Inspiring Infants		St Patrick’s – 719
30 th Nov – Parent Voice (Virtual)		
30 th Nov – Smartie Tube Deadline		
30 th Nov – Payment Deadline for Beamish		
1 st Dec – Y5 & Y6 Flu Immunisation		
1st Dec – Y5 Swimming		
4 th Dec – Non-uniform Day - £1		
9th Dec – Christmas Lunch		
11 th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day		
11 th Dec – Top Dojo Scorers Presentation		
11 th Dec – House Champions Presentation		
15 th Dec – Christmas Party Day		
16 th Dec – Y4 Beamish		
17 th Dec – SEN Coffee Morning 9.30 (Virtual)		
18 th Dec – End of Term		
1.25pm/1.30pm Finish		
21 st Dec-4 th Jan – Christmas Holiday		

Attendance	
Reception	99.24
Year 1	94.86
Year 2	97.64
Year 3	96.97
Year 4	99.56
Year 5	98.31
Year 6	91.34
Whole School	97.51

It has been another busy week at school. Yesterday, we saw our Year 5 & Year 6 bubbles close. We look forward to welcoming them back on Friday 20th November. We would like to thank our families for their quick response and support shown when closing the bubbles.

It was lovely to be nominated as Cando FM's COVID/Community Hero. To be announced the winner is a real shock! Thank you to whoever put me forward. I will be switching on Portland Walk's Christmas lights on behalf of the whole of St Pius X.

'Restore all things in Christ'

Newsletter Challenge - 19th November 2020

This week's challenge is to complete a Card for Care Homes (see below). Please share a photo on our 'St Pius X Remote Learning, Challenges and Keeping in Touch' Facebook group by **4pm on Thursday 19th November 2020**. Children will receive 5 ClassDojo points and a Merit Certificate for completing the challenge. Certificates will be presented in Monday's assembly.

We apologise that we are behind on awarding points and handing out certificates but please be rest assured that points will be awarded this weekend and certificates will be shared in Monday's assembly.

Cards for Care Homes – 11th December 2020

Reminder: We are collecting cards, letters and postcards for our local care home, Ostley House. This is to try and bring cheer to their residents, who may not have visitors at Christmas. Feel free to add a small gift (e.g. soaps, hand creams, biscuits, chocolates, etc). All items will be collected and quarantined by us and Ostley House before being shared. This is open to anyone from the school community, not just our pupils. You can drop off your cards (and gifts) from **Monday 2nd November to Friday 11th December**.

Up-to-date Contact Details

It is vital that we have your most up to date contact details so we can reach you in an emergency. Please inform the School Office if any of your contact details change including telephone numbers and addresses. In addition, we also ask for two alternative emergency contacts, in the event we are unable to reach you. If you are unsure whether your contact details are up to date, please ring the School Office to check.

Anti-bullying Week & Odd Sock Day – 16th November 2020

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week. To launch the start of anti-bullying week, children can come to school in odd socks on **Monday 16th November**. All your child has to do is wear odd socks - it couldn't be simpler! Anti-Bullying Week helps raise awareness of bullying. Mrs Hurley has sent out more details via the School Story on ClassDojo.

Homework

We have updated our homework timetable. The majority of homework set is nothing new and is used to reinforce and embed the learning that has already taken place in school. Homework is used to improve fluency and increase rapid recall of fundamental key skills. We recognise that homework is repetitive, but this is to allow the children, with the support of their parents, to understand what is expected and where possible, access it independently. Please note, that 'Key Speaker' and 'Topic (optional)' homework will not be introduced until the summer term.

More information can be found at: <https://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/parents/homework>.

Boxes of Hope

Thank you to everyone who made a Box of Hope. We collected 37 boxes! The boxes will make a huge difference to children's lives.

Parents' Evening - 23rd November and 24th November

This term's Parents' Evenings will take place on **Monday 23rd November and Tuesday 24th November** via telephone consultations. The deadline to make an appointment is **12noon on Wednesday 18th November**. Appointments can be made by ringing the School Office. Parents are reminded they are only allowed to book an appointment slot for their own child/ren. Please note, teachers will ring from a withheld number.

Devices for Remote Learning

We now have a limited number of devices available. If your child needs to isolate and they do not have access to a device, please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

Parental Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete our annual parental survey. The survey analysis can be found at: <https://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/parents/parental-survey>.

Parent Voice – 30th November

We will be holding our termly Parent Voice virtually this term. The Parent Voice meetings are your opportunity to help improve the school - we want to hear your views. For example, we want to improve writing across the school and we would like your suggestions. Other items on the agenda includes remote learning, fundraising ideas and safety measures. This is open to all members of the school community. Please join us and give us your views on what the school is doing well and what we need to do to improve further. If you would like anything adding to the agenda, please contact Mr McGoldrick via ClassDojo.

Armistice Day & Poppy Appeal

This week, we marked Armistice Day in school on Wednesday. We held a virtual assembly and shared a video prepared by Years 5 and 6. We held a 2 minute silence in memory of the fallen. The children showed great respect.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal. All money raised has been passed onto The Royal British Legion.

Nursery Applications

We recently reviewed the admissions applications for January 2020 and allocated places accordingly. Our current nursery admissions policy allows us to take 24 x 3/4 year old places & 4 x 2 year old places (including Rising 3s). In a morning, we have capacity for 28 children, but in an afternoon (inc. lunchtimes) we only have capacity for 16 children. Therefore, when we return to school in January, LunchShop will be updated and a limited number of lunch and afternoon sessions will be allocated. Once these sessions are filled, no one else will be able to book on.

3-4 year old - FROM JANUARY 2021, we will be at full capacity for the morning sessions. We currently only have three afternoon places left (12.15-3.15pm daily - 15 hours). If your child who currently attends the morning sessions and you require an afternoon session, you must commit to paying for the whole term or risk the place being allocated to someone else, if they apply for a 15 hour place.

2 year old - FROM JANUARY 2021, we will be at full capacity. We are currently only able to offer morning sessions (8.45-11.45am). Children will not be able to stay for lunch or afternoon sessions.

Applications are still being accepted and will be reviewed on a termly basis.

Extend Schools & Nursery Sessions

You MUST book lunch and extra sessions BY 12 NOON THE DAY BEFORE. Late bookings WILL NOT be accepted. This rule will be strictly enforced, as we must ensure our ratios are correct.

Reception Applications – 15th January 2021

Applications are now open for places in our Reception Class for next year (September 2021). Children who turn 4 years old before 1st September 2021 can apply. The deadline for Reception applications is **15th January 2021**. You can apply via: <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> or contact the School Office for a paper form.

Extended Schools and SEND Building

This week, we were informed our application for a new dedicated Extended Schools and SEND building has been successful. This building project will commence in January 2021 and will hopefully be completed by the end of February. How exciting!!!

Nativity

This year's Nativity will be in the form of a video which will be published online, via our YouTube channel. More information to follow.

St Joseph's Children's Home

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts for St Joseph's today. We still have some plants available, which will be on sale on Monday for a small donation. The total amount raised will be announced next week.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Today, we announced our Head Boy & Head Girl. Congratulations! We would like to thank all the children we took the time to apply. We hope they are not too disappointed. It was a very hard decision.

Head Girl – Amy

Deputy Head Girl – Brianna

Head Boy – Finlay

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last week. See the end of this newsletter for photos.

Community News - 12k's for Christmas (message from Dan Webber)

Let's get Barrow and Furness moving this Christmas Season! The 12k's for Christmas is a new and positive project at a not so positive time! This event will be completed virtually, open to all walkers, runners and cyclists - all abilities. We welcome you to lace up your shoes or pump up your tyres and complete your own 12k walk, run or cycle - wherever you'd like. An alternative to completing one 12k is to complete 1k a day for 12 days! Between 1st - 12th December 2020. ALL participants will receive a medal as well as ALL participants being entered into a prize draw - kids and adults drawn separate. All proceeds will go towards

local people and families in need. To help support them through the current Covid 19 pandemic - lockdown. Especially over the festive season. Adults £12 Children £6 Registration link below: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-12ks-for-christmas-tickets-127840256649>

Friends of St Pius X

Target: £12,000

Current total: £3,983.93

The money we raise this year will go towards purchasing a **second school minibus**.

Sponsored Walk/Run

The total amount raised was £2017.50. Astonishing!!!

Non-uniform Day – 4th December

We have not had chance to count last week's non-uniform money. This will be announced next week. The next non-uniform day will be held on **Friday 4th December**.

The Smarties Challenge – 30th November 2020

Reminder: Your child was sent home with a tube of Smarties before half term. We are encouraging your child to do small jobs around the house in return for payments of 20p or £1 to fill the tube. They should bring the filled tube back to school on **Monday 30th November**. Did you know, one Smarties tube holds £12 worth of 20p coins or £27 worth of £1 coins? Wow!

Bag2School Collection – 16th November

Reminder: The deadline to return filled bags is **8.30am on Monday November 16th**. Filled bags should be left outside the Caretaker's house.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards have been ordered and should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

Key Dates cont.

5th Jan – Return to School

5th Jan – Y4 Swimming

11th Jan – Y1 Inspiring Infants

11th Jan – Y4 Tennis

12th Jan – Y4 Swimming

18th Jan – Y1 Inspiring Infants

25th Jan – Y1 Inspiring Infants

25th Jan – Y4 Tennis

26th Jan – Y4 Swimming

1st Feb – Y1 Inspiring Infants

1st Feb – Y4 Tennis

2nd Feb – Y4 Swimming

8th–11th Feb – Y5 Waterpark

8th Feb – Y1 Inspiring Infants

8th Feb – Y4 Tennis

9th Feb – Y4 Swimming

12th Feb – End of Half Term

15th–19th Feb - Half Term



First Holy Communion



St Mary's Church

Congratulations

Charlie, Cienna,
Gracie and Skyla