

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
21st Dec–4th Jan – Christmas Holiday 4th Jan – Staff INSET Day 5 th Jan – Return to School 5 th Jan – Y4 Swimming 11 th Jan – Y1 Inspiring Infants 11 th Jan – Y4 Tennis 12 th Jan – Y4 Swimming 18 th Jan – Y1 Inspiring Infants 25 th Jan – Y1 Inspiring Infants 25 th Jan – Y4 Tennis 26 th Jan – Y4 Swimming 1 st Feb – Y1 Inspiring Infants 1 st Feb – Y4 Tennis 2 nd Feb – Y4 Swimming 8 th –11 th Feb – Y5 Waterpark 8 th Feb – Y1 Inspiring Infants 8 th Feb – Y4 Tennis 9 th Feb – Y4 Swimming 22 nd Feb – Y3 Tennis 25 th Feb – Y5 & Y6 Barrow Raiders 1 st Mar – Y3 Tennis 4 th Mar – Y5 & Y6 Barrow Raiders 8 th Mar – Y3 Tennis 11 th Mar – Y5 & Y6 Barrow Raiders 15 th Mar – Y3 Tennis 18 th Mar – Y5 & Y6 Barrow Raiders 22 nd Mar – Y3 Tennis 25 th Mar – Y5 & Y6 Barrow Raiders 1 st April – Y5 & Y6 Barrow Raiders 1 st April – End of Term finish at 1.30pm --- 12th Feb – End of Half Term 15th–19th Feb – Half Term	Cancelled until further notice. Red = added or altered since previous newsletter Strike out = cancelled Sent home this week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	VIPs Rec – Scarlett H & Dexter Y1 – Leyton & Harper B Y2 – Violet & Tyler Y3 – Euan & Scarlett Y4 – Taylor & Mia Y5 – Jackson & Jessica Y6 – Deaton & Lydia Staff – Mrs Cotgreave & Mrs Roberts Attendance Autumn Term = 97.17%

Headteacher's Message

I am amazed and in awe at how well the children have adapted to school life during these unprecedented times. We have had a difficult term (to say the least!) and the end of term was not what we had hoped.

I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the school community for their continued support. To say that I am proud of St Pius X pupils, families and staff would be an understatement. Together, we have made it to the end of term! I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone when I say we are exhausted.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please look after yourselves and stay safe. Most importantly, enjoy quality time as a family.

'Restore all things in Christ'

I am praying that 2021 will be a much better year for everyone.

Take care,

Mr Kevin McGoldrick
Headteacher

Newsletter Challenge – 7th January 2021

The term's Christmas challenge is to take spend quality time as a family, which is one of our core Gospel Values. Please share a photo or video to our St Pius X Remote Learning, Challenges and Keeping in Touch Facebook group by **4pm on Thursday 7th January 2021**. Children will receive 5 ClassDojo points and a Merit Certificate for completing the challenge. Certificates will be presented in assembly.

Oncology

We raised £205 for Oncology. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £85 for the Bay Hospitals Charity.

VIPs

This week's VIPs will roll over to the first week back of school in the New Year and the VIP video will be posted on Friday 8th January.

Overall Termly Attendance

The overall attendance figure for the autumn term is 97.17%. This is an amazing percentage, especially when considering the turbulent term we have had.

Track and Trace - 18th December - 24th December 2020

Reminder: COVID-19 track and trace information:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
 - You must contact school using the email addresses: head@st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk or message Mr McGoldrick directly via ClassDojo. He will be checking his emails and messages regularly and he will then contact you via phone.
 - Do not contact any other member of staff, as they will be enjoying a well-earned break.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. For our school that would be the Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve).

Please refer to the above bullet points for the dates 18th December - 24th December 2020.

Further information regarding COVID-19 can be found in the link: [What parents and carers need to know about schools in Autumn Term](#)

Learning over the Christmas Period

Reminder: In a year that has seen so much disruption to children's learning, it is vital that we can return in January and build on the amazing work achieved throughout this term. Over the last term, we have been busy plugging the gaps in the children's learning, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In recent weeks, we have had a big push of writing and the rapid progress the children are demonstrating is delightful. We are proud of all the children for trying their best and by taking more pride in their work. We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support at home.

Although the upcoming holidays will be an opportunity to relax and spend quality time with your family, there are still lots of ways you can continue to support your child's learning. Please spend some time reading, writing and accessing apps and websites such as Times Tables Rock Stars, Numbots, Spag.com and Teach Your Monster to Read. Your child's teacher may send further suggestions via ClassDojo. Please feel free to post some photos and videos on St Pius X Remote Learning, Challenges and Keeping in Touch Facebook group.

Free School Meals

Reminder: We are aware that there are several children who may be eligible for Free School Meals but are not currently registered. Those who receive this not only receive free meals but also a grant towards school uniform as well as reduced rates for things such as our school trips. In addition, school also receives further funding to help support your child in school. It is particularly important to check this if your circumstances have changed due to COVID-19. To check if you are eligible simply use the link below for an instant result or phone 01228 606060.
<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

Bus Cost

Reminder: The cost of the bus is currently £1.88 per child, per day. Unfortunately, after carrying out a review of the finances, we are running the bus at a loss. Therefore, from January 2021, we need to increase the price to £2 per child, per day. This will be updated on LunchShop next week. This increase does not cover the full cost of running the bus and the governors will be reviewing the school bus again at the end of the Spring term. We need to ensure that offering school transport is financially viable.

Friends of St Pius X

Target: £12,000

Current total: £4,788.11

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

Non-uniform Day – 8th January

The next non-uniform day will be held on **Friday 8th January**.

Easy Fundraising

St Pius X PTA are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference, so we would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It is completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pius-x-pta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1