

# St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-bullying Week	Mon - Limitless Dance (Rec-Y2)	Rec – Mia Louise
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day	- Y6 Radio Club – Prep 12-12:30	Y1 –Sam
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents’ Evening	Tues - Homework (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	Y2 – Leyton
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Assembly 9:15	- School Council (Y1-Y6) 12-12:30	Y3 – Charlie
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Cards Order Deadline	- <del>Laudato Si’ Club (Y3-Y6)</del>	Y4 – Millie
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3 Assembly 9:15	- <del>Baking Club (Rec-Y2)</del>	Y5 – Cienna
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Wellbeing in the Woods (Y2)	Wed - Choir (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	Y6 – Lacey-Mae
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov – SEND Coffee Afternoon	- <del>Netball Club (Y3-Y6)</del>	Staff – Mrs Ward and Mrs Brennan
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Mass @ Church 11:00	- <del>Arts &amp; Crafts (Rec-Y2)</del>	<b>Marvellous Merit</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov – St Joseph’s Non-Uniform (Red) (£1)	Thurs - Y6 Radio Club – 12-12:30	Emily (Y5)
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Voice 13:15-14:30	- <del>Football Club (Y3-Y6)</del>	<b>House Champions</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – Y3 trip to Ordsall Hall (Tudors)	- <del>Lego Club (Y3-Y6)</del>	St P= 1, St A=2, St G=1, St D=2
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov – FOSPX Meeting 15:30	Fri - Barrow AFC (Rec-Y6)	
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Assembly 9:15		
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Wellbeing in the Woods (Y3)		
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Jumper Donation Deadline		
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Family Night 19:00		
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Fayre 12:00-15:00		
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Secondhand Christmas Jumper Sale		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Y2 Assembly 9:15		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Wellbeing in the Woods (Y4)		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance Tickets Deadline		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – FOSPX Non-Uniform (FREE)		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Y2 trip to Manchester Science Museum		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Market Stall @ Barrow Indoor Market 9:00-15:00		
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade 18:00-19:30		
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Y4 trip to Beamish		
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 Assembly 9:15		
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Wellbeing in Woods (Y5 & Y6)		
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Rec Assembly 9:15		
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day		
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Infant Christmas Performances 9:30, 14:00 & 18:00		
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Junior Christmas Performances 9:30, 14:00 & 18:00		
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch		
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Pantomime @ The Forum (Whole School)		
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Term Ends – 13:30 Finish		

Attendance	
Reception	95.22
Year 1	95.61
Year 2	97.92
Year 3	98.37
Year 4	97.44
Year 5	97.25
Year 6	96.33
Whole School	97.12

Key:	Top Class	Below 96%	Above 96%
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'Restore all things in Christ'

### Headteacher's Message

What an awful start to the week! Thankfully, we managed to get the boilers working to allow us reopen on Tuesday. The Police are now involved and hopefully they find the vandals responsible. On a more positive note it was lovely to see so many year groups out on visits this week, making full use of our minibuses. Nativity practice has started and it is lovely to hear the children singing. Finally, it was lovely to welcome parents back into school this week for our first Class Assembly in almost two years. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr McGoldrick, Headteacher

### Payments, Orders, Permissions, etc.

Payments, orders, permissions, etc. should be placed in the basket at the school entrance at beginning or end of the school day or dropped into the school office. They should not be given to classroom staff.

### Class Assemblies

We have made a decision to once again invite parents and carers into school for Class Assemblies. It will just be the class and parents and carers from that year group - no other year groups will watch the assembly. Assembly dates are in the 'key dates' section of the newsletter. Assemblies will start at 9:15am and last no longer than 15mins. Please sign in at the school office.

### SEND Coffee Afternoon – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Hurley will be hosting a SEND Coffee Afternoon. This is an opportunity for parents of SEND pupils to get together and network as well as seeking advice and support from Mrs Hurley. Worried about your child? Come along and talk to Mrs Hurley.

### Anti-bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

Next week is anti-bullying week. We are launching the week with an Odd Socks Day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Children should wear normal uniform but with odd socks. There will be a launch assembly on Monday too.

### Homework

We have recently reviewed our homework timetable and expectations. The main change is spelling. We have now moved over to a web-based spelling programme. More information can be found here: <https://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/homework>.

### Tuck Shop

Tuck shop will be back up and running next week. We ask that children bring the correct change for Tuck Shop - 20p per day. The money goes into a sealed box and our Year 6 volunteers are unable to give change. Tuck Shop will move to Lunchshop in the spring term and parents will be able to pay for a half term at a time - no physical money will be required.

### Christmas Events

Below is a summary of Christmas events:

- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Family Night
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Fayre
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Market Stall @ Barrow Indoor Market 9:00-15:00
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade 18:00-19:30
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day (£1)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Infant Nativity
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Junior Nativity
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Panto @ The Forum

There will be no Christmas parties this year. We have decided to attend the Panto instead.

### Christmas Jumper Day – 10<sup>th</sup> December

We are encouraging everyone to get into the festive spirit by wearing a Christmas jumper on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December to raise funds for our local Children's Ward (Bay Hospitals Charity). There will be a suggested donation of £1.

### Barrow Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar

We are once again supporting Barrow Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar. We're asking staff, parents and pupils to consider doing a reverse advent calendar throughout the month of December; picking up one item a day and putting it in a box (in the school entrance) to donate to the Foodbank. Collecting a box is a great way to show young people that Christmas is a time for giving and not just receiving. Ideas for the reverse advent calendar are below, but we also welcome any additions of regular shopping list items.

1 Tinned Potatoes or Vegetables	2 Steamed Puddings	3 Crisps	4 Custard	5 Wrapped Biscuits	6 Hats, Gloves or Scarves
7 Tea or Coffee	8 Tinned Fruit	9 Tinned Ham or Meat	10 Jam or Honey	11 Long Life Milk	12 School Socks or Tights
13 Hot Chocolate	14 Tinned Potatoes or Instant Mash	15 Long Life Juice	16 Instant or Tinned Soup	17 Shower Gel or Shampoo	18 Christmas Pudding
19 Pasta Sauces	20 Children's Treats	21 Christmas Cake	22 Text ADVENT 3 to 70460 to donate £3	23 Tinned Pies or Stew	24 A Selection Box of Biscuits

### Parents' Evening – 16<sup>th</sup> November

If you have booked an appointment for Parents' Evening, please expect a call from a withheld number.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that all after school extra-curricular clubs have cancelled due to Parents' Evening.

### Christmas Performance Tickets – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Tickets are now available from the school office. Tickets are £1 each (adult and children). Children will need their own ticket and seat. The cost of the tickets covers the performance licence and goes towards covering the cost of the panto. Tickets will be limited to 2 people for the infant performance and 2 people for the junior performance (per child). Please provide names of attendees. The deadline to purchase tickets is 3rd December at noon. If we have remaining tickets, we will inform you. If your child comes to and from school on the school bus or goes to Breakfast/After School Club please place the correct money in an envelope with your child's name, year group, who will be attending, number of tickets you require (2 max.) and which performance you wish to attend (morning, afternoon or evening). Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. There is a limit of 80 tickets per performance.

### Boxes of Hope (Shoebox Appeal)

Boxes of Hope are being collected on Monday morning.

### St Joseph's Children's Home – 19<sup>th</sup> November

**Reminder:** Children can come to school in non-uniform on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November and make a suggested donation of £1, which will go to St Joseph's Children's Home in India. Children are asked to wear the colour **red** as it is often worn to celebrate St Joseph's feast day. Members of the parish will deliver an assembly about the children's home to our children on the day.

### Lost Property

**Reminder:** We have several items of uniform in the lost property, which includes sweatshirts with no names. The lost property basket can be found in the main entrance foyer.

### Parent Voice – 19<sup>th</sup> November

**Reminder:** Mr McGoldrick will be holding a Parent Voice on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 1:15pm-2:30pm**. The Parent Voice meetings are your opportunity to help improve the school and discuss anything that is worrying you - we want to hear your views. Agenda items include communication, Parents' Evening and curriculum. 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.

### Christmas Performances – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Reminder:** We had made the decision to go ahead this year with Christmas performances, but we will hold separate performances for the infants (Rec to Y2) and juniors (Y3-Y6). In addition, we will reduce our hall capacity by half (audiences of 80 max). The infants and juniors will each hold three performances on one day to accommodate the reduced audience capacity – we do not want any disappointed parents. Tickets will initially be limited to 2 per child. Ticket holders will also be asked to do an LFT on the day of the performance they are attending.

Infant Performances – **14<sup>th</sup> December** – 9:30, 14:00 & 18:00

Junior Performances – **15<sup>th</sup> December** – 9:30, 14:00 & 18:00

### COVID Symptoms, Tests and Results

**REMINDER:** We ask that you report all COVID symptoms, tests and results to the school office via telephone. You may wish to inform staff via ClassDojo too, but please ensure that the school office is informed so we can update our records and keep a track of current, suspected and confirmed cases. Please also inform us if a member of the household has tested positive.

### The Friends of St Pius X (FOSPX)

**Target:** £7,000

**Current total:** £2,308.19

**Aim:** iPads for Year 2

**Next meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> November @ 3.30pm in Year 6. **Agenda:** Christmas events.

### Raffle & Tombola Prizes

We are in search of raffle and tombola prizes for our Christmas events. If you are able to help out please drop them into the school office.

### Halloween Party

We raised £319.48 from our Halloween party. Thank you for your support.

### Treat Friday

We will be selling a selection of treats (chocolate and sweets) on the back gate every Friday. All items will be 50p.

### Christmas Card Orders – 17<sup>th</sup> November

Pupils have created their own Christmas card designs in school this week. Staff have posted your child's design on ClassDojo for you to view. If you wish to place an order (optional), please send an envelope with the money (or cheque) enclosed with your child's name, year group and number of packs you wish to order by Wednesday 17th November.

For example:

Christmas Cards

Joe Bloggs

Year 6

3 packs

Each pack contains 5 of the same card. Unfortunately, we cannot mix siblings. We recognise this is a short timeframe but we must have orders by the deadline to allow us to get the orders out before December. There is an opportunity to order a mixed pack of cards, which will contain a selection of 5 cards selected by the Friends of St Pius X. This is for members of the community who do not have children at the school but still wish to support St Pius X.

Prices are:

1 pack = £4

2 packs = £7

3 packs = £10

Cheques should be made payable to 'Friends of St Pius X'

Envelopes should be placed in the basket at the school entrance at beginning or end of the school day or dropped into the office. They should not be given to classroom staff.

#### **Personalised Water Bottles**

Water bottle order can be placed at any time throughout the year. Place your order details on an envelope and place the money inside.

Large is available in pink and blue = £6

Small is available in pink, purple, green and blue = £5

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#### **Christmas Family Night**

We will be holding a Christmas Family Night at The Cross Bar (Barrow AFC) on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm until late. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday. Tickets will be £2 per adult and £1 per child or a family ticket will be £5 (2 adults and up to 3 children). If your child comes to and from school on the school bus or goes to Breakfast/After School Club please place the correct money in an envelope with your child's name, year group and number of adults, children or family tickets you require. There is a limit of 120 tickets.

#### **Non-uniform Day**

Our next non-uniform will be on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. This is a free event and there will be no charge.

#### **Bag2School**

We raised £121.50 from the Bag2School collection. Thank you for your support.

#### **Easy Fundraising**

FOSPX 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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pius-x-pta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1)

#### **Preloved Christmas Jumpers**

We are holding a preloved Christmas Jumper stall after school on 1<sup>st</sup> December ahead of the planned Christmas Jumper Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please donate your old jumpers, which your child/ren may have grown out of. There is a bag for donations in the school entrance.

#### **Barrow Market – 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

We will be holding a tombola at Barrow Market (Portland Walk Entrance) on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 9am-3pm**. Please come along and support us. The choir will be performing sometime during the day (time TBC).

#### **Christmas Fayre - 30<sup>th</sup> November**

This year, the Christmas Fayre will take place in Pius Hall (next door) from 12noon-3pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Adults are invited to attend from 12noon-1pm, but it will be children only from 1-3pm. Each year group will visit the fayre over the duration of the afternoon (30 mins each). Children are asked to bring a maximum of £5 in a named envelope to spend at the fayre. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the beginning and end of the day on the back gate for £1 per strip.