

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
30 th Nov – Christmas Fayre 12:00-15:00	Mon - Limitless Dance (Rec-Y2)	Rec – Grace
1 st Dec – Secondhand Christmas Jumper Sale	- Y6 Radio Club Prep (Y6) 12-12:30	Y1 – Ella
2 nd Dec – Y2 Assembly 9:15	Tues - Homework (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	Y2 – Spencer
2 nd Dec – Wellbeing in the Woods (Y4)	- School Council (Y1-Y6) 12-12:30	Y3 – Henry
3 rd Dec – Support Staff Appreciation Day	- Laudato Si' Club (Y3-Y6)	Y4 – Euan
3 rd Dec – Christmas Performance Tickets Deadline	- Baking Club (Rec-Y2)	Y5 – Kenya
3 rd Dec – FOSPX Non-Uniform (FREE)	Wed - Choir (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	Y6 – Jessica
3 rd Dec – Y2 trip to Manchester Science Museum	- Netball Club (Y3-Y6)	Staff – Miss Cain and Miss Spiers
3 rd Dec – Market Stall @ Barrow Indoor Market 9:00-15:00	- Arts & Crafts (Rec-Y2)	Marvellous Merit
3 rd Dec – Choir @ Barrow Market 13:30	Thurs - Y6 Radio Club (Y6) – 12-12:30	Winter-Rose (Y3)
7 th Dec – Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade 18:00-19:30	- Football Club (Y3-Y6)	House Champions
8 th Dec – Y4 trip to Beamish	- Lego Club (Y3-Y6)	St Patrick
9 th Dec – Y1 Assembly 9:15	Fri - Barrow AFC (Rec-Y6)	St P= 2, St A=2, St G=2, St D=2
9 th Dec – Wellbeing in Woods (Y5 & Y6)		
10 th Dec – Rec Assembly 9:15	Red = added or altered since previous newsletter	Attendance
10 th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day	Strike out = cancelled	Reception 90.56
10 th Dec – Top ClassDojo Scorers Cinema Trip 13:00-15:30	Sent home this week:	Year 1 93.17
10 th Dec – Parent Voice 15:30	• First Holy Communion (Year 4) via ClassDojo	Year 2 96.41
13 th Dec – House Champions Movie & Popcorn in the Hall 9:30-12	• Barrow Community Sports - Free Christmas Holiday Programme via ClassDojo	Year 3 98.67
14 th Dec – Infant Christmas Performances 9:30, 14:00 & 18:00	• Bee Netball via ClassDojo	Year 4 89.58
15 th Dec – Junior Christmas Performances 9:30, 14:00 & 18:00		Year 5 97.66
15 th Dec – Christmas Lunch		Year 6 96.24
16 th Dec – Pantomime @ The Forum (Whole School)		Whole School 94.97
16 th Dec – Term Ends 13:30 Finish		

5 th Jan – Return to School		
5 th Jan – Year 4 Swimming		
10 th Jan – Inspiring Infants Year 1		
25 th Jan – Year 2 STEM trip to Eureka		

'Restore all things in Christ'

Headteacher's Message

Preparations are now well underway for Christmas. Staff and pupils have decorated their classrooms; Nativity practice has begun; the Friends of St Pius X held their Christmas Family Night, and the Christmas Fayre is taking place next week. Several other Christmas events can be found in the Key Dates section above. It's lovely to be able to decorate the school again this year and bring some much-needed cheer to the season, especially after last year. We are looking forward to holding some of our traditional Christmas events once again. Following the Government's announcement this weekend, we still plan to go ahead with the scheduled events. However, we will have to introduce additional safety measures. The wearing of masks is once again mandatory for adults when entering the school building and masks must be worn at the Christmas Performances (unless exempt). Masks don't need to be worn in the playground. I will keep you updated of any further changes.

Mr McGoldrick, Headteacher

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that next week will be the last week of extra-curricular clubs until the New Year. There will be no extra-curricular clubs in the last two weeks of term.

Miss Wright's Engagement

Miss Wright recently got engaged to her partner Jack. We'd like to congratulate them both.

Boxes of Hope (Shoebox Appeal)

We collected 32 Boxes of Hope. Your boxes will make such a difference to the children who receive them.

Newsletter Challenge – 2nd December

The current newsletter challenge is to select a tag from Furness Peninsula's Rotary Club Christmas Gift Tree (located at Tesco Extra) and buy a gift for a person who may be alone at Christmas, have no family or is experiencing hardship. Please share a photo of your child/ren with their gift on our 'St Pius X Remote Learning, Challenges and Keeping in Touch' Facebook group by 4pm on **Thursday 2nd December** and use the hashtag **#NewsletterChallenge**. Children will receive 5 ClassDojo points for completing the challenge. Virtual certificates will be presented in the following Monday's assembly.

St Joseph's Children's Home

We raised £130.82 for St Joseph's Children's Home in India. Thank you for your support.

Class Timetables

We have recently updated our class timetables. They can be found here: <https://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/curriculum/timetables>

One-way System

The one-way system is in place to ensure the safety of pupils and parents, as well as ensuring a smooth routine to the beginning and end of the day. We ask that all parents and family members adhere to this system. In addition, we ask that parents and family members do not gather at the back gate. You will be asked to either move up or go around the one-way system. Please do not verbally abuse staff. Unfortunately, we have had a few cases of this recently. Foul language is never appropriate on the school grounds!

Support Staff Day

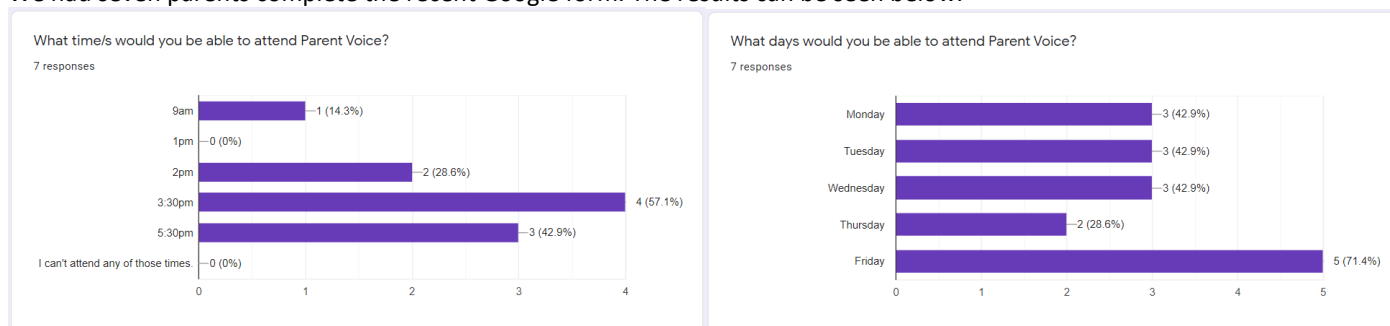
So far this year, we have celebrated World Teachers' Day and National Teaching Assistants' Appreciation Day. On Friday 3rd December, we will be providing a small treat for other support staff (admin, cleaners, caretaker, midday supervisors, kitchen members, etc) in recognition of their hard work. There is no global or national day of celebration, so we have created our own.

House Champions & Top ClassDojo Scorers

Dates for House Champions' movie and popcorn in the hall and the Top ClassDojo Scorers' cinema trip have been added to the Key Dates section of this newsletter. Next Thursday (2nd December) will be the last opportunity to gain ClassDojo points. Any ClassDojo points awarded after this time will be carried over to the spring term. Termly House Champions and this term's Top ClassDojo Scorers will be announced in next week's Celebration Assembly.

Parent Voice – 10th December

We had seven parents complete the recent Google form. The results can be seen below.



Therefore, the new date time for Parent Voice is Friday 10th December at 3:30pm in St Joseph's Cabin. Please sign in at the school office.

Christmas Performance

We will be holding separate performances for the infants (Rec to Y2) and juniors (Y3-Y6), but we have decided to reduce the 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. **In addition, they must wear a mask (unless exempt) and remain seated throughout the performance.**

Infant Performances – **14th December** – 9:30, 14:00 & 18:00

Junior Performances – **15th December** – 9:30, 14:00 & 18:00

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 **for track and trace purposes**. 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. The deadline to purchase tickets is 3rd December at noon. **If we have tickets remaining, we will allow families to purchase additional tickets.**

COVID Symptoms, Tests and Results

IMPORTANT: We ask that parents and carers report all COVID symptoms, tests and results to the school office via telephone. We understand they 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.

Christmas Post Box (Pius Post)

Pius Post is now open for business! The post box is in the hall. Pupils should clearly write the names and classes on the front of each card, for example 'Joe Bloggs (Year 4)' and post them into the post box. Remember to include surnames in case there is more than one child with the same forename in the class. Our School Council will then sort and deliver the cards to each class. Children should not hand their own Christmas cards in class or in the playground.

Food Bank Vouchers

As Christmas is fast approaching, please remember the school can authorise food bank vouchers to struggling families. Please pop and see Mr McGoldrick or the school office staff – both will be happy to assist. Don't struggle this Christmas! This will remain confidential.

Christmas Food Hampers and Children's Gifts

Are you struggling to buy presents for your little ones this Christmas? There is no need to struggle! Mr McGoldrick and Mrs Hurley can make a referral on your behalf to a range of agencies to relieve the pressure. Please drop them a ClassDojo message or speak to them in the playground. This will remain confidential.

Payments, Orders, Permissions, etc.

REMINDER: 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.

Christmas Events

REMINDER: Below is a summary of Christmas events:

30th Nov – Christmas Fayre

3rd Dec – Market Stall @ Barrow Indoor Market 9:00-15:00 – **Choir 13:30**

7th Dec – Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade 18:00-19:30

10th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day (£1)

14th Dec – Infant Nativity

15th Dec – Junior Nativity

15th Dec – Christmas Lunch

16th Dec – Panto @ The Forum

Christmas Jumper Day – 10th December

REMINDER: We are encouraging everyone to get into the festive spirit by wearing a Christmas jumper on Friday 10th 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

REMINDER: 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

The Friends of St Pius X (FOSPX)

Target: £7,000

Current total: £2,685.01

Aim: iPads for Year 2

Next meeting: 13th December @ 3.30pm. Agenda: Spring events.

Raffle & Tombola Prizes

We are still in search of **children's tombola prizes** for our Christmas Fayre. If you can help, please drop them into the school office.

Treat Friday

Treats (chocolate and sweets) will be on sale at the back gate every Friday. All items are 50p.

Christmas Fayre – 30th November

Our annual Christmas Fayre is next Tuesday (30th November) at Pius Hall (next door). It'll take place during the school day and each class will be given a time slot of 30 minutes. Classes will be paired up. Adults are invited to attend between 12noon-1pm but they must leave by 1pm. They are not permitted to be there when the children arrive.

12-1 - Parents/Adults

1-1:30 - Y6 & Reception (buddies)

1:30-2 - Y1 & Y2

2-2:30 - Y3 & Y4

2:30-3 - Y5

Children can bring a maximum of £5 to spend on the day. Please place money in an envelope with your child's name and year group on and pop it in the basket on the way into school. Children will be given their envelopes when they arrive at the hall. Children shouldn't keep money in their bags. There will be several stalls including games, tuck shop and cakes all costing 50p each. Raffle tickets will be on sale for £1 per strip. They will also be available on the back gate at the end of the day too.

Christmas Cards

We are hoping that Christmas Card orders will arrive this week. As soon as they arrive, we will send them home with the children.

Christmas Family Night

We raised £350.60 at our Christmas Family Night. We hope you all had a fabulous night. Thank you for your continued support.

Personalised Water Bottles

REMINDER: Water bottle orders 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

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.

Non-uniform Day – 3rd December

REMINDER: Our next non-uniform will be on **Friday 3rd December**. This is a free event and there will be no charge.

Easy Fundraising

REMINDER: 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

Preloved Christmas Jumpers – 1st December

REMINDER: We are holding a preloved Christmas Jumper stall after school on Wednesday 1st December ahead of the planned Christmas Jumper Day on 10th December. **In addition, the jumpers will also be on sale at the Christmas Fayre along with eco-friendly reindeer dust, reindeer antlers and Santa hats.**

Barrow Market – 3rd December

REMINDER: We will be holding a tombola at Barrow Market (Portland Walk Entrance) on **Friday 3rd December from 9am-3pm**. Please come along and support us. **The choir will be performing outside the Portland Walk entrance at 1:30pm.**