



St Pius X Catholic Primary School & Little Lambs Nursery

Newsletter – Friday 22nd April 2022

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
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28 th April – Y4 Mass	Tues - Homework (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	Y1 – Alfie
28 th April – Y3 Library Visit	- School Council (Y1-Y6) 12-12:30	Y2 – Lincoln
1 st May – National Share a Story Month	- Laudato Si’ Club (Y3-Y6)	Y3 – Luke
2 nd May – Bank Holiday	- Baking Club (Rec-Y2)	Y4 –Danika
3 rd May – National Share a story month	- Y6 Radio Club (Y6)	Y5 –Poppy
3 rd May – 6 th May Y5 Waterpark Residential	- STEM Club (Y3-Y6)	Y6 – Jack
5 th May – Final payment for London	Wed - Choir (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	
5 th May – Y6 Library Visit	- Netball Club (Y3-Y6)	
9 th May – 13 th May – KS2 SATS Y6	- Arts & Crafts (Rec-Y2)	
10 th May – Reception Hearing Screening	Thurs - Lego Club (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	
12 th May – Y3 Mass	- Football Club (Y3-Y6)	
12 th May – Y4 Library Visit	Fri -	
19 th May – Y2 Library Visit	Red = added or altered since previous newsletter	
20 th May – May Procession 1.30pm	Strike out = cancelled	
25 th May – Young Voices		
26 th May – Year 5 Mass		
26 th May – Y1 Library Visit		
27 th May – End of half term		

6 th June – 8.45am return to School	Sent home this week:	
8 th June – Y4 Furness Abbey	• Allergen Information	
8 th June – Y2 Swimming	(IMPORTANT) – Class Dojo	
16 th June – Governors’ Day		
23 rd June – Y6 Mass		
27 th May – 29 th May – Y6 London		
30 th June – Y3 Waterpark		
1 st July – Nursery & Reception		
Williamson Park		
4 th July – Y4 Manchester		
7 th July – Y3 Mass		
11 th July – Y1 & Y2 Lakeland Maize Maze		
20 th July – 1.30pm Finish for Summer		

7 th September – Return to School.		

Attendance	
Reception	93.27
Year 1	98.31
Year 2	100.0
Year 3	99.22
Year 4	89.66
Year 5	100.0
Year 6	91.07
Whole School	96.27

Key:	Top Class	Below 96%	Above 96%
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Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter break! ☺ We have been lucky with the weather and it's nice to be able to access the school field once again for break times, lunch time and sports. In addition, the children have enjoyed accessing the new gym equipment, which was installed over the holidays. It was a nice surprise for the children to return to. Finally, what a great way to end the first week back with a visit from the ice cream van to celebrate the school's 48th birthday.

On a less positive note, we have three classes who have an attendance figure below 96% for the first three days back. I ask parents to work with school to promote positive attendance. If proof of medical appointments is not provided, absences will go down as unauthorised.

Kind regards,
Mr McGoldrick, Headteacher

'Restore all things in Christ'

Years of Service

We would like to congratulate Mrs Clayton on 25 years of service. We surprised her in Celebration Assembly by singing her favourite hymn and presenting her with a gift.

Young Voices

On Thursday 26th May, our school choir will be attending Young Voices in the AO Arena in Manchester. Please see key points below.

- Parents can buy tickets from the following link: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/order-tickets-for-yv2022>

(Please be aware you will need to make your own travel arrangements and will be sitting elsewhere in the arena).

- Children will travel by coach from school departing at approximately 11.30am and will be back at school at approximately 11pm. (We will keep you updated by class Dojo during the journey).

- Please order your child's packed lunch from Lunch Shop and then provide a packed tea for your child on this day.

- On the day of the trip, children may wear own clothes with black leggings/jeans. School will be providing School Choir t-shirts that the children can change into before we leave.

Near Misses in the Carpark

We have had several near misses in the school carpark recently. These have mainly involved children who attend Breakfast Club and After School Club. This is a reminder to use the school path and not the drive and children are not permitted to use scooters or bikes on the school grounds. Last week, a child came straight down the path and into the car park as two cars were reversing. Children should be supervised by an adult at all times and dropped off/collected from St Joseph's Cabin door. We ask that parents keep their children with them at all times and they do not let their child go ahead.

Wear Red Day - Friday 29th April

We have planned a Wear Red Day, in aid of Children's Heart Unit Foundation (www.chuf.org.uk), in support of one of our pupils (please see their story below). Suggested donation of £1.

Crossing

Reminder: We have recently had some near misses reported due to families crossing from the corner nearest Pius Hall towards Ormsgill Lane. This is extremely dangerous. We have had some fatal accidents outside of school in the past. Please cross via the school crossing. We appreciate the fact we do not have a crossing patrol is frustrating. We continue to advertise the role. If you know anyone that may be interested in the role, please ask them to contact Orian Solutions on 01229 586912.

Water Bottles

Reminder: Children should only have fresh water in their water bottles. No juice please. In addition, we have been made aware that several children may have medication in their bottles (e.g. Movicol) – this is not permitted unless an Individual Health Care Plan has been completed with Mrs Hurley. Medical evidence must be provided. Medicated water bottles will be stored separately and out of reach of other children.

Car Park

Reminder: The school car park should only be used by staff and parents dropping off or collecting pupils from Breakfast or After School Club. Everyone else should park on the main road.

Statutory Tests

Reminder:

Y6 SATS – Monday 9th- Thursday 12th May

Y2 SATS – Monday 16th-Thursday 19th May

Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check – Monday 6th-Friday 10th June

Y4 Multiplication Check – Monday 13th-Friday 17th June

It is important that children attend school during the week of the statutory tests. We ask that no holidays or trips are booked during these weeks.

Wear Red Day continued...

Rosie was born with a heart defect called left isomerism, due to her having a very severe heart defect she had to come early and be born in Newcastle RVI. She spent a week in the special baby unit before we could come home. From then on she has had appointments in Newcastle Freeman hospital every three months keeping a close eye on her heart as we were told by the age of three she would have to undergo open heart surgery. While Rosie was a baby her saturation levels were allowed to be lower than a normal child's down to 75.

December 2019 - Rosie's consultant told us that Rosie is going to need her surgery sooner and they she can't wait till she is 3! Rosie was 18 months old when she underwent her first surgery - it was a long day (13/03/2020). Rosie was under for 6 hours. We were told the surgery went well and that she should be waking up soon but that didn't happen. She was very poorly and the doctors couldn't understand why. There was lots of scans and tests done and on 19/03/2020. The doctors told us that were going to take her to cath lab but if they can't find anything there isn't much more they can do for Rosie. Luckily enough, they found that the wall they built in her heart had collapsed, meaning the first surgery had failed so the following day (20/03/2020) Rosie underwent her 2nd surgery her surgery was 12 hours long and she came out on a machine called ECMO working her heart and lungs. From then on, Rosie had weekly trips to theatre and had a tracheostomy inserted. She was very poorly. We were told she may not walk again. Rosie was locked in her self for a while, she had to learn to move her hands, roll, sit up, crawl and to even walk and speak again. We spent 9 months in Newcastle Freeman hospital and we still have trips to the Freeman every three months keeping a close eye on her heart lungs and pace maker. Rosie was a true heart warrior and she continues to keep fighting strong as ever.

Rosie's Mum