



St Pius X Catholic Primary School & Little Lambs Nursery

Newsletter – Friday 29th April 2022

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs
1 st May – National Share a Story Month	Mon -	Rec – Teddy
2 nd May – Bank Holiday	Tues - Homework (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	Y1 – George
3 rd May – National Share a Story Month	- School Council (Y1-Y6) 12-12:30	Y2 – Completed
3 rd May – 6 th May Y5 Waterpark Residential	- Laudate Si’ Club (Y3-Y6)	Y3 – Myannah
5 th May – FOSPX Coffee Morning – 9am	- Baking Club (Rec-Y2)	Y4 – Archie
5 th May – Final payment for London	- Y6 Radio Club (Y6)	Y5 – (Water Park)
5 th May – Y6 Library Visit	- STEM Club (Y3-Y6)	Y6 – Caira
6 th May – FOSPX Non-uniform (£1)	Wed - Choir (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	
9 th May – 13 th May – KS2 SATS Y6	- Netball Club (Y3-Y6)	
10 th May – Reception Hearing Screening	- Arts & Crafts (Rec-Y2)	
11 th May – Phonics Screening Check Parent Meeting – 3.15pm	Thurs - Lego Club (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30	
11 th May – Year 2 SATs Parent Meeting – 3.45pm	- Football Club (Y3-Y6)	
12 th May – FOSPX Meeting 1.30pm	Fri -	
12 th May – Y3 Mass	Red = added or altered since previous newsletter	
12 th May – Y4 Library Visit	Strike out = cancelled	
19 th May – Y2 Library Visit		
20 th May – May Procession 1.30pm	Sent home this week:	
26 th May – Young Voices	• Allergen Information (IMPORTANT) – Class Dojo	
26 th May – Year 5 Mass	• Cyclewise – Bikeability (Y5) – Class Dojo	
26 th May – Y1 Library Visit	• Gospel Value of the Month – Class Dojo	
26 th May – FOSPX Meeting 1.30pm	• Barrow AFC Tickets – Class Dojo	
27 th May – End of half term	• Year 3 Water Park – Class Dojo	

6 th June – 8.45am return to School		
7 th June – Bags2School Drop-off @ School		
8 th June – Bags2School Collection		
8 th June – Y4 Furness Abbey		
8 th June – Y2 Swimming		
9 th June – FOSPX Meeting 1.30pm		
16 th June – Governors’ Day		
16 th June – Corpus Christi – Whole School Procession		
17 th June – Sports Day		
20 th – 24 th June – Y5 Cyclewise		
20 th June – FOSPX Meeting 1.30pm		
21 st June – New Parents’ Meeting 6.00pm		
23 rd June – Y6 Mass		
24 th June – Final Payment Yr1 & Y2 Trip		
24 th June – World Record Skipping Attempt		
24 th June – Summer Fayre		
24 th June – Pius Calling		
26 th June – First Holy Communion 11am		
27 th June – 29 th June – Y6 London		
30 th June – Y3 Waterpark		
1 st July – Nursery & Reception Williamson Park		
1 st July – FOSPX Non-uniform (£1)		
4 th July – Y4 Manchester		
5 th July – Move Up day		
7 th July – Y3 Mass		
8 th July – Reserve Sports Day		
11 th July – Y1 & Y2 Lakeland Maize Maze		
14 th July – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly @ 2pm		
14 th July – Y6 Leavers’ Awards Ceremony 6-8pm		
15 th July – Y6 Water fight		
20 th July – 1.30pm Finish for Summer		

7 th September – Return to School.		

Attendance			
Reception	92.69		
Year 1	94.67		
Year 2	91.67		
Year 3	97.81		
Year 4	92.07		
Year 5	97.31		
Year 6	92.14		
Whole School	94.7		

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

Headteacher's Message

It was yet again another busy week at St Pius X. It's hard to believe the final term of the school year is already upon us. The summer term is always a busy time in school with trips, residential, sports day, fayres, leavers' events... the list goes on. We have planned as many dates in the diary as possible, but please do keep checking the key dates section at the top of the newsletter each week.

I had the pleasure of meeting the Friends of St Pius X trustees to put some dates in the diary (please see below) and I am pleased to say that Pius Calling will be returning, hopefully, bigger and better than before. However, we need your help! We currently have a fabulous, but small, group of trustees and volunteers. The Summer Fayre and Pius Calling takes a lot of organising to make them a success. Therefore, we have planned in four meetings, dedicated to these events (see key dates), and we would urge all members of the school community to attend and volunteer their services.

Finally, what an amazing end to the week as the whole school dressed up in red to support one of our nursery pupils, Rosie, and raise money for the Children's Heart Unit Foundation (CHUF). She was even brave enough to stand up in assembly as her story was shared. We raised £131.30 for the charity. Events like this are what make St Pius X a special school. What a family!

Kind regards,
Mr McGoldrick, Headteacher

New and Returning Teaching Assistants

We are pleased to welcome Miss Everett and Mrs Manoharan to the team, initially on a temporary basis. A warm welcome to them both. In addition, Miss Haslam has decided to return to St Pius X. She couldn't stay away! We are delighted she has decided to return.

Congratulations

We'd like to congratulate Miss Broadbent who has secured herself a full-time job in another local school. She has been an asset during her time with us. Unfortunately, we aren't in a position to offer her a full-time post. Our loss is definitely their gain. She will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish her the best of luck.

London Payment Deadline

The deadline to pay the total cost for the London residential is Thursday 5th May. Please log into Lunchshop and pay any remaining balance.

Move Up Day – 5th July

Move Up Day will take place on Tuesday 5th July. Children will spend the day in their new classes and meet their teachers. Year 6 will spend Monday 5th and Tuesday 5th July at their allocated secondary schools.

Year 6 Leavers' Events

Mass - TBC

Assembly – 14th July at 2pm

Awards Ceremony (pupils only) – 14th July, 6pm-8pm

Water Fight (pupils only) – 15th July at 2.15pm

Phonics Screening Check Parents Meeting – 11th May

We will be holding a meeting for Year 1 parents on Wednesday 11th May straight after school (3.15pm) in Year 1. We would encourage all parents to attend.

Year 2 SATs Parents Meeting – 11th May

We will be holding a meeting for Year 2 parents on Wednesday 11th May at 3.45pm. We would encourage all parents to attend. Please sign in at the school office.

VIP & Marvellous Merit Jumpers

We have several VIP and Marvellous Merit jumpers missing. Please return them to the school office, if you have any at home.

SATs Breakfast Club

Year 2 & Year 6 SATs are fast approaching. Children are invited to attend a breakfast club from 8.15am during the week they sit their SATs. The children have worked extremely hard in preparing for their SATs.

September Nursery Spaces - Only One Space Left

Our amazing nursery only has one 3 year old place left for September! If you have not already applied, please call 01229 828406! Please share with friends and family.

Incorrect Uniform

We have several pupils that don't have the correct footwear for school. Footwear should be **plain black** shoes or trainers (not boots). In addition, we ask that children don't wear sandals for health and safety reason. As part of our uniform policy, incorrect footwear will be changed to plimsols, and children will change back at the end of the day. We appreciate that some families may be struggling financially, so if you need support don't hesitate to get in touch.

School Uniform

Please make yourself familiar with the school uniform policy available on our website before purchasing uniform for next year. Please note that only one set of **stud earrings** are permitted. Trainers are not permitted as part of the school uniform unless they are all black. <https://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

Pastoral Pod

We are in the process of converting our Pod into a Pastoral Pod. The Pastoral Pod will be used for Play Therapy, SERIS (social and emotional resilience in schools), emotional literacy, time to talk, time to relax and much more. It'll even have its own sensory corner. We can't wait for the rest of our deliveries to arrive so we can complete the space.

Sports Day – 17th June

Sports Day will take place on Friday 17th June. Infants will take place in the morning and juniors in the afternoon. The reserve date is Friday 8th July.

First Holy Communion

Please see the dates for future preparation sessions below. Each session will be held at St Mary's Church at 6pm, where we will celebrate Mass. Follow up session will then take place in school. Mass attendance is compulsory!

Dates for First Holy Communion preparation are as follows:

Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd May

Monday 6th, 13th and 20th June

The children will make their First Holy Communion on **Sunday 26th June**.

Near Misses in the Carpark

Reminder: 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. 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.

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.

The Friends of St Pius X (FOSPX)

Target: TBC **Current total:** 0 **Aim:** TBC

Next meeting: 12th May @ 1.30pm. **Agenda:** Pius Calling

We are starting with a balance of £0 as all money previously raised went towards the Year 2 iPads and charging trolley.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning in St Joseph's Cabin on the first Thursday of each month. Coffee and tea will be 50p each. FREE BISCUITS! Come along for a brew and chat. It is an informal event with no agenda. Second-hand uniform will be available to purchase at bargain prices. Drop your child off at their classroom / playground and then head to the cabin. It will be lovely to see you.

Non-uniform – 6th May

We will be reintroducing non-uniform days on the first Friday of each month. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 per child. The next non-uniform will be Friday 6th May.

Freeze Pop Friday

We will be selling freeze pops on the back gate every Friday during the summer term. Freeze pops will be 50p each.

Pius Calling – 24th June

Pius Calling is returning on Friday 24th June. Save the date! More information to follow. We are on the lookout for local singers. Please spread the word.

Summer Fayre – 24th June

We will be holding our Summer Fayre on Friday 24th June (during the school day). More information to follow.

School Camp – 19th July

Save the date! More information to follow.

Jubilee Family Night – 20th May

We will be holding a Jubilee themed family night in the school hall on Friday 20th May. More information to follow.

Carboot – Thursday 2nd June

We will be holding a carboot on the Thursday of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend on the school field. Save the date and spread the word! More information to follow.

Bag2School – 8th June

Once again, we will be doing a Bag2School collection to raise funds for school. Leaflets were sent home last term. School receives a fee per kg weighed in! Please use any bag and drop off at the school entrance the day before (7th June).

Adult 5-a-side Football Competition – 19th July

Save the date! More information to follow.

We Need You!

We have several meetings scheduled in order to plan the Summer Fayre and Pius Calling and ensure it is a huge success. Both events are an opportunity to celebrate being able to come back together as a whole school community. The meetings will take place on **Thursday 12th May, Thursday 26th May, Thursday 9th June and Monday 20th June**. All meetings will take place in school at **1:30pm until the end of the school day**.

Bag2School Collection continued...

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material