



St Pius X Catholic Primary School & Little Lambs Nursery

Newsletter – Friday 3rd November 2023

Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs																							
<p>6 Nov – Parents’ Evening 1/2</p> <p>8 Nov – Parents’ Evening 2/2</p> <p>8 Nov – Y5 & Y6 Drug & Alcohol Information Talk</p> <p>9 Nov – Reception to Visit the Library</p> <p>9 Nov – Y5&6 Remembrance Day Assembly</p> <p>13 Nov-20 Nov – Sponsored Read</p> <p>13 Nov-17 Nov – Book Fair</p> <p>14 Nov – World Diabetes Day – Wear Blue</p> <p>15 Nov – Red Wednesday (Aid to the Church in Need)</p> <p>15 Nov – Bags2School Collection</p> <p>16 Nov – Love Your Library Year 5 8.25am</p> <p>16 Nov – Year 3 Mass</p> <p>16 Nov – Year 3 Library Visit</p> <p>16 Nov – Year 1 Class Assembly</p> <p>17 Nov – St Joseph’s/Red Wednesday (Wear Red)</p> <p>23 Nov – Y4 Beamish trip</p> <p>23 Nov – Love your Library Year 6 8.25am</p> <p>23 Nov – Year 2 Class Assembly</p> <p>23 Nov – Reception Hearing Screening</p> <p>24 Nov – FOSPX Non-Uniform (Raffle & Tombola Prizes)</p> <p>27 Nov – Reception Hearing Screening</p> <p>27 Nov-8 Dec – ASSESSMENT FORTNIGHT</p> <p>30 Nov – Year 3 Class Assembly</p> <p>30 Nov – Year 6 Mass</p> <p>3 Dec – Family Mass @ St Mary’s</p> <p>6 Dec – Advent Family Workshop 3:30pm</p> <p>7 Dec – Year 4 Class Assembly</p> <p>7 Dec – Year 6 Enrichment Day Furness College</p> <p>7 Dec – FOSPX Christmas Fayre</p> <p>12 Dec – Infant Nativity 9:30-10:30</p> <p>12 Dec – Infant Nativity 5-6</p> <p>13 Dec – Whole School Jack and the Beanstalk Panto @ The Forum (am)</p> <p>14 Dec – Junior Nativity 9:30-10:30</p> <p>14 Dec – Junior Nativity 5-6</p> <p>15 Dec – End of Term Mass 10:45</p> <p>18 Dec – Infant Christmas Party (am)</p> <p>18 Dec – Junior Christmas Party (pm)</p> <p>18 Dec – End of Term (3:25 Finish)</p> <p>18 Dec – Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade</p>	<p>Mon - Guitar (Y3-6) 3:15-4:15 PAID</p> <p style="color: red;">- Football Club (Y1&2) PAID</p> <p>- Art & Crafts (Rec-Y2)</p> <p>- Laudato Si’ (Y3-6)</p> <p>Tues - Netball Club (Y3-Y6)</p> <p>Wed - Gymnastics (Y1&2)</p> <p>- Gymnastics (Y3&4)</p> <p>- STEM (Y3-Y6)</p> <p>Thurs - Librarians (Y6) 8-8:45</p> <p>- Choir (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30</p> <p>- Wellbeing (Y3-Y6)</p> <p>- Radio (Y6) 12:15-12:45</p> <p>- Football (Y3-Y6)</p> <p>Fri - Homework (Y3-Y6) 12-12:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term Dates 2023/24</p> <p>Autumn – Wed 6th Sept-Mon 18th Dec</p> <p>Spring – Thurs 4th Jan-Thurs 28th Mar</p> <p>Half-term – Mon 12th Feb-Fri 16th Feb</p> <p>Summer – Tues 16th Apr-Fri 19th July</p> <p>Half-term – Mon 27th May-Fri 31st May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bank Holidays:</p> <p>Good Friday – 29th March</p> <p>Easter Monday – 1st April</p> <p>Early May – 6th May</p> <p>Red = added or altered since previous newsletter</p> <p>Strike out = cancelled</p> <p>Sent home this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Holy Communion Date • Gospel Values – Truth Newsletter • Oracy Tree • Bag 2 School 	<p>Rec - Leon</p> <p>Y1 – Kaleb</p> <p>Y2 –Ted</p> <p>Y3 – Sam</p> <p>Y4 – Isaac</p> <p>Y5 – Violet</p> <p>Y6 – Sean</p> <p>Family members are invited to attend Celebration Assembly on a Friday at 9:05am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This week’s Marvellous Merit Dakota (Y6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This week’s House Champions St Patrick St P= 2, St A=1, St G=1, St D=2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Week’s Attendance</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #c8e6c9;">Nursery -1</td><td>96.79%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #c8e6c9;">Nursery -2</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #c8e6c9;">Reception</td><td>96.43%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #ffcdd2;">Year 1</td><td>91.67%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #c8e6c9;">Year 2</td><td>96.62%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #fff9c4;">Year 3</td><td>97.98%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #ffcdd2;">Year 4</td><td>95.52%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #c8e6c9;">Year 5</td><td>97.77%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #c8e6c9;">Year 6</td><td>96.67%</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #c8e6c9;">Whole School</td><td>96.15</td></tr> </table> <p>Key: <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #fff9c4;">Top Class</td><td style="background-color: #ffcdd2;">Below 96%</td><td style="background-color: #c8e6c9;">Above 96%</td></tr> </table></p>	Nursery -1	96.79%	Nursery -2	100%	Reception	96.43%	Year 1	91.67%	Year 2	96.62%	Year 3	97.98%	Year 4	95.52%	Year 5	97.77%	Year 6	96.67%	Whole School	96.15	Top Class	Below 96%	Above 96%
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General News:

FOSPX Non-Uniform – 24th November



Fundraising for the Friends of St Pius X

<p>NON UNIFORM DAY</p> <p>FRIDAY 24th November</p>	<p>Please bring an item using your child's house colour (Red, Blue, Yellow or Green) which will allow us to make up colourful Christmas hampers!</p> <p>This can be sweets or biscuits, toiletries or a candle! Any small new item you can spare.</p> <p>Any other donations suitable for a raffle will be gratefully received!</p>
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Reminders:

Term Dates - IMPORTANT

Please note that we will finish a day earlier than planned at the end of term to allow for staff training. Term will now end on Monday 18th December at 3:25pm.

Christmas Performances – 12th & 14th December

It's that time of year again! The infants and juniors will each hold two performances (on the same day). This is to accommodate as many audience members as possible – we don't want any disappointed parents. Each sitting will have a limit of 120 tickets. Tickets will initially be limited to 2 per child and will cost £1 each to cover licence fees, costumes and any remaining money will go towards to cost of the Panto. More details will follow on the next newsletter.

Infant Performances – 12th December – 9:30am & 5:00pm

Junior Performances – 14th December – 9:30am & 5:00pm

World Diabetes Day – Blue for Diabetes Day – 14th November

On Tuesday 14th November children are invited to dress up in Blue for World Diabetes Day. We ask for a small donation. All donations will go to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). On the day, the children will attend a whole school assembly and complete activities based around Type 1 diabetes. Donations can be made via School Hub or placed in the bucket in the morning.

Children in Need/St Joseph's Children's Home/Red Wednesday – 17th November

We recognise that Children in Need is a national event, and many children and families want to take part in their fundraising activities. However, when giving money to a large body like Children in Need, children do not always see how the funds they raise benefit other people. As a Catholic school, we are encouraged to look for Catholic charities that support similar aims to national charities and provide resources to help children understand charitable giving as part of the Catholic character of our school. As a Catholic school, we teach about charity as a virtue, a habit we want to develop because it makes for rounded individuals. We encourage children to fundraise not just for fun, but because their charitable gifts help to make the world a better place for others. Therefore, instead of raising money for Children in Need, we will raise funds for St Joseph's Children's Home in India. The children's home (church and school) was set up by Fr Ajish (our Assistant Priest). Fr Ajish and parishioners visit St Joseph's on a regular basis and pupils will be able to see the impact their fundraising and charitable gifts have on the children's lives – children who are less fortunate than them. Photographs and videos will be shared with our pupils. Children can come to school in non-uniform and make donations via the bucket or School Hub. Children are asked to wear the colour red as it is often worn to celebrate St Joseph's feast day