



# **St Pius X Catholic Primary School & Little Lambs Nursery**

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**Newsletter – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

## 'Restore all things in Christ'

<p>23 April – Year 3 Furness Abbey</p> <p><b>23 April – Bags to School collection</b></p> <p>23 April – Baby &amp; Toddler Group</p> <p>23 April – Bags to School Collection 8am</p> <p><b>29 Apr – Session 6 First Holy Communion</b></p> <p><b>6pm</b></p> <p>3 May – FOSPX Sponsored Run/Walk</p> <p>6 May – FOSPX Car Boot Sale 9.30am</p> <p><b>6 May – Session 7 First Holy Communion</b></p> <p><b>6pm</b></p> <p>7 May – Year 5 Residential Water Park</p> <p>12 May – First Holy Communion 11am</p> <p>17 May – Numeracy Day</p> <p>24 May – Sports Day (TBC)</p> <p>24 May – London Final Payment Y6</p>		
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<b>General News:</b>	
<p><b>Swimming</b> Year 3 will be swimming next half term.</p> <p><b>World Book Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> This year the theme is Diversity so we are all reading 'Mixed' by Arree Chung. "This is a funny, vibrantly illustrated tale that celebrates individual differences and talents and has an inspiring message about understanding, acceptance and peaceful co-existence." On the day we will share the book and then the children will participate in activities such as poetry writing and performance, singing, and art. <u>We ask that your child comes dressed head to toe in one colour on the day.</u> This will then be the colour they are known as all day. Face paint is allowed if you wish.</p> <p><b>Attendance</b> Our attendance continues to be below national figures and our school is being monitored by our Trust. We ask for your support in improving attendance by sending your child to school on a daily basis, where possible.</p> <p><b>Attendance - Action Plans</b> All pupils with an attendance of less than 90%, unless there is a valid medical reason with medical evidence, have been placed on an action plan. Letters and action plans have been shared with parents via ClassDojo.</p> <p><b>Attendance - Welfare Visits</b> We recently reviewed attendance for pupils with attendance below 80% and after half term we will be reviewing attendance for pupils with an attendance between 80-90%. Where attendance has not improved and absences continue, we have a statutory duty of care to the child. Therefore, we will be carrying out home visits. We ask that parents do not take offence to this, and invite us into their home. Once we have had sight of the child/ren and have spoken to parents we will be on our way.</p> <p><b>Parking</b> We recently received an email from an upset local resident. Parking access to their home (and other residents) in St Francis Garden is blocked on a regular basis. On a few occasions the resident has reported that they have been screamed at and verbally abused. The wording in their complaint was, 'All of this behaviour reflects badly on the school and such behaviour does not correspond with the school's ethos.' Therefore, please remember to park safely, politely and respectfully. If needed, park a little further away from school where there is more space and walk with your child to school. If you are local, we would encourage you to walk, rather than drive to school. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.</p>	<p><b>School Lunches</b> Please remember to order a lunch for your child on School Hub before 9.30am. We regularly have children without a lunch ordered. If you have any problems, please ring the school office.</p> <p><b>Behaviour – 1, 2, 3</b> At St Pius X, we pride ourselves on good behaviour. In a recent assembly, we discussed our whole school 1, 2, 3 strategy and with the children's help we have made a few improvements to ensure consistency across the school. We had children model it at the front and the other children marked them out of 10. Our updated 1, 2, 3 strategy can be found on ClassDojo and on our school Facebook page.</p> <p><b>Dogs</b> This is a polite reminder that dogs are NOT allowed on school grounds, even if carried.</p> <p><b>ClassDojo Rewards</b> Before Christmas, we consulted with parents about ClassDojo rewards. Staff have now discussed and agreed consistent rewards (available to view on ClassDojo and our Facebook page) that have been pushed out to all classes.</p> <p><b>School Catering Contract</b> Recently, our Trust went out to tender for a new catering contractor. As a result, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, the school will be changing its catering provider from the current supplier to Caterlink. As part of the change, we will be moving our cashless payment system to a new provider called Schoolcomms. The system used to order food will also change to a system called Cypad (part of Schoolcomms). During the coming weeks, information and set up instructions will be sent to you in anticipation of the move. Any credit balances in the account for your child on 31st March will be carried over into the new system on April 1st. Any balances that are outstanding must be settled before transferring over to the new system.</p> <p><b>SEND Coffee Morning</b> The next meeting will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9:15-10:30am. We will be joined by Mollie Denning, an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) coordinator, who will talk parents through the EHCP process and what to expect from EHCP reviews, Mr McGoldrick will also provide a short input on ADHD following some recent training and Mrs Hurley will talk about school referrals.</p> <p><b>Menu Change</b> On Monday 19th February the menu shows mac and cheese, however, the kitchen has informed us this will be changed to tomato pasta. Other options are available as usual.</p> <p><b>First Holy Communion</b> Our First Holy Communion classes will begin after half term for those children who are baptised Catholic. The first one will be in the parish</p>

<p><b>Year 3 Staffing Update</b> After half-term, Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Charlesworth in the mornings and Mrs Crellin in the afternoons.</p> <p><b>Staff Cover</b> All staff have one afternoon out class per week for planning, preparation and assessment. These sessions will be covered by:</p> <p>Nursery – Mrs Ross Reception – Mrs Ross Year 1 – Mrs Ross Year 2 – Mr McGoldrick Year 3 – N/A Year 4 – Mrs Charlesworth Year 5 – Mrs Charlesworth Year 6 – Mrs Charlesworth</p>	<p>centre on 19th February at 6.30pm and will be for parents to register their child for the programme. There will be a short talk from Fr Manny about what to expect from the next few weeks and a chance to ask any questions you may have. Our date for First Holy Communion is 12 May 2024, 11am at St Mary's, Duke St. Please make every effort to attend. We look forward to beginning this next journey with your child.</p>
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<b>Reminders:</b>	
<p><b>Contact Details</b> If your contact details have changed (phone numbers, address, contacts, etc), please ring the school office to update.</p> <p><b>Prompt Collection</b> Parents are reminded that school finishes at 3:25pm and children must be collected promptly. Staff have meetings and extra-curricular clubs to get to. If your child is not collected by 3:35pm then they will be placed in After School Club and a charge of £3 per child will be applied to your School Hub account. If collected after 4pm then the full charge of £5.50 will be applied.</p> <p><b>Staff Well-being – Emails and ClassDojo</b> We are lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic staff team. Therefore, we are keen to ensure we protect our staff and look after their well-being. We are encouraging teachers to only access emails and ClassDojo between the hours of 7.30am and 5.30pm (week days and term time only). Support staff are contracted differently and are not expected to respond to emails and ClassDojo outside of their working hours. Therefore, we ask parents to be respect this and not expect an immediate response. We ask you to consider the day and time before contacting staff on ClassDojo or via email.</p>	<p><b>Breakfast Club Drop Off &amp; After School Collection</b> Breakfast Club starts at 7:30am - do not arrive any earlier as staff are not employed until that time. After School Club finishes at 5:30pm promptly. Staff are contracted until this time. If children are collected later than 5:30pm then a late collection charge of £4 per child will be added to School Hub to cover additional staff costs.</p> <p><b>Free School Meals</b> If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please follow the link below. All children in the infants (Reception to Year 2) are entitled to Universal Free School Meals but it is important for other funding that you apply for Free School Meals if you are entitled. This will entitle parents for support towards school trips, residential as well as a uniform grant. <a href="https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers">https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers</a></p> <p><b>Parking on Zigzag Lines</b> Under no circumstances should any parents stop on the zigzag lines at the front of school to drop their children off. The zigzag lines are there to keep your children safe.</p>

<b>The Friends of St Pius X (FOSPX)</b>			
<b>Target:</b> £10,000-15,000	<b>Current total:</b> £2785.07	<b>Aim:</b> Outdoor Classroom (to replace Band Stand)	<b>Next meeting:</b> Date and time TBC <b>Agenda:</b> Spring Events
<b>5p Challenge</b>			<b>Save the Dates</b>
Thank you so much for helping us raise a staggering £456.00 from 5ps.			Treat Friday - Every Friday at the end of the school day. All items 50p.
Here are the totals for the 5p challenge. Well done everyone.			Non-Uniform (House Colour Hamper Donations) - Friday 15th March
Nursery - £ 36.60			Easter Competition (Decorate an Egg) - To be brought in on Friday 22nd
Reception - £127.75			March and will be judged on Monday 25th March at the Easter Fayre
Year 1 - £ 50.70			Easter Fayre/Market - Monday 25th March 3:30pm-5:30pm
Year 2 - £ 79.75			Furness Peninsula Rotary Event - Tuesday 26th March 1:45pm-3:15pm
Year 3 - £ 46.80			Easter Bunny Visit (Free) - Thursday 28th March (am)
Year 4 - £ 44.85			Car Boot Sale - Monday 1st April - Cars from 9:30am & Browsers from
Year 5 - £ 38.90			10am
Year 6 - £ 30.65			Inflatable Fun Day - Monday 15th April 1pm-3pm (INSET Day)
Grand Total = £456.00			Bag2School - Tuesday 23rd April 8am
<b>Coniston to Barrow (C2B)</b>			Non-Uniform (raffle and tombola prizes) - Friday 19th April
This year, we are entering a school team for the Coniston to Barrow walk on 11th May. If you are not familiar with what the walk entails, then it is a 21 mile walk (can vary slightly year to year) from Coniston Sports Club to Hawcoat Park, Barrow. The event raises money for local charities, including The Friends of St Pius X. There is no minimum age for the C2B and children are more than welcome in our team. We just ask that they are supported by an adult (a requirement for children under 12). When you register a child, you'll be asked to complete parental consent too. If you're interested in joining our team, please contact us and we'll add you to our C2B group where			Family Night (theme TBC) - Friday 26th April 6pm-8:30pm
			Sponsored Walk/Run - Friday 3rd May 1pm-3pm
			Car Boot Sale - Monday 6th May - Cars from 9:30am (£5) & Browsers from 10am (50p)
			Sports' Day (Refreshments) - Friday 24th May
			Car Boot Sale - Monday 27th May - Cars from 9:30am (£5) & Browsers from 10am (50p)
			Non-Uniform (House Colour Hamper Donations) - Friday 21st June
			Summer Fayre - Friday 28th June 1:30pm-4pm
			Pius Calling - Friday 28th June 5:30pm-8:30pm

you can send us your walker ID. We also use the group to keep everyone up to date. If you walked before, you just need to login and get you walker ID. If you haven't walked before you'll need to register at: <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/user/register/>

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School Camp/Field Games Night - TBC  
Bounce Fest - Monday 22nd July - Time TBC  
Car Boot Sale - Monday 26th August - Cars from 9:30am (£5) & Browsers from 10am (50p)