

# St Pius X Catholic Primary School

## & Little Lambs Nursery



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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs																		
<p>29<sup>th</sup> Mar-1<sup>st</sup> Apr – Active Travel Week 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – Lap of Honour – Shine Charity 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – Non-uniform (£1 Donation) 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – Sponsored Reading Sponsorship Money Deadline 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – End of Term 1.25pm/1.30pm</p> <p><b>Easter Holidays</b> 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> Apr - Children Return to School 19<sup>th</sup> Apr – Reception Inspiring Infants 20<sup>th</sup> Apr – FOSPX Meeting 1.15pm 20<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y3 Swimming 21<sup>st</sup> Apr – Bags2School Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Deadline for London (Final Payment) 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Y5&amp;6 Cricket 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Celebration Assembly 2.55pm 26<sup>th</sup> Apr – Reception Inspiring Infants 26<sup>th</sup> Apr – EYFS &amp; KS1 Story Time with Barrow Library 10am 27<sup>th</sup> Apr – FOSPX Trustees’ Annual Report Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y3 Swimming 29<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y5&amp;6 Cricket 30<sup>th</sup> Apr - Celebration Assembly 2.55pm</p>	<p>Mon - Tues - Writing Club (Selected Groups) Wed - Writing Club (Selected Groups) Thurs - Fri -</p> <p>Red = added or altered since previous newsletter Strike-out = cancelled</p> <p><b>Sent home this week:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Gill’s Retirement Letter</li> </ul>	<p>Rec – Noah &amp; Penni-Jean Y1 – George &amp; Parker Y2 – Evie &amp; Cole Y3 – Indie-Bliss &amp; Brooklyn Y4 – Skyla &amp; Emily Y5 – Lacey-Mae &amp; Mason Y6 – Amy</p> <p>Staff – Mrs Gomersall &amp; Mrs Mulholland</p> <p><b>House Champions</b> St P=0, St A=1, St G=2, St D=4 This fortnight’s house champions are: 1st - St David's 478 points 2nd - St Patrick's 460 points 3rd - St George's 441 points 3rd - St Andrew's 441 points</p> <p><b>Attendance</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Attendance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td>98.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td>94.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td>97.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td>99.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 4</td> <td>99.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 5</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 6</td> <td>95.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Whole School</b></td> <td><b>96.96</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Attendance	Reception	98.0	Year 1	94.07	Year 2	97.12	Year 3	99.19	Year 4	99.1	Year 5	0.0	Year 6	95.6	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.96</b>
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### Headteacher’s Message

The end of term is in sight and I think it is fair to say that everyone is ready for a break!

It was lovely to be able to welcome the Reception bubble back sooner than anticipated and we are looking forward to having the Year 5 and Bus bubbles back from Monday. It is their last day of isolating today. Enjoy your freedom (safely) this weekend.

This week was assessment week, and I would like to congratulate the children on the way they applied and conducted themselves. The data from the assessments will allow us to deliver targeted support for our pupils in the Summer term.

Finally, it was lovely visiting each bubble today to see their green books and celebrate the piece of work the pupils were proudest of producing during lockdown. Well done!

Mr Kevin McGoldrick, Headteacher

*‘Restore all things in Christ’*

# PLEASE NOTE THAT CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT

## Early Finish Times – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Please remember, we finish at 1.25pm (Nursery to Year 4) and 1.30pm (Year 5 and Year 6) on the last day of term.

## Sunday's Gospel - Mark 11: 1 – 10

Next week is Holy Week, and our Lent adventure is coming to an end. We would encourage children and their families to look back over how they tried to live more lovingly during Lent and, secondly, make their final preparations for Easter by saying sorry.

*"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

## Government Road Map – Step 1a & 1b

We are currently at Step 1a of the government's four-step road map and will be moving to Step 1b from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March (see below).

HM Government

### STEP 1

8 MARCH

EDUCATION	BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES	SOCIAL CONTACT	LARGER EVENTS	TRAVEL
Schools and colleges open for all students Practical Higher Education courses	Wraparound care, including after school sports, to enable parents to work	Exercise and recreation with your household or one other person in a public outdoor place e.g. picnic or coffee  Household only indoors  Care home residents in England can nominate a single named visitor for regular visits	Funerals (30 people)  Weddings and wakes (6 people)	Stay at home  No domestic or international holidays

COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021

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### STEP 1

29 MARCH

BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES	SOCIAL CONTACT	TRAVEL
Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)  Outdoor sport and leisure facilities  All outdoor children's activities  Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s)	Rule of 6 or two households outdoors  Household only indoors	Minimise travel  No domestic or international holidays

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## Gospel Values Newsletter

This month's core Gospel Value newsletter on Forgiveness can be found at: <https://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/catholic-life/gospel-values>

## Sponsored Read Sponsorship Money – 1<sup>st</sup> April

Thank you for taking part in the Sponsored Read. We are excited to hopefully buy lots of new non-fiction books for our Library. We have loved seeing all your videos and photos. We hope everyone enjoyed taking part. Please return all sponsor forms and sponsorship money by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

### **New Building Progress**

The new building is starting to take shape. We are really pleased with the progress. We are hoping it might be completed by the end of the Easter holidays (all being well).

### **Celebration Assembly – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

Next week, Celebration Assembly will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1.10pm** to celebrate the end of another term, albeit another strange one. In addition to our Merits and Newsletter Challengers, we will be announcing: Top Class Attenders, 100% Attendance (isolation and bubble closures will not go against attendance figures), Termly House Champions and Top Class Dojo Scorers.

### **Newsletter Challenge**

The newsletter challenge is to take part in letter writing project. P.G. Bell (author) is working with the postal museum and The National Lottery Trust to help future children learn about the impacts of Coronavirus 2020. Children are required to write a letter to a child in 2030! A selection of the letters will be chosen to be displayed in the exhibition. The link below will provide more information. The challenge will continue over the Easter holidays. Please share a photo on our 'St Pius X Remote Learning, Challenges and Keeping in Touch' Facebook group by **4pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** and use the hashtag **#newsletterchallenge**. Children will receive 5 Class Dojo points and a Merit Certificate for completing the challenge. Certificates will be presented in assembly.

<https://usborne.com/gb/kidsof2020?organiserCode=cdd4c566d7eccae9ba6c5070b842503d>

### **Up to date Contact Details**

It is vital that we have your most up to date contact details, so we can reach you in an emergency. Please inform the School Office if any of your contact details change, including telephone numbers and addresses. In addition, we also ask for two alternative emergency contacts, in the event that we are unable to reach you. If you are unsure whether your contact details are up to date, please ring the School Office to check.

### **Parents' Evening – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Parents' evenings will take place on **Monday 10th May and Tuesday 11th May**, via telephone consultations. Appointments can be made by contacting the School Office. The deadline to make an appointment is **12noon on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. On this occasion, there will be no written reports. The meeting will be a discussion about how your child has settled back into school after the most recent lockdown and we can do to help them move forward. Parents are reminded they are only allowed to book an appointment slot for their own child/ren. Please note that teachers will ring from a withheld number.

### **School Lunches – 29<sup>th</sup> March Onwards**

If your child's lunch is not ordered on time (by 9.30am each day), we will only be able to offer them a sandwich **from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March onwards**. Hot options will not be available. Please check your Lunch Shop account to see if you have ordered your child's lunches for next week. Lunch Shop cancelled some orders last week, due to bubble closures and an error with the online menu.

### **Active Travel Week – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

We are working in association with Furness School Games as part of an Active Schools Celebration. We will be celebrating how we weave physical activity into the school day. This week we have been monitoring and celebrating how we participate in physical activity within the curriculum. This is excluding PE lessons. As of the **29<sup>th</sup> of March**, we will be taking part in 'Active Travel Week'. We encourage you all to find alternative, physically active ways of travelling to school where possible. We would also love it if you could take photographs of your journey and post them on our social media pages and groups, highlighting and celebrating the love of physical activity here at St Pius X. Thanks, Mr Bolton

### **Assistant Headteacher Vacancy**

An exciting leadership opportunity has become available, due to the retirement of one of our existing Assistant Headteachers. Required for September 2021. More information can be found at: <https://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/information/vacancies>

### **Staff Changes**

We would like to wish Miss Kerry Gomersall (Nursery Teaching Assistant) well as she prepares to leave St Pius X next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April to take on a new role within her husband's business. Thank you and good luck! We will miss you.

We would like to congratulate the following individuals on their recent appointments at St Pius X:

- Mrs Danielle Reid – Nursery Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Lorraine Brennan – Bus Chaperone
- Mrs Lingard – 1:1 Teaching Assistant

### **Safeguarding Audit – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, Safe Haven Consulting will be carrying out an external Safeguarding audit of St Pius X. This has been requested by the school to ensure our Safeguarding procedures are the best they can be. Part of the audit will consist of observing the drop off and collection procedures, so please ensure you keep your distance when walking around the one-way system and whilst waiting for your child to be dismissed. In addition, please ensure you wear a mask when on the school premises. Finally, please be aware they will be monitoring children's attendance and lateness as part of the audit. Children's poor attendance and lateness are considered Safeguarding risks.

### **St Joseph's Children's Home Fundraiser**

Following last week's red non-uniform day, to mark the feast of St Joseph, we raised £132.30 for St Joseph's Children's Home in India. Thank you for your support.

### **Reading Book Reviews for Barrow Library**

Barrow Library has been gifted some lovely books by The Reading Agency and they would like some of our pupils to review them. There are two book titles and we have five copies of each book to review: 'The Forest of Moon and Sword' (Years 5-6) and 'Weasel Agent' (Years 3-4). All the children need to do is draw lovely pictures and record what they liked about the book. They get to keep the book! The Reading Agency requires Barrow Library to send feedback, pictures and do a post on social media. Please note that it will be first come, first served. Please message me on Class Dojo if your child would like to take part. Thanks, Miss Harrison

### **Friends of St Pius X (FOSPX)**

**Target:** £8,000

**Current total:** £2,331.02

**Aim:** Class set of iPads and charging trolley (Year 2)

### **Minibus**

We are still awaiting the delivery of our second minibus. We will keep you updated. The new minibus has cost us £9,350 and the signage will cost approx. £200. This has taken our balance to £2,331.02.

### **AGM**

All papers relating to our recent AGM can be found at: <https://www.st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/friendsofstpiusx/annual-general-meeting-agm>. Minutes to follow.

### **Next Fundraising Aim**

The FOSPX trustees and committee has agreed that their next fundraising aim will be a class set of iPads and a charging trolley for Year 2. This will cost approx. £8,000.

### **Virtual Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Our next virtual meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 1.15pm**. The formal AGM has now taken place, so all future meetings will be informal. We will be discussing the arrangements for the summer fundraising events at the next meeting. We would love for more people to get involved. The meeting will take place virtually via Zoom. The link is below.

<https://zoom.us/j/95192137634?pwd=SGczLzFFSEdMcm11bGRGUG8zdm9oQT09>

### **Easy Fundraising**

You can find our easy fundraising page at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pius-x-pta>. This is an easy way to make money for the FOSPX. Every penny counts, as it all adds up.

### **Key Dates (cont.)**

3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> May - Y3 Swimming

5<sup>th</sup> May – Parents' Evening Deadline 12pm

6<sup>th</sup> May - Y5&6 Cricket

7<sup>th</sup> May – Final payment for Waterpark

7<sup>th</sup> May – NSPCC Number Day

7<sup>th</sup> May - Celebration Assembly 2.55pm

10<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Story Time with Barrow Library 10am

10<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Inspiring Infants

10<sup>th</sup> May – Parents' Evening

11<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Swimming  
11<sup>th</sup> May – Parents' Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> May – Y5&6 Cricket  
14<sup>th</sup> May – Pyjamarama Day  
14<sup>th</sup> May – Celebration Assembly 2.55pm  
17<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> May Walk to School Week  
17<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Inspiring Infants  
18<sup>th</sup> May - Y3 Swimming  
20<sup>th</sup> May - Y5&6 Cricket  
21<sup>st</sup> May – Celebration Assembly 2.55pm  
24<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Inspiring Infants  
25<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Swimming  
27<sup>th</sup> May - Y5&6 Cricket  
28<sup>th</sup> May – Celebration Assembly 2.55pm  
28<sup>th</sup> May – Finish 3.30pm for half term

**Half Term Holidays**  
**31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

7<sup>th</sup> June – Children Return to School  
7<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Inspiring Infants  
8<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Swimming  
11<sup>th</sup> June – Celebration Assembly 2.55pm  
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21<sup>st</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Waterpark  
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5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 London  
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