

St Pius X Catholic Primary School



Success with Faith



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Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3 at St Pius X Primary School.

You may be aware there have been a few changes in and around school already, with the arrival of new staff, new clubs beginning and new behaviour incentives being put into place.

There will be plenty happening for all of our pupils this term, including an Into-University Focus Week for Year 6, swimming lessons continuing to take place and a whole school Art Day taking place planned for the end of term. We have lots planned to ensure we are offering pupils a wide a varied curriculum.

As part of our drive to become more eco friendly, we will no longer have a weekly newsletter. Parents will be able to access our website, Class Dojo and Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening at school. We are also planning on rolling out our school app in the next few weeks so please keep an eye out for news on that. We will continue to offer a paper newsletter at the beginning of each term, with news of what to expect for the term ahead and curriculum information for each class. We will also issue run a paper newsletter at the end of each term, to share that term's good news and events.

We are looking forward to a positive term and hope you will continue to support us as we strive to keep moving forward and improving our school.

Rewarding Good Behaviour

At the beginning of this week, staff took part in an inset day where we spent the morning working together to review our school behaviour policy. As a result, we have implemented some new incentives to reward pupils who are following school rules and setting a good example to others.

Our first incentive to children will be the introduction of our 'Posh Nosh' dinner table. One child from each class will be chosen each week to receive the award for demonstrating good behaviour in class and around the school. These children will choose a friend to eat dinner with them at the 'Posh Nosh' table during lunch time. They will be provided with special drinks and extra treats on a specially decorated table.

This has been a great success today and hope all of our pupils will have a chance to participate in this incentive across the year.

Topic Webs

Children will be coming home today with this term's topic webs. These webs show you what your child will be learning this term, and we would like to encourage families to look at these with the children at home and to enjoy learning about the topic together.

Here's a brief look at what each class will be learning this term:

Reception Class - What is in our local area?

Year 1 - What is it like at the seaside?

Year 2 - What is life like around the world?

Year 3/4 - What are the five stages of the water cycle?

Year 4/5 - What is life like in South America?

Year 6 - How amazing is Africa?

If you have any questions about your child's topic, or are interested to know more about what they are learning, please feel free to make an appointment with their class teacher.

Attendance

This term we will still be working hard to ensure we are improving attendance and supporting parents to ensure all of our pupils are in school on time, every day. Being late for school hinders a child chance of success.

The school day starts at 8.45am. All children should be on site by then, ready to line up and greet their class teacher. If for any reason your child is going to be late for school, please try to let us know before hand so we can get them booked in for school meals. **Children arriving late must be signed in at the office by a parent/carer.**

If your child will not be attending school, due to illness or exceptional circumstance, it is **essential** that you contact the school to inform us. If we do not hear from you regarding your child's absence, and we cannot make contact with you, we will carry out a home visit to check on the whereabouts of your child. Children who are missing from school are a safeguarding concern and something we take very seriously as a school.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to raise attendance at St Pius X Primary School.

Staying In Touch - Keeping Informed

There are plenty of ways to stay up to date with what's going on at St Pius X Primary School:

School Website: www.st-piusx.bristol.sch.uk

Class Dojo: www.classdojo.com

If you do not have access to Class Dojo, please speak to your class teacher who will be happy to arrange a log-in for you.

Facebook: @stpiusxprimary

Like our Facebook page to receive updates. You can also contact us through Facebook Messenger with any questions or queries you may have.

Car Parking

We would once again like to remind parents about the importance of parking safely when dropping children off and collecting them from school.

We have previously had complaints from local residents and parents regarding parents parking up on pavements, blocking pedestrian access and parking in front of driveways.

We have ample parking available to parents in the church car park, adjacent to the school, and children can safely walk to school from here.

We will continue to work with our local PCSO to monitor the parking situation, and any parents who are seen to be parking dangerously may be reported to the local authority who may choose to issue a penalty notice.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping to keep our pupils and community safe.

Scooters and Bikes

Scooters and bikes are a great way for children to travel to and from school and a brilliant form of exercise so its always a pleasure to see children actively choosing this option of travel.

We would like, however, to remind parents about the security of these items if children are choosing to bring them to school. We have bike and scooter pods available to pupils to enable them to lock their bike/scooter up at school - however we are finding many children are not locking them up making them easy for others to remove them.

We highly recommend children lock their belongings up if they are leaving them outside. As a school we cannot accept responsibility for items that go missing if they have not been properly stored.

Thank you for your cooperation with this issue.

Appropriate School Wear

Please can parents be reminded of the importance of children coming to school not only in their full school uniform, but also with appropriate coats and footwear for the days weather.

We are having some terribly cold weather at the moment and unfortunately we still have some children arriving at school without coats, and sometimes without jumpers or cardigans. Whilst we do have a small stock of spare items that can be lent to children, it is important that children have their own coats with them on a daily basis.

We also have lots of children coming in to school without appropriate PE Kits. A PE Kit should consist of black/blue shorts and a white t-shirt along with appropriate footwear for running and moving.

Should you have any concerns about your child's uniform, please do not hesitate to speak with us.