



## ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Diary Dates

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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – CAFOD walk day.**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – School Games live link**

**March – Easter Raffle**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for Easter**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May St Pius Spring Fayre @ The Grove Club 2pm – 4pm**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATS week**

**Cake Sales** – During Lent we will hold a cake sale on a Friday. Classes will have 1 week where they bring in cakes and these are sold to the children at break time to raise money for CAFOD.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Staff

**Swimming** – Y5 will continue to go swimming this half term.

**Head Lice** – Could you make sure that you check your child's hair on regular basis and treat if necessary.

**Attendance** – Thank you to everyone for supporting us in our continuous efforts to keep whole school attendance high. There is a national expectation that all pupils attend for over 94% of sessions. Where pupils fall below 90% they are then ranked as Persistent Absentees. These pupils miss out on important learning and we are here to help if you or your child needs support in improving attendance. The BWCET new policy for attendance is now finalised and will be distributed via our new website asap. Please request a hard copy from the office if you would like one. We will continue to communicate with individual families as required where there is a concern around attendance. Please note that our half term in February is week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> February and this is the week before the county schools. We have been assured that this is a one off and holidays will be aligned in future years.

**Parent Support group (Autism support)** Please remember that we have a joint St Pius and Our Lady and St Joseph's support group. Our regular sessions are communicated via our Facebook page. Please ask in the office if you want to learn more about this group or would like to speak to parents who attend already to see if it is something you would like to attend. Parents / carers and grandparents are welcome to come along.

**Holy Communion Session** – The next teaching session will be Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. Doors open at 9.00a.m. so children can have a drink and start the session asap.

**Coats** – Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat. It is very cold and wet and a coat needs to be worn. Please ensure that boots / wellies / shoes have names in. Thank you! If you require help with buying your child a coat for the winter please contact school office as we may be able to help.

**Number Draw** – Payments for March are now due. If friends and family would like a number, please let us know.

**PE** – We still have children with no kit, could you please make sure your child comes to school in their uniform on PE days and brings a kit with them to change into. PE kits should consist of plain black or blue shorts / tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a school T Shirt or pale blue / white t shirt. Strictly no football kits allowed.

**Parking** Thank you to all parents and carers for continuing to park safely around the school entrance. We are very grateful to you for respecting our neighbours' driveways and drop kerbs.

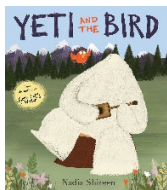
**Spring is on the Air!** If we have any green fingered families who are able to donate bulbs or pots of spring plants for our school entrance and EYFS garden, we would be very happy to receive them. We can see the snowdrops and daffodils starting to pop through the soil reminding us that brighter days lie ahead.

**School Easter Raffle** – We will be holding our annual EGGstravaganza again this Easter and will be collecting Easter Egg donations/Easter themed soft toys and other child raffle prizes. We will also be holding a decorated egg competition very soon. Watch this space and start your research now!

**Our Class texts are**

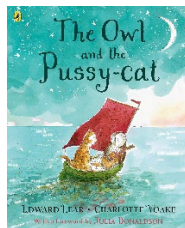
Class 1

Yeti and the bird



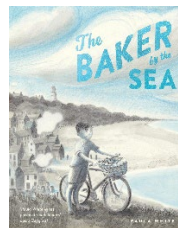
Class 2

The Owl and the  
pussy cat



Class 3

The Baker by the Sea



Class 4

The Lizzie & Belle mysteries

