



ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1st March 2024

Diary Dates

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – Coffee morning/reading café and cake competition

Friday 8th March – Non Uniform Day – Raise funds for Community Egg Hunt - £1 donation

Monday 11th March 9:15am – Class 1 Mother's Day Liturgy

Tuesday 12th March – NSPCC Workshops Speak Out, Stay Safe

Wednesday 13th Key Stage 2 Virtual Fitness Event

Thursday 14th March – Reception pupils' vision checks

Friday 15th Class 1 cake donations for CAFOD

Sunday 17th Liturgy 6 First Communion Children

Friday 22nd March – CAFOD walk day

Thursday 28th March – School closes for Easter

Lenten Cake Sales – Our cake sales for CAFOD are going well. Thank you for all of your donations so far. Our next cake sales are as follows

Friday 8th March – Class 2

Friday 15th March – Class 1

Friday 22nd March – Staff

Class 1 Mothers Day Liturgy – 9:15 am this will last approx. 20mins. Please send in a photograph of your child with yourself (Mum) by 1st March thank you. Miss Crilly is still waiting for a few photographs to be sent in.

Swimming – Y5 will continue to go swimming this half term. Please remind your child to bring their kit on Monday .

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

Attendance – You will be aware that the government are stepping up their attempts to improve attendance in schools. Whilst we are very mindful of those children who have medical needs and have picked up bugs, coughs and colds, we aim for all children to be above 94% at this stage in the year. Ideally we want children to conclude the academic year at or above 97%. We have a new weekly attendance raffle which gives those with good or improved attendance a chance to go into our attendance raffle. You can track your child's attendance on Arbor. Please contact school if you need any help supporting good attendance for your child.

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 3rd March, 2024. Doors open at 9.00a.m. so children can have a drink and start the session asap.

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.

March 7th 2024 is World Book Day!

We will be marking the day with some book related fun. Our Year 3 children will be joining our BWCET family for some online book sharing. Their focus will be The Worst Class in the School. If they are stuck for a good book between now and then, this would be a great choice! Watch this space for more information on how our school will celebrate. It's a good change to have ideas ready for dressing up as a book character. Any costumes that you might have at home that could be reused in school can be sent in and we will help to recycle. I also hear that Fantasia in Blackhill is selling off children's costumes for a fiver. Could be worth a look!

9am Friend of the school will be hosting a coffee morning/reading café and a cake competition (Book related). Come along and enjoy a cuppa whilst reading with your child.

Lenten Reflections We have been gathering to mark the Lenten season. Class 4 joined an online CAFOD rosary service this week and children gathered as a whole school to remember that we are all trying to Pray, Fast and help the poor throughout Lent. Please check out our facebook page to see the pupil led ideas and activities to raise money for those less fortunate than us. We continue to welcome in any loose change for our copper trail.

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 in 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.

Open afternoon Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Open Afternoon this week. If you were unable to come along, for whatever reason, please let us know so that we can accommodate you at another time.

Staffing We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Urwin to school. Mrs Archary and Mrs Urwin will continue to work together to deliver the curriculum to Years 2 and 3. Some of you have noted Mr Foster's absence at the gate this week. He will be off next week as he is unwell so please continue to park/ drop off safely in his absence. I know he is a huge help out there on a morning but hopefully he'll bounce back soon.

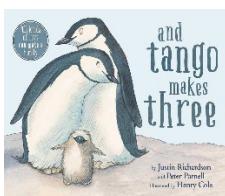
Community Egg Hunt Some of you will be aware that there is a community egg hunt taking place over Easter organised by Dan Bowes. Dan has previously done some volunteer work in St Pius school and does a great deal to bring businesses together to support community events. We will hold a non-uniform day on 8th March with a suggested donation of £1 to support this event.

School Easter Egg 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 friendly raffle prizes from next week. We will also be holding a decorated egg competition very soon. Watch this space and start your research now !

Our Class texts are

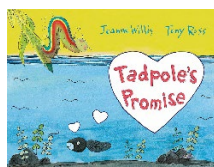
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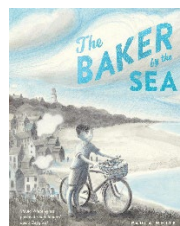
Class 2

Tadpoles promise



Class 3

The Baker by the Sea



Class 4

The Lizzie & Belle mysteries

