



ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th May 2024

Diary Dates

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday 12th May St Pius Spring Fayre @ The Grove Club 2pm – 4pm

Monday 13th May – KS2 SATS week

Saturday 8th June – First Holy Communions

Monday 10th June – Class 4 Residential Youth Village

Tuesday 11th June a.m – Class 3 Tennis

Wednesday 12th June – Class 2 & 3 Visit Beamish

Tuesday 18th June – Class 4 Hockey @ Shotley Tennis Club

Monday 24th June – Provisional Class 1 trip to Seaham

Friday 28th June – This will be an inset day where children do not attend school.

SAT week Next week our SAT week begins. We are very proud of our Year 6 children and their hard work preparing for these tests. However, we completely appreciate that they are one week out of 7 years in our school and we could make a list a mile long of all the amazing achievements, gifts and talents we have observed from them in that time. We know that they will all do their very best and we will be very proud of them for doing so. As expected, a magnificent breakfast will be available for Year 6 pupils from Monday to Thursday from 8.15 onwards. Our usual breakfast club will take place in Class 1 from 8a.m. as normal.

It is really important that we support our pupils by limiting any calls/ late arrivals next week. All pupils should be in school, in classrooms by 8.55a.m.. Any late comers will be collected at the school gate and enter school via Class 1's door so we don't disturb the tests. Thank you. You've got this Year 6!

Tennis Balls – If you have any old tennis /soft balls you no longer need we would love them for the children to play with during breaks/lunchtime.

St Pius Spring Fayre – 2pm Sunday 12th May at The Grove Club please go along with your child/children to support the friends of the school who do a great job fundraising for the children to have treats, trips etc. We have some great stalls for all the family and a fantastic raffle.

Class 4 Residential – Please pay for this via Arbor App Thank you!!! We will hold an information meeting for parents and children week beginning 21st May will all the exciting details of this trip.

Swimming – Y2 will go swimming for the rest of this half term. After half term Year 6 will have their final block of swimming lessons in primary school .

Head Lice – Could you make sure that you check your child's hair on regular basis and treat if necessary. Please make sure long hair is tied back so we can avoid any cases spreading.

Attendance – As you will be aware our new trust policy for attendance can be viewed on our website (Link) As outlined in the policy holiday absence cannot be authorised and unauthorised absence reaching 7 days or 14 sessions within a 12-week period will be subject to a fixed penalty notice. Children that are still below 90%

attendance will have received a letter at the end of term and we will review these in 4 weeks. We will then arrange meetings with parents to discuss how we can improve attendance where required.

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. We have some interesting courses planned for September in partnership with the local Family Hub.

Holy Communion Session – The next teaching session will be Sunday 12th May ,2024. Doors open at 9.00a.m. so children can have a drink and start the session asap.

Pupil and Parent Survey We have sent out a link to a parent survey via Arbor and would really appreciate it if you could spare 5 minutes to complete this to support us in our school improvements. The pupils are completing one of their own in school.

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

28TH June – Inset Day – Children will not attend school on this day, it is for Staff training only.

P.E. – 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. Cropped tops and fashion leggings are also not allowed. Thank you for your help.

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. We have a Park and Stride initiative planned and really hope that this will help us with the congestion around the school gate.

Nursery Provision Consultation We are seeking the views of our school and wider community around changing our age range for 4-11 to 3-11. We are working with the Bishop Wilkinson Trust to explore this for September 2024. The consultation documents can be found on the websites and all responses, queries and questions should be sent to stpx@stpx.bwcet.com

Reception pupils are asked to bring in a photo of themselves as a baby for their work in class next week. Thank you!

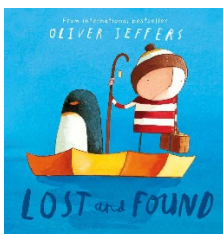
Summer Term Dates We are hoping to bring you dates for our Sports Day, Summer Fayre and Leavers' Service as soon as we are able. We will do our best to get this to you on next weeks newsletter.

Suncream / hats Please send in appropriate just in case this wonderful yellow globe in the sky continues to shine !

Our Class texts are.

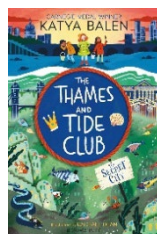
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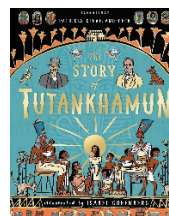
Class 2

The Thames and
Tide Club



Class 3

The Story of Tutankhamun



Class 4

Harry Potter

The Philosopher's Stone

