



ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14thth June 2024

Diary Dates

SAVE THE DATES

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

Monday 24th June – Y6 Primary Festival

Tuesday 25th June – Class 1 trip to Seaham

Thursday 27th June – Enthuse Science Fayre

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

Monday 1st July – New Starter Treasure Hunt

Wednesday 10th July – Sports day & Fayre

Monday 15th July – Y5 Sports Event at Gateshead Stadium

Tuesday 16th July – 1:30pm Y6 Leavers Service

New School Year

I know you will all feel the same tinge of sadness as we do that Mr Devanney is retiring at the end of this term. We know he looks far too young but we can assure you that this is an EARLY retirement and we are hopeful that he will pop back to see us and maybe teach a day or two from September 2024. Mr Devanney will definitely leave his mark (and a big dent) in our school. He flies the flag for budding scientists, IT whizzkids and has been a fabulous part of our staff. His post will be filled fulltime with current staffing. Our teaching groups will be adapted next year as follows:

Class 1 - Miss Crilly - EYFS

Class 2 - Mrs Urwin and Mrs Gibson - Years 1 and 2

Class 3 - Mrs Achary - Year 3 and 4

Class 4 - Miss Grogan - Years 5 and 6

We have 'moving up' mornings added between now and the end of term so your child will be able to visit their new class / new teacher in preparation.

Pupils with additional support will also be notified of any change of classroom support, as will their parents.

New Starter Visits

Miss Crilly has been out and about visiting our new starters in their nursery settings. We have parent open afternoons, pupil visits and a Treasure Hunt planned. All new starters should have received letters or a call from Miss Crilly so please let us know if you need more details.

School Uniform orders

Please remember that you now order school uniform direct from our supplier. The link is

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/stpx015/>

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Please note that from September there will be significant changes to the rules for taking your child out of school during term time including less days permitted and an increase in the fine amount. Please see our attendance policy, DFE and LA guidance.

Park and Stride

As previously shared, we are hoping to start a Park and Stride initiative from September and have secured funding for the local Area Action Partnership to do so. We would now invite expressions of interest from any parent or carer who would like to volunteer for this paid position of walk leader. The post would require 30minutes at the start and end of the day. The post would then pay 5hrs per week. We would need 2 people each day to walk the children to and from our safe drop off. It would be best for us to appoint several adults so that we can work around availability so that we always have 2 people a day to help. The pay is around £14.00 an hour but further details will be shared on request. All suitable adults will need to have a full DBS check to carry out the role. Please let us know if you are interested in the posts.

Reading Books – Could you please make sure your child brings their reading book and reading record book into school each day.

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.

Class 4 Residential – Please pay for this via Arbor App Thank you!!!

Swimming – Y6 will be swimming next week

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

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.

Number Draw – Payments for June 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.

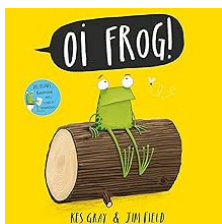
Parking Thank you to all parents and carers for continuing to park safely around the school entrance. We are very grateful to you for respecting our neighbours’ driveways and drop kerbs.

Suncream / hats Please send in appropriate just in case this wonderful yellow globe in the sky continues to shine! Our summer is very wet at the moment, can you please make sure your child has a coat if it is raining or looks like rain

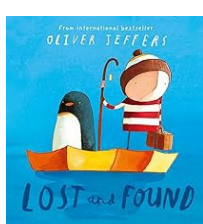
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Class 1

Y1 – Oi Frog

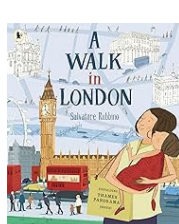


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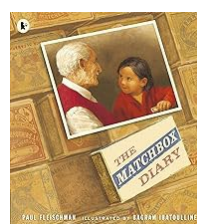
Class 2

A Walk in London



Class 3

The Matchbox Diary



Class 4

High Rise Mystery

