



ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th June 2024

Diary Dates

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 8th June – First Holy Communions

Monday 10th June – Class 4 Residential Youth Village

Tuesday 11th June am – Class 3 Tennis

Wednesday 12th June – Class 2 & 3 Visit Beamish

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

Tuesday 25th June – Class 1 trip to Seaham

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

Wednesday 10th July – Sports day & Fayre

First Holy Communion

This Saturday some of our year 4 children will make their 1st Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to go along and join the children on this special day 1pm at St Patrick's Church Consett.

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 go swimming after the half term break. (starting Monday 3rd June 24)

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

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.

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.

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

Summer Term Dates We are hoping to bring you date for our Leavers' Service as soon as we are able. We will do our best to get this ASAP.

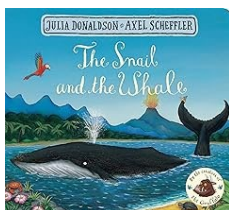
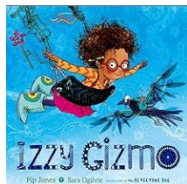
Suncream / hats Please send in appropriate just in case this wonderful yellow globe in the sky continues to shine!

Our Class texts are.

Class 1

Y1- Izzy Gizmo

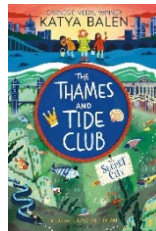
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Class 2

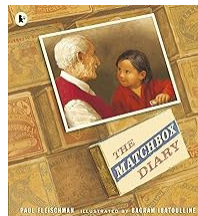
The Thames and

Tide Club



Class 3

The Matchbox Diary



Class 4

Grim Tales for

young & old

