



ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th July 2024

Diary Dates

SAVE THE DATE

Monday 8th July – Class 1 Visit Northern Hope Gymnastics

Tuesday 9th July – Y4 visit Newcastle Climbing Centre

Wednesday 10th July – Sports day & Fayre

Monday 15th July – Y5 Sports Event at Gateshead Stadium

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

Thursday 18th July – School closes to pupils for the Summer

COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL

The pupils in our school will finish for the Summer break on Thursday 18th July and not previously listed as Friday 19th July. This is because pupils should attend school for 190 days in any one academic year. The other 5 days of the school calendar are allocated to staff training. Friday will now be an INSET day for staff. This will ensure your children are not doing 191 days in school, which I am certain they will be delighted about.

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.

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.

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

Swimming – Y6 will go swimming on Monday 8th July

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 July are now due. If friends and family would like a number, please let us know.

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.

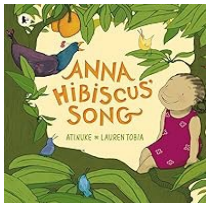
Parking Thank you to all parents and carers for continuing to park safely around the school entrance. We are very grateful to you for respecting our neighbours’ driveways and drop kerbs.

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

Our Class texts are.

Class 1

Anna Hibiscus Song



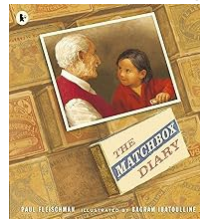
Class 2

A Walk in London



Class 3

The Matchbox Diary



Class 4

Curiosity

