



## ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Diary Dates

|  | <u>After School Clubs</u> |
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| 6 <sup>th</sup> January -INSET Day                           |                           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school            | Monday – Sports Club Free |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> January – Free School Meal for all children | Tuesday – Games Club £1   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> January – Phonics Session 9am               | Wednesday – Dance Club £1 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> January – Jubilee Launch Day                | Thursday – Movie Club £1  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> January – National Story Telling Week       |                           |

**Happy New Year to you all.** -It has been a cold start to the new term, and we thank you for your cooperation this week. Everyone has been very mindful of the challenges in dropping off and collecting children. I am sure there will have been struggles with missing wellies, gloves, hats etc but hopefully they will all be returned to the correct owners by the end of the week. The children have been excellent at changing before and after playtime so they can enjoy the snow. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has taken the time to welcome me back to school following my recent absence. I have loved catching up with you all and will gradually pick up any meetings or issues that are pending. Please do drop me an email if you need a catch up for any reason. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding. I feel very blessed to be part of our lovely school community.

**First Holy Communion Children** - Lisa has informed us that St Pius Church carpark and the surrounding roads are still very icy. The planned session for this Sunday will now be postponed and there will be a double session next week with a taught session and a special liturgy straight afterwards. Please support your child with Mass attendance. If you have any difficulties in staying for Mass, please see Lisa and she will be able to oversee your child during the service until you are able to pick them up.

**Phonics** - Mrs Urwin will lead a phonics information session for Class 2 parents on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9am. Please do your best to attend so that you are well placed to support your child in their learning.

**SWIMMING** - Class 4 will go swimming on a Monday this term and will need their kits each week. Please remember this is a curriculum subject and children must attend weekly. If your child is anxious about resuming swimming please see a member of staff discretely and we can support them as required.

**Earrings** - Please remove your child's earrings on PE and swimming days if they are not able to do it themselves. Only studs should be worn for school. Please sign an indemnity form for your child to wear ear rings if you haven't already done so.

### **Winter Coats**

Can you please make sure your child comes to school dressed for the winter with a warm coat, hat, gloves etc. it is getting really cold outside, so they need to be well wrapped up. If you need any help at all with coats, hats etc, please drop us a confidential email on our secure [stpx@stpx.bwcet.com](mailto:stpx@stpx.bwcet.com) address. We can help with this.

### **School Meals**

All children can join us for a FREE meal on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, thanks to the Bishop Wilkinson Education Trust catering team. There will be a feast including sausage rolls, pizza, nuggets, wedges, chips, sandwiches, fresh salad, fruit and ice cream. Please let staff know if your child would like to take up the special lunch instead of packed lunch that day.



### **Attendance**

A summary of our attendance rules is on our website with some links to government websites for you to read about this in more detail. Please take the time to look at this before considering any holidays in term time. Our policy is available online or you can request a hard copy from the office. Please remember that the school follows the Trust, LA and National Policy for promoting attendance. Absences through illness should be called in each day. Where a call isn't received, office staff will attempt to contact parents through parent / carer or emergency contacts. Where we are unable to make contact, school staff may carry out a welfare check to make sure children and families are not in need of assistance. This is a safeguarding requirement.

**School Uniform orders** Please remember that you now order school uniform direct from our supplier. The link is <https://studentuniform.co.uk/stpx015/>

### **Reading Books**

Could you please make sure your child brings their reading book and reading record book into school each day? Thank you.

### Glasses/Water Bottles/ PE kits

If your child wears glasses please make sure they bring them to school, also their water bottle thank you. Children will soon get back into their routines but it would be helpful if parents support them in remembering PE and swimming kits too.

### P.E.

Class 1 and Class 2 is on a Thursday and Class 3 and class 4 is on a Tuesday. 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, a school T Shirt or pale blue / white t shirt and plimsoles or trainers. Strictly no football kits allowed.

### 2025 The Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is “*Pilgrims of Hope*”, hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

In our school, and in schools and Parishes across the Diocese, we will mark this jubilee year with special events . We will share these with you over the coming weeks.

In each school we will introduce a ‘Holy Door’ and this will be an important part of our launch. Here is an outline of the planned events across the year.

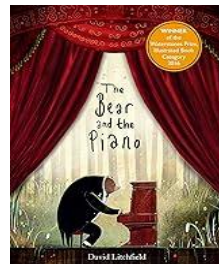
| Month     | Theme  |
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| January   | <b>24 January – Launch Day</b><br>Opening of doors |
| February  | What is hope?                                      |
| March     | School based pilgrimage                            |
| April     | Taking hope home                                   |
| May       | Signs of hope                                      |
| June      | <b>27 June – Jubilee Day</b>                       |
| July      | Positive affirmation of hope                       |
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| September | Hopes for the coming year                          |
| October   | Global pilgrimages                                 |
| November  | <b>21 November – Jubilee Finale</b>                |
| December  | Advent mission – passing hope forward              |

### We are reading these books

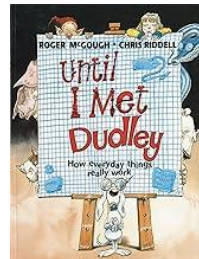
Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4

