

Friday 25th October

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. What a fantastic first half to the Autumn term we have had at St Pius! The children and staff have worked extremely hard and your children have made some fantastic progress in their learning: they know more and can remember more.

As always, our school social media stream has been filled with wonderful things, showcasing many of the fantastic learning opportunities in each class; our Stars of the Week; St Joseph the Worker Award; ARC awards; various birthday celebrations; and the many other achievements of the wonderful children of St Pius. We would encourage everyone to have a look at our Facebook page – it is a great source of information and allow us to strengthen the bond between home and school. Please do remember to like our posts!

The children return to school on Monday 4th November

Have a relaxing half term holiday.
Best wishes

A McClurey & N Bennett

Mrs McClurey & Mr Bennett

Christ Be Our Light

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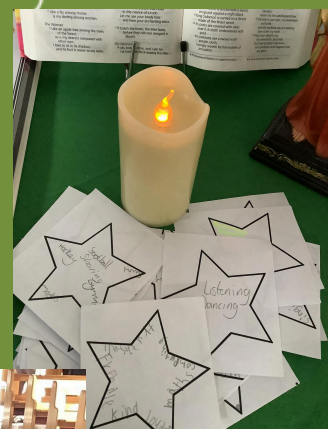


Dates for your Diary

- 5.11.24 KS 1 Stay and Pray for parents. 8:45 – 9am
- 6.11.24 KS 2 Stay and Pray for parents. 8:45 – 9am
- 11.11.24 Remembrance Day
- 12.11.24 Children are invited to wear Odd Socks Day to school as part of anti-bullying week
- 15.11.24 Children in need – children are invited to wear own clothes – suggested donation of £1
- 20.11.24 KS1 Art/DT Morning for parents. 8:45 – 9am
- 21.11.24 KS2 Art/DT Morning for parents. 8:45 – 9am
- 2.12.24 Advent Liturgy Y3. 9am parents are very welcome to attend.
- 9.12.24 Advent Liturgy Y4. 9am parents are very welcome to attend.
- 12.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 12.12.24 - Christmas Dinner
- 16.12.24 Advent Liturgy Y5. 9am parents are very welcome to attend.
- 18.12.24 - Nativity Performances – more details to follow
- 19.12.24 - Christmas Parties – more details to follow

This term in RE the children have been learning about the DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY.

Through their learning the children have discovered that God knows and loves all of us; that we are part of God's family and created in his image and likeness and that God has a plan for us and God's plan is good.



“The best way to make children good is to make them happy.” –
Oscar Wilde

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. At St Pius, Mr Connelly is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Mr Bennett & Mrs Boyce are the Deputy DSLs. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Middlesbrough MACH on 01642 726004. Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern!

Called to Serve

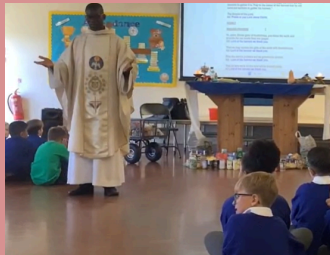


We Started the year off with a Mission week to celebrate our Patron Saint, St Pius X and our Mission, Christ Be Our Light. We learned that St. Pius X was called to follow Christ's light and serve others. The pupils demonstrated how they can let their light shine in lots of different ways;



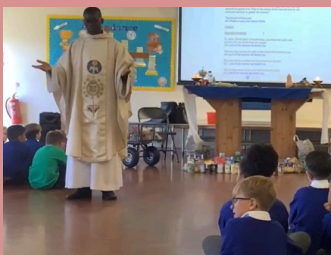
Macmillan Cake Sale

The Mini Vinnies were answering their call to serve by running a cake stall to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to all our wonderful children and families who donated cakes and money.



Harvest Celebration

Father John joined us for our Harvest celebration. The children generously donated food to the local food bank.



School Attendance Matters at St. Pius!

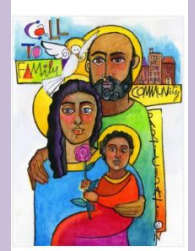
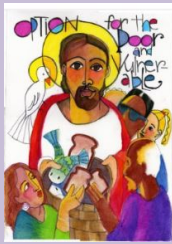
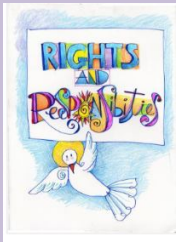
Our whole school attendance is currently 93.9%. Congratulations to all of our classes who have won an attendance award this half term. Each week we aim for at least 97% attendance in each class. Please support us in this by making sure that your child attends school every day, unless they are not well.



Black History Month

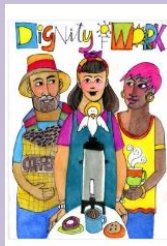
Black History Month is about celebrating and sharing knowledge; celebrating the contribution black people have made to freedoms, our culture and our society. The children have learned about Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parks, Mary Bowser and Martin Luther King





Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. Pupils and staff are invited to champion the rights of those with no voice, seek to bring dignity to the poor and welcome the stranger among us. Pupils are taught about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching through both the RE and RSE curriculums.



WRAPAROUND CARE



We thank all for their co-operation with the booking system. For safeguarding reasons all children arriving at 'Breakfast Club' must be accompanied by an adult. Children must be collected from 'Teatime Club' from the front gate by an adult and we ask that you please use the mobile telephone number provided, to let staff know that you are there.

Please note: If you would like your child to join either of these clubs we ask that you contact the school office to check for availability and then use the online booking system to book a place for your child – we are unable to take 'walk ins' and we would ask that all bookings for 'Teatime Club' are paid for at the point of making the booking.