

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of the Spring Term. So much hard work and commitment has gone into all aspects of school life, which has enabled us to achieve the school we are so proud of today for your children. Thank you for playing your part in that and for supporting your child as they continue their learning journey with us.

It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school to attend our class led liturgies this week. Staff and I are so pleased to be able to welcome you back into school after such a long time and it has been wonderful to have the Pius Family together again in the hall.

Thank you to those parents (Y1 – Y6), who have taken the time to complete our recent online survey. We truly value your feedback – it is by working in partnership that we can have the biggest impact on your child and truly make a difference.

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the holiday on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Best wishes

*N Bennett*

Mr Bennett

## UKRAINE APPEAL.

OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL FELT COMPELLED TO DO OUR PART TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE SO THEY ORGANISED A WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW AND BLUE DAY. THE CHILDREN RAISED A FANTASTIC £214. WHICH WILL BE DONATED THE DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE UKRAINE APPEAL. OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL DECIDED TO DONATE THE MONEY RAISE TO THIS APPEAL AS THE UK GOVERNMENT MATCH WHAT WE RAISED. POUND-FOR-POUND. WE HAVE ALSO PUT OUT A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND SOLIDARITY ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA STREAMS. WHERE THE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNT TO SING A SONG. WHICH WE HOPE WILL REACH THE UKRAINE VIA THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA.



Letters will be sent out in Her Majesty's Post to parents this week if their child's attendance is below 90%. Previous end of year reports for the past two years have not notified you of attendance due to the disruption of COVID. Our register system allows us to take any COVID disruption out of your child's attendance and still give you an attendance figure not counting COVID.

We understand some children have had illness, we know some children are susceptible to asthma and we are aware of very genuine reasons for some children's attendance being below 90%. School attendance is so important and can really make a positive difference to your child's learning – that is why we have decided to send these letters out. Mrs Boyce is always available to support families with school attendance.

**We have bold aspirations for the children of our school! We want all the children in our school to know that we all have different talents and God-given gifts, which can be used for God's Kingdom. We have continued the theme beyond the initial week this term, with weekly guests to our 'Top Table' these have included Cllr Garvey, The Deputy Mayor for Middlesbrough and Simon Clarke MP**



*As a staff, we passionately believe that to enhance the curriculum the children should benefit through a range of experiences. This term our EYFS visited the farm and our children in Y2 -Y5 were able to lead the school community and their parents in prayer.*



*"Kids Deserve the right to think that they can change the world." - Lois Lowry*

**Safeguarding is our absolute priority.**

**At St Pius, Mr Bennett is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs Boyce and Mr Connelly 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!**

**Spring is a reminder that God is all about making things new and it gives us a glimpse of the promise that God has given us about new life. Our school has loved seeing our eggs develop into ducklings & our caterpillars transform into butterflies – the sense of awe and wonder throughout the school has been amazing!**



Have you 'Liked' and 'Followed' all of our social media pages? Don't forget to share these with your friends and family too! Search for "St Pius X Catholic Primary School"



## WRAPAROUND CARE

Our 'Wrap Around Care' has proved hugely popular this term and 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 to the back gate; children must be collected from 'Teatime Club' at the front entrance 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.

## UNIFORM

**WE EXPECT THE CHILDREN TO ALL BE LOOKING SUPER SMART IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND WEARING BLACK SHOES. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILED SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION:**

**[HTTPS://STPIUSX.NPCAT.ORG.UK/SCHOOL-UNIFORM/](https://stpiusx.npcat.org.uk/school-uniform/)**

**SIMILAR TO SCHOOL UNIFORM. IT IS THE EXPECTATION THAT CHILDREN COME INTO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR PE UNIFORM ON THE DAYS WHEN THEY HAVE PE LESSONS. AS THE WEATHER IS VERY CHANGEABLE WE ARE ALLOWING THE CHILDREN TO WEAR BLACK JOGGERS/LEGGINGS AND A PLAIN BLUE HOODIE OR SWEATSHIRT.**

**STAFF WILL CONTACT HOME SHOULD CHILDREN NOT BE IN CORRECT UNIFORM OR PE KIT. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE CHILDREN AT ST PIUS AND BELIEVE THAT THEIR OVERALL APPEARANCE SHOULD REFLECT OUR HIGH STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.**

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT ST PIUS!

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 93.3%. CONGRATULATIONS TO ANY 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 YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL EVERY DAY, UNLESS THEY ARE NOT UNWELL.

| Year Group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Year 1     | 93.75%     |
| Year 2     | 96.32%     |
| Year 3     | 95.21%     |
| Year 4     | 95.17%     |
| Year 5     | 97.03%     |
| Year 6     | 92.72%     |

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."* – Mother Teresa

'Tea with Mrs B' has been a real success this term! Mrs Boyce will continue to offer this service every Tuesday morning 9:00 -9:20am. Please pop along – you would be amazed at the help Mrs Boyce can offer.