

Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I wanted to write to you to say 'thank you' for the masses of support and commitment to the school you have all shown this half term. Together we have achieved many great things and provided enriching experiences for your children.

Below I have listed just a few:

- Your children are coming to school dressed smartly in full school uniform.
- Reading is a high priority in our school. It has been wonderful to welcome our Y1 & Y2 parents into school to share a story with their children.
- Whole school attendance is currently 93.3%.
- Our new 'promotional photographs' are phenomenal and really showcase the great things happening in our school.
- The children in the Juniors have enjoyed taking part in mass at St. Alphonsus with our parish family.
- Your children have completed some fantastic homework activities, which are of a high standard. Staff and I, look forward to seeing more homework after the holidays.
- Our annual 'Marian precession' was a triumph – the yard was awash with flowers of all shapes and sizes.
- We had some valuable feedback from those parents who completed our short questionnaire.
- Our 'Jubilee Party' was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

As we move further into the Summer Term and (fingers crossed) the temperature soars, please make sure you send your child to school with a sun hat and a large, full water bottle. Please remember that staff is unable to put sun cream on your child and for obvious reasons, children should not be sharing or applying sun cream to one another! It's also probably worth checking that your child's name is clearly marked in their cardigan or jumper.

Have a restful holiday

Best wishes

N Bennett

Mr Bennett

Our mission, with Christ as our light is to: Live, Learn and Love

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Infant Sports Festival

Our high-quality physical education curriculum inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport. This half term our children in the infants have had the opportunity to compete - on their home ground - in sporting activities against other schools in our NPCAT family and they all performed brilliantly. Well done!



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

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!

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. 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

Year 6 SATs

We know that we don't need to tell you all how amazing we think our Year 6 children are! This half term, after much disruption to their education over the last two years, they undertook their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). All of the children approached the tests with resilience and determination. We celebrated the culmination of all of their hard work and dedication with a ice-lollies, many rounders matches and an 'End of SATS' party.



Holiday Requests

We are seeing an increasing number of requests for term time holidays. Please can I remind parents, absence from school during term time is down to the discretion of the Head Teacher and can only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances for the absence. A cheaper holiday during term time is not an exceptional reason.

I would encourage all parents to avoid taking their children out of school; they have missed too much learning over the last 2 years for them to be able to lose more.

Thank you to all those parents – who are the majority - who have ensured their children are in school and book breaks for during the school holidays.

May Crowning

Miss Flaycock led the school in a beautiful Marian Procession on Monday 23rd May. All of the children sang and read so beautifully.



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"



Jubilee Celebrations

The children had a fantastic day celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a tea party, disco and 70 challenges to celebrate her 70 years on the throne.

Thank you to all our parents who contributed towards the celebration.

We hope you enjoy your own celebrations over the half term.



AS A SCHOOL WE HAVE CHANGED OUR CURRICULUM TO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN LEARN MORE AND REMEMBER MORE. OUR CURRICULUM IS FULLY SEQUENCED AND INTERCONNECTED: BEGINNING IN NURSERY AND DEVELOPING ACROSS THE SCHOOL. THE CURRICULUM IS AMBITIOUS IN CONTENT, DESIGNED TO HELP CHILDREN BUILD AND SEQUENCE KNOWLEDGE, WITHOUT COGNITIVE OVERLOAD.



WRAPAROUND CARE

Our 'Wrap Around Care' has continued to be 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 to the back gate 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.