

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

January 2006

Dear Parents,

Christmas seems a long time ago and we now turn our thoughts to the year ahead. We started the new term with celebrating the Feast of St Kentigern, our patron saint.

There have been several changes in school including ICT delivery and the frequency of Modern Foreign Languages teaching. All KS2 children learn either French or

German and we are very fortunate to have Mrs Smith, our language specialist on the staff. Languages give us the ability to communicate and we encourage the Year 5 class who have French penpals. They will be able to meet up when the French children visit the school in March. Please encourage your children to use their language skills at home and develop this talent.

We have had a busy start to

what looks to be another busy year. This is a long term with Easter being later, we therefore have more time to prepare for the most important feast in the calendar of the Catholic Church.

Bonne Année / Fröhliches Neues Jahr

Frances Wygladala

PTFA News

The next event is a Prize Bingo Night on Friday 27th January at 6.30pm. Back by popular demand is the "human bingo" where everyone gets a number and the last person standing is the winner. Entry costs £1, which includes a jacket potato, and there will be a raffle with great prizes for the bingo.

FUTURE EVENTS

Friday 17th February - 6.30pm. PTFA Disco in the Hall. More details to follow.

Thanks to the PTFA who work so hard to organise the

ENTERTAINING IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Y3 First Communion

The next meeting is Wednesday 15th February at 7pm. The theme of the meeting will be The Church. Parents now have a responsibility to ensure that the children can make their First Confession. This can be done on any Saturday either between 11.30am & 12 noon or 5.30pm & 6pm

from the end of January. If in doubt, please ring the Presbytery on 393439.

Y6 Confirmation

The first meeting will be on

Wednesday 15th February at 6.15pm. This meeting is for both parents and children and will be held in the Y2 classroom. Letters will be sent out from the parish for registration. The Bishop will be here to confirm the children on Wednesday 24th May at 7pm.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP

3rd-5th March 2006

Winmarleigh Hall, Lancashire

45 children from Y5 & 6 will be going on an outdoor education weekend with 7 members of staff/governors. There will be a meeting for parents and children on 3.45pm Tuesday 14th February in the Y6 classroom.

TESCO

A huge THANK YOU to all who sent in vouchers. We collected 9721 in total which have been sent off to exchange for PE resources for school.

DINNER MONEY

Our new office assistant, Mrs Heywood, only works on a Monday. It is her responsibility to deal with dinner money. Please make sure that all money is paid on Monday for the week ahead.

If money is sent in late, it will be banked but you will not receive your change until the Monday after.

UNIFORM P.E. Kit & FOOTWEAR

The recommended footwear for school is black or brown shoes. Trainers and boots are not appropriate and should not be worn for the whole school day. Please support the school uniform policy and check that your child has the correct footwear and uniform.

Does your child have a P.E. kit in school for this term?

There are a number of children who rarely have kits in school and disrupt classes to borrow kits to access P.E. Please send kits in at the beginning of each term.

Forms for School uniform and P.E. kit are available from the school office.

SCHOOLS ALIVE!

Year 2 are performing at the Grand Theatre on Tuesday 14th February in the Blackpool Schools Alive. My thanks go to Mrs Campbell, Mrs O'Donnell and all Year 2 for their hard work. They will be dancing to songs from Disney's "Little Mermaid".

BED TIMES

Children need between 10 and 12 hours sleep each night to function throughout the following day. We have children in school who are over-tired and unable to concentrate during lessons. Please support your child and

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

This recycling scheme allows us to claim money back for empty printer cartridges (**HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK**) Please keep sending in any used toner/cartridges.

PERSIL STARS

Please collect the token from the boxes and send them in to school. They help us to buy much needed arts and craft resources. .

NESTLE CEREAL

Please keep sending in the Box Tops. They can be found on packets of Shreddies, Clusters and other Nestle cereals which provide a healthy start for the day for the family.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 25th January 1.30-3.00

Parent's Workshop on Thinking Skills in the Rainbow Room

Friday 27th January 6.30pm

PTFA Prize Bingo in the Hall

Tuesday 31st January 10.15am

Year 4 Class Mass in Church

Friday 3rd February 10.10am

Year 5 Class Assembly

Tuesday 7th February 10.15am

Year 6 Class Mass in Church

Friday 10th February 10.10am

Year 3 Class Assembly

Tuesday 14th February

10.15am Year 1 Class Mass in Church

3.45pm Winmarleigh Trip Meeting for parents and children

Year 2 performing at Schools Alive! At the Grand Theatre

Wednesday 15th February

6.15pm Year 6 Confirmation meeting for parents and children

7pm Year 3 First Holy Communion meeting for children and parents

8pm PTFA Meeting in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

offered by Blackpool and Fylde College for parents to be held in school. Letters have been circulated to register. Please make sure that you return them as soon as possible if you are interested.

Why not try and sharpen your "Thinking skills" in an afternoon workshop on Wednesday 25th January between 1.30 & 3.00pm.

Mrs Lumby will be sending letters out in the near future. This is a "fun" afternoon for parents of all children in school.

THERE IS NO CHARGE TO JOIN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS

Computer courses have been