

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

## January Newsletter 2008

Dear Parents,  
Happy New Year and welcome back to the new Spring Term.

The Council has been working on the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Newton Drive, Collingwood & Beech Avenue. This work has had a knock-on effect on the traffic flow up and down Newton Drive. With this in mind, please allow extra travelling time to school at the beginning and end of the day. When the work is

complete, children will be a lot safer at this dangerous junction.

Parking on the single yellow lines on Newton Drive outside school is now not encouraged. We ask you to support us for the safety of the children. Vehicles parked here cause obstruction on the already congested road, blocking access to school and restricting the vision of passing motorists which could cause a bad accident. Please park on one of the side-streets and walk to the school entrance, using the zebra crossing with the

Crossing Patrol Attendant. The safety of all children and pedestrians is of utmost importance at all times.

The newly-installed toilets for staff and children were officially opened at the end of last term by the head boy and head girl. This was a much-needed improvement to our school. The children are delighted with their toilets and the colour schemes they chose.

Yours sincerely,  
*Frances Wygladala*

### PTFA News

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Thursday 17th January at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

#### **NEXT EVENT**

PTFA Inter-Active Quiz  
Friday 25th January  
6.30pm in the Hall.

This is a "Fun, Family" event which costs very little but gives maximum pleasure!

£2 per family to enter which provides use of an inter-active device to play like "Who wants to be a millionaire".

Great prizes on offer plus refreshments.

All welcome.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thanks to all who supported the raffle.  
£135 taken.  
All prizes were claimed.

Congratulations to Miss Neish who was married on 21st December and is now Mrs Burgess.



### TESCO VOUCHERS

Thank you to everyone who sent in vouchers from their shopping trips to Tesco. We managed to collect nearly 9,000.

The Student Council, with Mrs Sandiford and Mrs Lapsins, have ordered equipment for the playground to be used at break time and during the lunch hour.

### CAFOD

Many thanks to all who supported the retiring collections at the Christmas Production and Carol Service. Together with staff and children's donations we raised £162. This helped to buy the following World Gifts:

1 home starter kit £15, 2 water supply kits £60, 1 school starter kit £7, 1 care for a vulnerable child £ 60 and lots of seeds and tools £20

### MUSIC

All musicians have been issued with a music folder and a practice time-table. Practice requires at least 5 minutes a day. Please can all parents sign the sheet in the music folder after the practice session and return it to school for the lesson. Rewards will be given to children

who show an improvement through practice. We are the only school that does not charge for the use of instruments and tuition. Music helps to build confidence and self-esteem for children who show a regular commitment. Please do support your child in this venture.





**THE SEASIDERS ART EXHIBITION**  
**Saturday 2nd February -**  
**Saturday 23rd February**

We have submitted a lot of individual art work to be displayed in the Grundy Gallery on Queen Street.

This year we are entering a large 3D Diamond covered in faces, for the group work section, in celebration of 60 years of the Seaside Festival.

My thanks go to Mr Cardwell for constructing the entry and Mrs Smith, Mrs Lock and Miss Fiorello for all their hard work and organisation.

Please take the time to visit the art gallery with your children and view all the work.

**CLASS MASSES AND ASSEMBLIES**  
**SPRING TERM 2008**

**Masses, Tuesdays 10.15am in Church**

22nd Jan	Reception
29th Jan	Year 4
12th Feb	Year 3
26th Feb	Year 5
4th March	Year 6
11th March	Year 1
1st April	Year 2

**Assemblies, Fridays 10.15am in the Hall**

18th Jan	Year 5
25th Jan	Year 3
1st Feb	Year 1
8th Feb	Year 2
15th Feb	Year 6
29th Feb	Year 4
4th April	Reception

**Easter Assemblies**

Foundation and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)  
 Tuesday 18th March at 2pm

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)  
 Wednesday 19th March at 2pm

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6)  
 Thursday 20th March at 2pm

**All parents and family members welcome.**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**  
**REMINDER**

Parents are reminded to bring their children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Church.

Confession times are; Saturday 11.30am-12 noon & 5.30pm to 6pm.

Thank you to all parents for supporting the Sacramental Programme. Our next meeting is February 13th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**PRINTER CARTRIDGES**

This recycling scheme allows us to claim money back for empty printer cartridges such as **HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK.**

Please keep sending in any used toner/ cartridges.

**NESTLE CEREAL**

Please keep sending in the Box Tops. They can be found on packets of Shreddies, Fibre 1, Clusters and other Nestle cereals which provide a healthy start for the day for all the family.

**OLD MOBILE PHONES**

If you have any old mobiles which are no longer needed, please send them into school. CAFOD can claim £3 per phone which supports their work in the Third World.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Thursday 17th January**

- 8pm PTFA Meeting in the Parish Centre - all welcome

**Friday 18th January**

- 10.10am Year 5 Class Assembly in the Hall

**Tuesday 22nd January**

- 10.15am Reception Class Mass in Church

**Friday 25th January**

- 10.10am Year 3 Class Assembly in the Hall
- 6.30pm-8.30pm PTFA Inter-active Quiz in the Hall

**Tuesday 29th January**

- 10.15am Year 4 Class Mass in Church

**Wednesday 30th January**

- Musicians from the Philharmonic Orchestra working with Year 5 & Year 6 in school followed by a concert in the Pleasure Beach Arena at 1.30pm (Letters to be sent out)

**Friday 1st February**

- Gazette Young Seaside Schools' Art and Crafts Exhibition at the Grundy Art Gallery. Children's Art work from our school will be on display

**Tuesday 5th February**

- Shrove Tuesday
- 6.15pm Year 2 to perform at Schools Alive, Grand Theatre, Blackpool. Parents can book tickets direct from the Grand Theatre Box Office

**Wednesday 6th February**

- Ash Wednesday. Whole School Mass at 10.15am in Church

**Tuesday 12th February**

- Relay Gala at Palatine Pool
- 10.15am Year 3 Class Mass