

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

January Newsletter 2009

Dear Parents,

May I wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back to a new term.

At the end of a very busy term in December 2008, we reflect on the impact our tiny school had on the surrounding community. Children visited local rest homes and sang carols for the elderly residents. They visited the British Legion and the Central Library spreading Christmas cheer and the gospel message.

Christmas would not be Christmas without the birth of Christ and we took every opportunity to show Jesus to the world through our actions. The children were a real credit to the school and their families.

Every child participated in the Carol Service and Christmas Production, *"Born in a Barn"* and many came to serve at Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day Service.

On Sunday, we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which brought the

Christmas season to a close. We now look towards our feast day, tomorrow, when we start the celebrations with Mass at 10.15am followed by a fun afternoon in house groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support. Long may this home/school/parish partnership continue to thrive in 2009 for the benefit of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Wygladala

PTFA News

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday
14th January
3.45pm in school

NEXT EVENT

Friday
30th January
6.30pm

We invite you to our first ever Family Cinema Night in the Hall.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Details will be discussed at the meeting and a flyer sent out later in the month.

Please support this new event with your family.



LIFE BUS VISITS ST KENTIGERN'S

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th January at 6.30pm in the Upper Room of the Parish Centre.

The focus will be on prayer, so please bring any family prayers, devotions or resources to share with the group.

LIFE BUS

The Life Bus was in school last week and every child had the opportunity to visit and learn new things about themselves and their bodies.

The teacher, Gill, commented on the manners and knowledge of the children and said it was a delight to be with them. We are very proud of our children!

ALTAR SERVERS

Many Y4,5 & 6 children have expressed an interest in becoming altar servers. The best way for them to learn is to come to Mass at the weekend to receive "on-the-job" training by the more experienced and older servers. Please support your child as they volunteer to serve the parish in this ministry.

BOOK QUIZ

We have four pupils from Years 5 & 6 who reached the next round of this quiz, organised by Blackpool Library Service. They now have to read "The War Horse" by Michael Morpurgo for January 26th at Palatine Library.

Good luck to them and thank you to Mrs Payne for supporting them.

BAGS2SCHOOL

There will be a collection on **Tuesday 13th January at 9am**. Please use this opportunity to have a good clear out and recycle unwanted items of clothing, bedding, curtains etc. School benefits by the weight of items returned. Please check your wardrobes tonight! Many thanks.

PARKING YOUR CAR AROUND SCHOOL

Please take care that your vehicle is:

- Not causing an obstruction
- Legally parked (not on the zig-zags or yellow lines)

Please consider the residents in our community who struggle to gain access to their property at the beginning and end of the school day.



SCHOOLS ALIVE

This event takes place between 9th-12th February at the Grand Theatre. Our choir will represent the school.

Further details will follow after Miss Bennett attends a meeting and finds out the exact date.

Spring Term Class Masses and Assemblies

This term we have had to change the class assembly time back to Friday mornings at 10.10am. This is due to PE being moved from Tuesday mornings to Friday afternoons. Class Masses are on Tuesday at 10.15am when we join the parish in Church. The only exception is for Y5. Their Class Mass will be on a Wednesday at 10.15am due to swimming arrangements.

Class	Mass	Assembly
Reception	February 3rd	March 20th
Y1	March 10th	February 6th
Y2	February 10th	March 6th
Y3	March 24th	February 27th
Y4	March 31st	March 13th
Y5	March 4th	January 30th
Y6	March 17th	February 13th

All family members are welcome to come along and support the children at the Masses and Assemblies.

Did you know that we collect and re-cycle lots of items in school?

We can claim cash and resources back for these items and would very much appreciate your support.

- **PRINTER CARTRIDGES** such as **HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK**.
- **NESTLE CEREAL BOX TOPS:** 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 the family.
- **BATTERIES:** There is a collection point in the Office. Please send them in. Types: 6v, D,C,AA,AAA,9volt & button.
- **FLORA TUBS** - Mrs McGrath says 'thank you' to everyone who has supported this campaign, she has over £20 to spend on Food Technology in school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13 January

- 9am Bags2School collection
- 10.15am Feast of St Kentigern. Children will attend Mass in Church. All families welcome.

Wednesday 14 January

- 3.45pm PTFA Meeting in school
- 6.30pm Y3 First Holy Communion Meeting

Tuesday 20 January

- 4pm-5.45pm Indoor Athletics at Sports Centre, Stanley Park. 10 children from St Kentigern's taking part.

Monday 26 January

- 1.30pm -3pm Healthy Eating Roadshow for every class. Parents welcome to join in the fun!

Thursday 29 January

- 10am Ten pupils to astronomy event at Rossall School.

Friday 30 January

- 10.10am Y5 Class Assembly
- 6.30pm PTFA Family Cinema Night

Tuesday 3 February

- 10.15am Reception Class Mass

Wednesday 4 February

- 6.30pm Y3 First Holy Communion Meeting

Tuesday 10 February

- 10.15am Y2 Class Mass

Friday 13 February

- 10.10am Y6 Class Assembly
- 3.30pm School closes for half term break
- 6.30pm PTFA "Red Disco" in the Hall

Monday 16 February

- Seaside Art Exhibition opens at Grundy Art Gallery, Queen Street.

Tuesday 24 February

- 8.45am School opens
- 11am Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 25 February

- 10.15am Ash Wednesday Mass