

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

## January Newsletter 2010

Dear Parents,  
May I wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back to a new term. Can I also thank you for supporting the governors decision to close the school on Thurs 7th and Fri 8th January due to the ice and snow. These decisions were not taken lightly, but the health and safety of our pupils and families was of paramount importance. There have been a number of staffing changes this month, and I would hope you would give a

warm St Kentigern's welcome to Miss Pointon, teaching Year 4, Mr Willis, teaching Year 5 and Mr Casey leading PE and teaching in all classes throughout the school. They have replaced Mrs Sandiford who has taken up a new position in a Lancashire school, Mrs Lapsins who has taken early retirement and will still be involved in school and Miss Smith who has started her maternity leave this week. I would like to thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them well for the

future.

We celebrated St Kentigern's feast day, last Wednesday by going to Mass at 10.15am and then splitting into house groups for a creative, fun afternoon.

I would like 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 2010 for the benefit of everyone in our community.

Yours sincerely,

*Frances Wygladala*

### PTFA News

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday  
14th April 2010  
3.45pm in school

#### **NEXT EVENT**

Friday 29th January  
Doors open 6.15pm,  
film starts 6.30pm

Back by popular demand is our  
**Family Cinema Night**  
in the Hall.

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

Please support this event with your family.

Date for your diary:

**Red Disco**  
Friday 12th February  
6.30 - 8.30pm



Working together on our feast day



#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th February at 6.30pm in the Upper Room of the Parish Centre.

The focus will be on the church. Please bring any family prayers, devotions or resources to share with the group, from this months meeting.

#### **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.

#### **WEDNESDAY WORD**

Every Wednesday pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will bring home a sheet focusing on the gospel for the following Sunday. The idea is to set aside 5 mins to pray together as a family to strengthen the home, school parish partnership and focus on the messages that we are given from the gospels each week.

#### **Sports Kit**

Mr Casey is looking to purchase a new sports kit for the pupils to use when representing our school in sports activities around the town.

If any parents who own a business, or work for a company that would like to sponsor the kit, please contact Mr Casey at school. This would be a great help to our teams.

## 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

Tuesday 9th February

7pm at The Grand Theatre

Year 2 pupils will be representing our school by performing a dance. They are

currently working hard with Mrs McGrath and a dance specialist to choreograph and learn a routine.

For Schools Alive, the primary, secondary and special schools in Blackpool take over the Grand for the week and showcase their talents each night to a packed audience. St Kentigern's always takes part, as the children get so much out of this wonderful opportunity to perform on stage in such a famous theatre in our town. Further information will follow next week after Mrs McGrath has attended a meeting to discuss the details with other schools.

Please book tickets directly from the box office.

## Spring Term Class Masses and Assemblies

Class Masses are on Tuesday at 10.15am when we join the parish for mass in Church. Class assemblies are on Fridays at 10.10am in the hall, each class leads an assembly, usually on the topic they have been learning about in R.E.

Class	Mass	Assembly
Reception	March 2nd	March 12th
Y1	March 2nd	February 5th
Y2	March 16th	February 12th
Y3	March 9th	January 29th
Y4	February 2nd	February 26th
Y5	February 9th	March 19th
Y6	March 23rd	March 5th

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

### CAFOD Collections before Christmas

Parents, staff and pupils donated money to purchase World Gifts from CAFOD. A total of £333 was collected and the pupil council had a debate about what to buy. They went into detail discussing what people needed as opposed to what they would like. Your money went to buy: 4 school starter packs, 3 footballs, 4 vegetable gardens, 1 chicken, 1 pair of piglets, 1 bicycle, 2 water supplies, 2 mother and baby packages and programmes to teach 2 children to read. Many thanks for your kindness and consideration.

### 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** - please register your token on line. Offer ends in March.
- **Old mobile phones:** Please send them in to the school office as the PTFA are running a scheme to exchange them for cash. If you got a new mobile for Christmas, send the old one in to school to be recycled and help raise funds for your children.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Tuesday 19 January

- 4pm-5.45pm Indoor Athletics at Sports Centre, Stanley Park. 8 children from St Kentigern's competing

### Friday 22 January

- 8 Y5 pupils to Rossall astronomy event with Mrs Heyes

### Friday 29 January

- 10.10am Y3 Class Assembly
- 6.15pm PTFA Family Cinema Night

### Sunday 31 January

- 10.30am Family Mass for Education Sunday, everyone welcome, choir, musicians, readers needed.

### Friday 5 February

- 10.10am Year 1 assembly

### Tuesday 9 February

- 9am or 5.30am Winmarleigh meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents
- 10.15am Y5 Class Mass
- 7pm Y2 performing at Schools Alive at the Grand Theatre

### Wednesday 10 February

- 6.30pm Y3 Sacramental preparation meeting in the parish centre

### Friday 12 February

- 10.10am Y2 Class Assembly
- 3.30pm School closes for half term break
- 6.30pm PTFA "Red Disco" in the Hall

### Wednesday 17 February

- 10.15am Ash Wednesday Mass

### Saturday 20 February

- Miss Stewart gets married

### Monday 22 February

- School closed for staff training

### Tuesday 23 February

- 8.45am School opens

### Wednesday 24 - Friday 26 Feb

- 52 pupils from Y5 and Y6 go to Winmarleigh for an outdoor education residential

### Friday 26 February

- Cafod Lent Fast Day
- 10.10am Y4 Class Assembly