

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## February 2006

Dear Parents,

This Sunday marks Education Sunday when we focus on the work done around the country in our Church schools. The Church provides education through the financial generosity of the parishioners and creativity of teachers, teaching assistants and governors. Through their witness in schools the Gospel is spread in word

and deed. We are all on a faith journey and need the support of our parish at various stages in our lives. As parents, we made a promise at the baptism of our child. Have we kept it? Is faith important in our lives? Do we pray together as a family? Do we try to live out the Gospel in our everyday lives?

Lent starts next month and we take this opportunity to contemplate our life of

faith throughout the six weeks before Easter, the biggest festival in the Church's calendar.

Please make every effort to come to Mass this weekend and help the parish school to celebrate Education Sunday.

Yours sincerely,



### PTFA News

Thanks to all who supported the Prize Bingo Evening. There was a great atmosphere on the night and jacket potatoes were enjoyed by all! Thanks to all the PTFA Committee and the staff members who ran the evening and special thanks to our bingo caller "extra-ordinaire", Mr Birch for his unique delivery! We raised over £120.

### NEXT EVENT

#### Own Clothes Day in School

Friday 17th February. Pay £1 and come dressed in your own clothes.

#### DISCO

Friday 17th February 6.30pm. PTFA Disco in the Hall. £1 entry. All children **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 18 years of age).

### Year Four at the Grundy Art Gallery



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

#### Y3 First Communion

The next meeting is Wednesday 15th February at 7pm. The theme of the meeting will be The Church. Parents now have the 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. 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. Please make sure that you have returned your registration letter. 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 next Tuesday at 3.45pm, 14th February, in the Y6 classroom.

## SCHOOLS ALIVE!

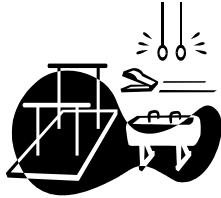
Year 2 are performing at the Grand Theatre on Tuesday, 14th February, in the Blackpool Schools Alive.

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".



### HELIO'S



After half term Year 6 children are being given the opportunity to go to Helio Gym on Newton Drive to work in the gym with the trainer after school to improve their fitness levels. We really appreciate this partnership with local industry and it is a wonderful opportunity to work on the Government's Agenda for Quality Sport in Schools Initiative. This contributes to our Healthy Schools Programme.

This Sunday marks the celebration of Education in our Catholic schools and parishes across the UK. We invite all children and families to Mass to make it a real celebration here in St Kentigern's Parish. Year 3 & Year 6 children will play a part in the readings and order of Mass as part of their Sacramental Preparation. Please pray for our local schools and Catholic Colleges and for the Church's continued work in education. Tea and Coffee will be served by the PTFA in the Parish Centre afterwards.

### EDUCATION SUNDAY

12th February 10.30am In Church

### LUDUS DANCE COMPANY

Year 5 children have had an hour's workshop with the Ludus Dance Company this week. They had the chance to observe and participate in dance activities. We have 20 tickets for a performance by the dance company at the Globe Theatre in the Pleasure Beach, Blackpool on Friday 10th February at 7pm. Priority will be given to Year 5 children and their parents to see the show.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Our school nurse, Jackie Hallows, runs a Drop-In Centre every Thursday in St Kentigern's School at 3pm. We are very fortunate to have health working with education on our premises. Please make use of this opportunity to pop in and see her about any health concerns.

### 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

#### Friday 10th February

- 10.10am Year 3 Class Assembly
- 7.30pm Ludus Dance Company at the Globe Theatre

#### Sunday 12th February

- 10.30am Education Sunday Mass in Church

#### Monday 13th February

- Dave Woodcock in Year 6 all day. Drama Workshop
- 1.15pm-3.15pm Computer Course for Parents in Isidore Suite

#### 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

#### Friday 17th February

- 10.10am Year 2 Class Assembly
- 1.30pm Year 5 last swimming session

- 3.30pm Break up for Half Term
- 6.30pm PTFA Disco in the Hall

#### Tuesday 28th February

- 8.55am School re-opens

#### Wednesday 1st March

- 10.15am School to Mass for Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent

#### Thursday 2nd March

Children will receive £1 Book Tokens during the Book Assembly

#### Friday 3rd March

- 1pm 45 Y5 & Y6 pupils leave for an Outdoor Education weekend to Winmarleigh Hall
- 1.30pm Y4 swimming