

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## March 2006

Dear Parents,

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday and we have the opportunity to spend this time reflecting on our spiritual journey towards Easter.

There are three areas to focus on during Lent; prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

We can devote more time in prayer by popping into Church and praying the Stations of the Cross, we

can come to the 7.30am Mass on a Friday or we can pray the Rosary. We can fast. When we talk about fasting, it's not necessarily giving up chocolate or the things we crave the most, it's more about fasting from unkind thoughts and words, fasting from judging others, fasting from the things that draw us away from God and so on. Alms-giving is giving a little of what we have to help the needy. One of our most valuable assets is our

time. Why not offer to visit someone who is sick or house-bound or maybe volunteer your services at Church?

Making a sacrifice is up to you. **You** decide what you can and are prepared to give. After all, when we think about the sacrifice that Christ made for us on the Cross, it's not much to ask, is it?

Yours sincerely,

*Frances Wygladala*

### PTFA News

#### DISCO

Special thanks to all who supported the Disco last month. Thanks to the PTFA Committee and staff for all their support and hard work and to all the families who attended the event.

#### NEXT EVENT

#### MAGIC SHOW

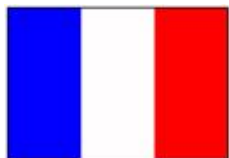
APRIL 7TH

7PM

Members of the Blackpool Magic Circle have offered their services to come and entertain families at this event in the Hall. Tickets will be on sale in the School Office nearer the time. More details to follow.

#### NEXT MEETING

Tonight, Wednesday 15th March 8pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome to discuss the Summer Fair, our biggest fund raiser.



### OUR FRENCH FRIENDS

Last week we welcomed our French partner school from Ponteilla near Perpignan in the South of France. They spent 5 days in the North West whilst forging links with our school community. We shared activities including; parachute, lotto, ICT, art and craft in school. Our Year 5 children took this opportunity to use their Modern Foreign Language skills to interact with their new friends and we are so lucky to have been chosen from all the Blackpool schools to develop this link.

On Friday we went to Longridge to visit them at their "base camp" and shared some sporting activities with them. We had dinner together and returned to school in the evening.

On Sunday we were due to visit Blackpool Tower, but the trip was cancelled due to the snow. Everyone was very disappointed!

On Monday we visited the Mayor of Blackpool for a Civic Reception at the Town Hall followed by workshops at the Grundy Art Gallery and the Central Library. We had a fantastic day and ended our visit with a little last minute shopping for presents. Then it was a wet and blustery walk back to school for a fish'n'chip supper and a final farewell before they departed from Blackpool Airport at 8pm.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

#### Y3 First Communion

The next meeting is tonight, Wednesday 15th March at 7pm in the Year 2 classroom. The theme of the meeting will be **The Eucharist**. Parents now have the responsibility to ensure that the children can make their First Confession. This can be any Saturday either between 11.30am & 12 noon or 5.30pm & 6pm.

If in doubt, please ring Fr. John at the Presbytery on 393439.

#### Y6 Confirmation

The next meeting is tonight, Wednesday 15th March at 7pm. This meeting is for children only and will be held in the Y1 classroom.

#### RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Winmarleigh Hall, Lancashire

The Outdoor Educational weekend was a great success. All 43 children enjoyed a range of activities including orienteering, radios, zip-wire, quad-biking, low ropes, night line, bouldering, climbing wall, Jacob's ladder and much more! The behaviour was very good and the experience was made even more magical by the snowfall.

My thanks to all the staff

and governors who gave up their weekend to accompany the trip and who fully participated in the activities. The children were a credit to their families and the school.

## 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

### TESCO SPORTS VOUCHERS

**Thanks to all** who sent in Tesco Sports vouchers.

We purchased the following new resources:

2 wheely bags to carry equipment

35 aerobic mats

72 tennis balls

A 4m agility ladder

36 skipping ropes and some whistles

### RECYCLING WINNERS OF LANCASHIRE!

I am proud to announce that we were the Lancashire winners in the Recycling Pledge Scheme for December 2005.

The photograph on the right is the keyboard that was presented to us as a reward for our efforts

**Well done** and please return any outstanding pledge books to the School Office by Friday 17th March.

The MP3 player will be presented before Easter

to the child who has returned the most pledges



### INTERNET SAFETY

There hardly seems to be a week without some mention of Internet Safety for our children. We always think that it will never happen to us but you would be surprised at how close the dangers really are in every home! Suzanne Wilkinson, from the Awaken Project, will be coming to school tonight, Wednesday, 15th March at 7pm, to

#### 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, Fibre 1, Clusters and other Nestle cereals which provide a healthy start for the day for the family.

#### SAINSBURY'S

Please send the vouchers for sports to school.

#### TESCO

We are collecting the vouchers for computers. Please support. These vouchers are also available at the Tesco Extras on Whitegate Drive and Caunce Street as well as the Tesco Petrol Stations.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**

#### Wednesday 15th March

7pm Y3 First Communion Programme in Y2 classroom

7pm Y6 Confirmation Programme in Y1 classroom

7pm Parents talk on Internet Safety in Year 6 classroom. All welcome. This effects every household!

8pm PTFA Meeting

#### Thursday 16th March

Astronomy visit to Rossall

3.30pm Year 6 Helio's Gym Club

#### Friday 17th March

7.30am Mass in Church

10.15am Reception Assembly

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Monday 20th March

Seasiders Exhibition open at The Grundy Art Gallery. School work displayed

1.15pm-3.15pm ICT Course for Parents in Isidore Suite

3.30pm Junior Football Skills at St Mary's

#### Thursday 23rd March

3.30pm Year 6 Helio's Gym Club

#### Friday 24th March

7.30am Mass in Church

#### Sunday March 26th

25 children to Ewood Park, Blackburn for the Women's England v France football game

#### Monday March 27th

1.15pm-3.15pm ICT Course for Parents in Isidore Suite

#### Tuesday March 28th

10.15am Y2 Class Mass

#### Wednesday 29th March

Round the World in 80 Minutes including music, dance, movement for the whole school

3.30pm Book Fair in school

#### Thursday 30th March

Y1/Y4 African Music/Art Trip to the Grundy Art Gallery

3.30pm Book Fair in school

#### Friday 31st March

- 7.30am Mass in Church