

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

## March Newsletter 2009

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching Easter and in three weeks we will celebrate Palm Sunday, which is the beginning of Holy Week. Lent gives us the time and opportunity to reflect on our lives and re-focus on how we treat each other according to the Gospels. There are many opportunities to live out our faith in our school, homes, work-place and local community. It could mean visiting someone that you know lives alone, doing their

shopping, spending time with them and having a cup of tea. You could spend more time in prayer by visiting church and following the Stations of the Cross on a Friday at 11am or you could come to the early morning Mass on a Friday at 7.30am. You could also devote some time to pray together at home as a family either at the beginning or end of the day or before meals. It doesn't take a lot of time but it is well worth the effort. Children have all made a Lenten promise to do that little bit more.

Please encourage them and join them with the Lenten calendar as a focus.

Please support the charity events in Lent as each class has chosen a special charity.

I look forward to seeing you at the Easter assemblies, dates shown over-leaf, where every child in school is involved in re-enacting the events leading up to the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Yours sincerely,

*Frances Wygladala*

### PTFA News

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 1st April  
7.45pm in the Parish  
Centre

#### **NEXT EVENT**

**Friday 27th March  
6.30pm in the hall**  
Family Quiz Night and  
Human Bingo  
£1 per person entrance  
All children must  
accompanied by a  
responsible adult for  
the evening

**Red Disco  
Friday 13th February**

Thank you to everyone  
who supported this  
new event.  
We all had a fantastic  
night and raised  
£260.90 for PTFA  
funds

**Total Raised since  
September  
£1,234.16**

Thank you to the  
dedicated committee  
and to everyone for  
supporting the events



### ICT Mark Presentation March 3rd



affiliated school

We are now, OFFICIALLY, an e-learning foundation affiliated school. If we can obtain funding we will extend the mobile learning project to Year 4. We have applied for a grant to top up contribution from parents, which will help with the set up costs to provide a mobile device to every Year 4 pupil.

### PARENTS EVENING AND REPORTS

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent consultations evening. There was lots of feedback about the new half-yearly report format. Parents appreciated the input from the staff and the opportunity to discuss progress, achievement and future targets for their children. If you have any suggestions for further improvements, please speak to Mrs Wygladala.



The school achieved the ACTIVE MARK for commitment to Physical Education. Thanks to Mrs Lapsins who co-ordinates this important subject in the curriculum. Special thanks to the staff and sports coaches for their support.

### BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all children and parents who visited the Book Fair in school. It was a great success. Children had the opportunity to choose from a vast selection of popular books and use their £1 World Book Day voucher.

You spent £557 which enables the school to choose £220 worth of books.

Thank you!





### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS**

The First Holy Communion Day is on Sunday April 26th at 10.30am.

### **RECONCILIATION**

All parents should make sure that their child has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time ie. been to First Confession. Times are from 11.30am to mid-day & 5.30pm to 6pm on a Saturday.

### **TIES**

Red ties for the boys will be available shortly at a cost of £4. Please send the money to the School Office in a clearly marked envelope.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on April 1st in the Upper Room of the Parish Centre at 6.30pm.

### **FROM THE PARISH - Fr John**

We are now half way through the season of Lent. This weekend we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent, **Laetare Sunday**. "Laetare" is a Latin word, which means "Rejoice" and it reminds us that Christ will be raised from the dead and bring us all the hope of eternal salvation.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Prayer:** More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for those who will be baptised at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer. We might pray for all those who will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with us during Lent that they will be truly renewed in their baptismal commitment.

**Fasting:** Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Try and make Friday a fast day!

**Almsgiving:** This is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. We are always looking for volunteers at Church to visit the sick and housebound and take them Holy Communion. Almsgiving is not entirely related to finance. It is about giving up a little of one of our most precious commodities – our time!

**Friday Morning Mass during Lent -** During Lent we hold a Mass on a Friday morning at 7.30am. It would be nice to see many more of you as we draw to the end of Lent. Children who attend can have breakfast in the Hall afterwards.

### **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.

- **NESTLE CEREAL BOX TOPS:** Please keep sending in the Box Tops, closing date to claim books is Friday 20th March
- **EVENING GAZETTE:** Be Green & Grow tokens in the Gazette to be exchanged for seeds and plants for our Secret Garden
- **BATTERIES:** There is a collection point in the Office. Please send them in. Types: 6v, D,C,AA,AAA,9volt & button.
- **TESCO for Schools and Clubs:** One voucher for every £10 spent in store or on fuel spent between now and Sunday June 7th.
- **SAINSBURY'S:** Active Kids vouchers, collect one voucher for every £10 spent between up to 3rd June. The School Council will exchange the vouchers for playground equipment.
- **PRINTER CARTRIDGES** such as **HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK** etc.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Tuesday 17 March St Patrick's Day**

- 10am Y6 Class Mass

#### **Thursday 19 March**

- Bad Hair Day in school for Y6 charity, Bristish Heart Foundation

#### **Friday 20 March**

- 10.10am Reception Class Assembly

#### **Monday 23 March**

- 1.30pm Y2 Fire Safety talk
- 2.15pm Y6 Fire Safety talk

#### **Tuesday 24 March**

- 11am Y5 last swim

#### **Wednesday 25 March**

- Terry Caffrey, poet working with Y6 all day

#### **Friday 27 March**

- 6.30pm PTFA Family Quiz and Human Bingo in the Hall

#### **Monday 30 March**

- Pyjama Day in School Y4 fundraising for the Stroke Society

#### **Tuesday 31 March**

- 9.30am Swimming Gala at Palatine
- 10.15am Y4 Class Mass

#### **Wednesday 1 April**

- Creative Partnership Exhibition for Y1 and Y4 families and friends in the hall, everyone welcome
- 5pm Full Governors
- 6.30pm Sacramental Preparation in the Parish Centre

- 7.45pm PTFA Meeting in the Parish Centre

#### **Friday 3 April**

- Terry Caffrey, poet working with Y6 all day

#### **Monday 6 April**

- 2pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Assembly in the Hall

#### **Tuesday 7 April**

- 2pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Assembly in the Hall

#### **Wednesday 8 April**

- 2pm Year 5 and Year 6 Easter Assembly in the Hall

#### **Thursday 9 April**

- 2pm School closes for Easter