



St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

April Newsletter 2009



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of Lent we reflect on the prayer, fasting and almsgiving that has been a focus for us and look forward to Easter. In school all the children have been raising money for charities, special to each class. The response to the Lenten fundraising has been tremendous, with £774.41 raised in total thank you!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 raised £200.08 by organising cake sales, guess the name of the teddy competition, Easter Egg Raffle etc for Danna's

Dream House, a local charity that provides respite care for terminally ill children and their families.

Year 3 chose the RSPCA and raised £44.50.

Year 4 opted to support the Stroke Foundation and raised £151.47 by holding a pyjama day last week for everyone in school.

Year 5 raised £72.36 for the Born Free Foundation and Year 6 did a sponsored walk for the British Heart Foundation and organised a bad hair day for the whole school, raising £306. This was in total a fantastic amount during difficult

financial times - thank you again.

I urge you all to attend the Easter assemblies in school this week, it helps us re-live the final days of Jesus' life and question our commitment to our faith.

On the reverse are all the services in the Parish during Holy Week.

I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Wygladala

PTFA News

The next event is the **St Kent's Got Talent Show** on Friday 24th April. Doors open at 6.30pm

Costs are £1 per person to watch

Everyone who entered will get the opportunity to perform and the PTFA committee were very impressed with the applications.

There will be presentations on the night to the winners

All children **MUST** be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

Refreshments will be available during interval.

Year 1 and Year 4 launch our 3 year involvement with Creative Partnerships and the Mayor joins in the fun!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

25 children will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 26th April at the 10.30am Mass.

When you arrive please check in with the catechist in the porch. Children should then go to the front of Church and have their individual photograph taken. The photographer will be here from 9.30am. Children

should sit down in the benches next to the Confessional and spend a little time in prayer. No individual photos will be taken after 10.15am so can you please arrive in plenty of time. The first five rows will be allocated for parents and siblings. A group photograph will be taken at 10.20am, then the children will make their way into the Sacristy for Mass to begin. After Mass the children will form a guard of honour at

the back of Church and will then walk across to the Parish Hall for the Communion Breakfast provided by the PTFA and Fr John will say grace. Parents and families are encouraged to use the Parish Centre whilst the children are eating where the bar will be open and tea and coffee will be served. The cake will be cut in class on Monday, 27th April. Please make sure

that all the children have had breakfast and arrive in plenty of time. Remember to check in and enjoy this very special occasion.

Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Let us all enjoy this First Holy Communion Sunday!

**Please support our School
in the following collections
and ask family members and
neighbours to help too.**

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

This recycling scheme allows us to claim money back for empty printer cartridges such as HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK.

Please keep sending in any used toner/cartridges.

NESTLE CEREAL

Please keep sending in the Box Tops. These will be exchanged for class reading books by the student council.

TESCO

Please keep sending in Tesco vouchers for computer equipment. 1 voucher for every £10 spent in store or on fuel. Offer finishes on Sunday 7th June.

SAINSBURYS

Active Kids vouchers provide PE/Sports and Playground equipment. Please collect and send to school. £10 spent in store, Offer finishes Wednesday 3rd June.

BATTERIES

There is a collection tube in the Office for used batteries, please recycle and avoid them going in the bin.

Types 6V, D, C, AA, AAA, 9V and button

MOBILE PHONES

Old, used mobiles are being recycled for funds for the PTFA. Please send them into the School Office

FLORA

Vouchers in tubs of Flora products can be exchanged for cooking equipment in school, please enrol online or send in to school.

EVENING GAZETTE

Be Green & Grow tokens in the Gazette to be exchanged for seeds and plants for our Secret Garden

Thank you for all your continued support, it is much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the four pupils who are through to the final of the Book Quiz,

Nancy, Jonathan, Rory and Stesa. They managed to knock out Anchorsholme,

St. Kentigern's Holy Week & Easter Services in Church

8th April, 'Spy' Wednesday

7.30pm Service of Reconciliation - the last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Parish before Easter

9th April, Maundy Thursday

4pm Meeting of Altar Servers in Church. Servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. This will include the reception of the Holy Oils and the washing of feet.

After Mass the Indian community invite everyone across to the hall for their traditional Maundy Thursday event.

9.50pm Night prayers in Church, Parish centre open until midnight

10th April, Good Friday

11am Stations of the Cross

3pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

11th April, Holy Saturday

10.30am Altar Servers practice for Easter Vigil

12pm Polish Community gather for the blessing of Eggs and food

12.20pm Polish Confessions

7.30pm Easter Vigil, begins in the car park with the blessing of the new Paschal Candle. There is a procession into Church for the Liturgy of the Word and reception of the candidates into full communion and the first Mass of Easter. Bring your own bells to ring during the Gloria!

After Mass there will be a celebration in the Parish Centre to which

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Monday 20th April

- 8.45am School opens for the
Summer term

Wednesday 22nd April

- 6.30pm Year 3 Sacramental
Programme
- 7pm PTFA meeting
- 7pm Primary Pop Idol at
Bispham High-Celine £3
tickets on the door

Thursday 23rd April

- St. George's Day - Patron
Saint of England, pupils can
wear red and white for school

Friday 24th April

- 6.30pm St Kent's Got Talent
Show

Sunday 26th April

- 10.30am First Holy Communion
Sunday

Tuesday 28th April

- 10.15am Year 3 Mass and party
with Prayer Partners in school
- Year 4 swimming for first time

Wednesday 29th April

- 1 - 4.30pm Y5/6 Tag Rugby
team at Stanley Park
- 2pm KS2 Music Assembly

Friday 1st May

- Y3 Judo lessons in PE

Monday 4th May

- Bank Holiday - School closed all
day

Monday 11th-Friday 15th May

Assessment week for the Whole
School and Y6 SATs