

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## May 2006

Dear Parents,  
I do apologise for this late newsletter, it has been a short but busy half term.

I enjoyed welcoming the parents of our September intake at Induction Evening last week and thank the staff and PTFA for their input on the evening.

Mr O'Brien leaves us this Friday to take up a new post as deputy in a school in Lancashire, it originally was to start in September but the governors asked for an early release due to circumstances at the school. My thanks go to Mr O'Brien for everything he has done over the last five and a

half terms and together with the governors, staff and children we wish him every success for the future.

Please find attached a holiday list for next academic year and a uniform order form.

Yours sincerely,  
*Frances Wygladala*

### PTFA News

The next event is an **Obstacle and BBQ** on Friday 26th May at 6.30pm in the Junior Playground. 20p per lap entry fee for the obstacle with burgers and refreshments also available. Certificates will be presented after half term for each child's personal best.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**Treasure Hunt** from school 6.30pm Friday June 16th

#### **Bag2School**

Thursday 29th June  
An opportunity to recycle unwanted clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes and handbags to be re used. PTFA will be paid by the weight of the bags

**Summer Fun Day** on Sunday 2nd July from 11.30am onwards

#### Next PTFA Meeting

14th June 8pm in the Parish Centre  
All welcome

### The May Procession



**Many thanks to all the families who sent in flowers**

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

#### Y3 First Communion

29 children made their First Holy Communion on Sunday May 7th.

My thanks go to Fr John, Mrs Cavanagh and Mrs O'Donnell for organising the programme and to all the catechists, parents and children who have worked together in

preparation for the sacraments since the autumn term. Thanks also to Mrs Flete the organist, the children in the choir and all the altar servers.



#### Y6 Confirmation

Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue will be confirming Y6 children during Mass on Wednesday 24th May at 7pm.

Last Monday Y6 went to Tabor, a Carmelite retreat centre in Preston for a day of spiritual reflection and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The building is very peaceful and the day gives them time and space to contemplate the next step on

their faith journey, the first one they have made for themselves. They have all chosen a name of a saint and done some research.

We hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will work through them to spread the Good News of the Gospels and give them strength to practise their faith and set a good example for their friends and families.

## RECYCLING REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS

Our school has done really well in this campaign - Thank You! We won a keyboard for the most recycling during January and are at the top of the table for March.

Log on to [www.recycle4schools.net/lancashire](http://www.recycle4schools.net/lancashire) to view our points tally. Points are awarded for pledges and the amount of recycling in the postcodes on the pledges.

Josephine Lees in Y6 won the MP3 player for the most pledges returned to school, well done!!

### School Uniform

Please find a uniform order form attached.

The small amount of profit made per garment goes to benefit the children of the school.

Please support all the children in school by purchasing uniform and get your orders in for September early to avoid disappointment.

### **THE GOOD SHEPHERD FUND**

Many thanks to all the children who set up mini-enterprise projects to raise money for Catholic Caring Services and parents who supported by sending in cakes, gifts, prizes and money. £364.04 was raised and will be presented to the Bishop at Lancaster Cathedral in July by children representing our school.

The Good Shepherd Fund is an excellent example of children helping children and adults within our diocese through the social care agency.

### **Increased thresholds for Free School Meals**

From April 2006 if you receive the following you can claim free schools meals for your child/ren:

- Income Support
- Income-Based jobseekers allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and don't earn over £14,155

More information at [www.governor.net.co.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.governor.net.co.uk/schoolmeals)

### Digital Media Projects

Last year Y6 made a film entitled 'Scary' and won the digital video project for the whole of Blackpool and a new digital video camera. We were all extremely proud of them.

This year Y6 have entered an animation entitled 'The Jabberwocky' and two digital videos. The screening is at the Odeon Cinema in June where votes are cast and the winners announced.

Thanks to Mrs Heyes and Mr Dobbert for all their hard work and valuable skills.

Good Luck Y6 - a hard act to follow!

### **CAFOD**

Mr Lapsins, Teaching Assistant in Y4 is doing a sponsored bike ride from Lands End to John O'Groats for CAFOD.

Anyone wishing to sponsor him, please see Mrs Winston in the school office.

It is a very worthwhile cause and very courageous of Mr Lapsins to volunteer!

### **PRINTER CARTRIDGES**

This recycling scheme allows us to claim money back for empty printer cartridges. Please keep sending in any used toner/cartridges.

### **PERSIL STARS**

Please collect the token from the boxes and send them in to school.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Wednesday 24th May

7pm Y6 Confirmation Mass with Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue

#### Thursday 25th May

10.15am Ascension Thursday Mass

#### Friday 26th May

10.10am Y1's Class Assembly and presentation to Mr O'Brien

3.30pm Break up for half term

6.30pm PTFA BBQ and Obstacle

#### Monday 12th June

8.45am School re-opens

#### Wednesday 14th June

1.15pm Y6 Class Photograph

### **NESTLE CEREAL**

Please keep sending in the Box Tops. We cashed in £41.60 and bought books for the school library—**Thank You**

### **TESCO Computers for Schools**

The scheme ended on May 14th. Please send any outstanding vouchers in with your children

8pm PTFA Meeting to discuss the Summer Fun Day

#### Thursday 15th June

10.15am Corpus Christi Mass

#### Friday 16th June

10.10am Y2's Class Assembly

1.30pm Foundation and KS1 Sports Activity Afternoon in Stanley Park Arena (weather permitting)

6.30pm PTFA Treasure Hunt

#### Monday 19th June

Y5 taster day at St. Mary's Catholic College

2pm Speech and Language talk for KS1 parents

### **SAINSBURY'S Active Kids 06**

From May 25th—May 30th double vouchers are given before the scheme ends (2 vouchers for every £10 spent). Please continue to send the tokens into school. We will exchange the tokens for PE equipment.

#### Tuesday 20th June

10.15am Y4 and Y5 Class Mass

#### Friday 23rd June

Primary Young People's Conference on PSHE. 4 representatives from school attending

10.10am Y3's Class Assembly

12pm Queen's Birthday Lunch in the Hall

#### Monday June 26th

Moving up day—Y6 spend the day at St. Mary's Catholic College and our new Reception children join us in school for the first time