

St. Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

September 2004

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to a new school year, a very exciting one for all of us.

We welcome our new deputy head-teacher, Mr O'Brien, who is teaching in Year 5 and had responsibility for English and Assessment. One of his first jobs will be to get the School Council up and running. Two children will be elected from Year 2 to Year 6 as class representatives. They will sit on the Council to

discuss issues involving school life.

The first major project is the school playgrounds. The PTFA have paid £6,000 and we have secured funding from NOF and Seed Capital for the remaining £9,000. The School Council will work on the design and the playgrounds will be finished in time for our Centenary Celebrations in October.

May I also welcome the new children and parents in our

Reception Class, our 100th intake. Our school is now the oldest Catholic school still open, serving the needs of the Catholic children in the local area.

I look forward to all the events planned and encourage you all to get involved and continue the work started 100 years ago.

Yours sincerely
Frances Wygladala



CENTENARY BALL
SATURDAY
16th
OCTOBER 2004
8pm
HILTON HOTEL



SCHOOL AND PARISH CENTENARY 1904-2004

The Centenary Ball will be held at the Hilton Hotel, North Promenade, Blackpool on Saturday 16th October from 8pm. The cost of each ticket is £25 and includes a meal and disco. Formal dress (i.e. black tie and dinner suit for men and cocktail dresses for ladies). £5 secures a ticket. Please forward to School in a sealed and clearly marked envelope. Please do join in this celebration of 100 years of praise, worship and education in our parish community. Over 18's only.

SCHOOL MEALS INCREASE

From September 2004 there will be a slight increase in the price of school meals. The weekly amount will be £1.40 per day payable on Mondays (£7 per week). Please make sure that all dinner money is clearly labelled and paid on time. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Orders for school uniform can be left in the Office ready for September. We now supply a reversible fleece/anorak with the school logo priced at £19.95. Please try to order before the school closes so that we can arrange for new stock to be purchased. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday 13th September
Family Groups will be taken from 8.50am in the Hall. All children and siblings will be photographed and proofs sent out when delivered.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Can all parents who are entitled to free school meals please apply to Progress House as soon as possible. Blackpool LEA does not back-date applications. Hot and cold meals are available daily from the Servery and provide a nutritious meal for your child.

E MAIL

If you would prefer to have this newsletter e-mailed to you each month, please send your e mail address to the school office as soon as possible. Documents are often "lost, mis-placed or stuck in book bags and forgotten". This ensures better communication between home and school.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please avoid taking holidays during term time. Taking holidays in term time effects your child's educational development and can be very unsettling for them. The head can authorise 10 days at her discretion. She will take into account the level of attendance and punctuality for each child before making a decision. The school holiday pattern has changed in the last two years to allow 2 weeks at Spring Bank for family holidays.

ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL 2005

Booklets and admission forms will be sent out this week to all Y6 pupils. The form is to be returned **NO LATER** than 21st October to secure a high school place. This is an important document, please act immediately.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



The Harvest Festival will be celebrated in Church this year on Tuesday 5th October at 11am. Families are welcome to send in tinned goods and produce. Please make sure that all tins are in date and that items are fresh. All food goes to the needy in the parish and local community. Thank you. All welcome.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Blackpool Road Safety Team ask that all parents remember safety whilst travelling in vehicles with children.

- Never ride with a child/baby on your lap; in an impact your weight would crush the child
- Never wrap one seatbelt around two children
- Children should remain in a booster seat until they are at least 150cm tall
- Never use your mobile phone whilst driving
- Always set a good example and wear a seatbelt

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PRINTER CARTRIDGES - This recycling scheme allows us to claim money back for empty printer cartridges (HP, CANON & LEXMARK) Please keep sending in any used toner/cartridges.

PERSIL STARS

Please collect the token from the boxes. They help school to buy arts and craft resources. We have more than 1000 tokens to exchange for art equipment. Please continue to send in tokens. Promotion ends 30th June.

NESTLE CEREAL

Box Tops from Nestle Cereals . Each top is worth 10p to school. Thanks to all who have supported this collection and sent in tokens.

Thank you for your continued support.

MEET THE TEACHER

Parents are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 15th September at 3.45pm. Staff will share yearly over-views and time-tables plus the Home/School Agreement. This is an informal meeting and children can attend with their parents.

SPELL BINDER 22nd September

Following on the success of previous years, the Spellbinder duo will be visiting school again to inspire us with their theatrical tales, aiding literacy development. At the request of the children, there will be a show for parents at 7.30pm. More details to follow in a letter with cost.

CENTENARY OPEN DAYS IN SCHOOL

The school will be open to all parents/former pupils and staff on Wednesday 20th October & Thursday 21st from 9.30am onwards. Children will be encouraged to dress in Edwardian school clothes to mark the centenary. There will be displays in the school with old photographs. Anyone wishing to contribute should speak to Mrs Wilde.