

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

September 2007

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to the new school year.

I extend a special welcome to our new pupils and Reception class children. Everyone looks very smart in their uniforms and we have had a very good first week with all the children getting to know their new teachers.

I also take the opportunity to welcome our new members of staff. Mrs Sandiford, senior teacher in Year 3, Miss Bennett in Year 5, Miss Parker, teaching assistant in Year 1 and Mr

Porteus, site supervisor. Mrs Heyes was appointed as Deputy Head-teacher and will continue her role as Inclusion Manager throughout the school. I know that you will make them feel welcome in our parish school community.

Next month Bishop Patrick will be visiting the school and parish and confirming our Year 6 candidates. We are also planning the programme for First Holy Communion for Year 3 families. Our school has a very strong link with the parish church and we do our best to guide our children and families on their spiritual journey. There will be

opportunities for prayer sessions with catechists during lunch-time break to enrich their faith.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Pastoral letter on Catholic Schools from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It highlights the value placed on Catholic Education and the difficulties we face in an ever-changing world. Please take the time to read it.

Thanking you, in anticipation, for your support throughout the coming year .

Yours sincerely,
Frances Wygladala

PTFA News

The AGM of the PTFA (*Parents, Teachers, Friends Association*) will be held on Tuesday 25th September at 8pm in the Year 2 classroom, followed by cheese and wine.

The PTFA is a small group of parents, friends, relatives of the school who meet once a month to organise fundraising and social events for the children and families.

The group is structured with a President, Mrs Wygladala, a Chair-person, Mr Tim Lonsdale; a Vice-Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer who form the core of the committee. Other members are parents, staff and friends who give up their valuable time and skills to help.

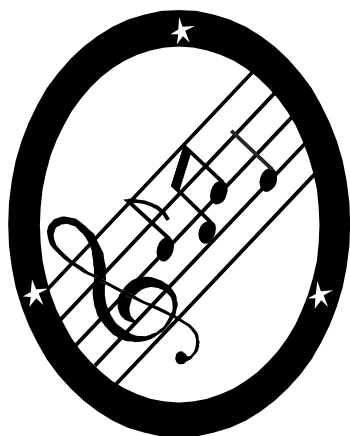
The meeting will be held to elect a new Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chair.

All parents are automatic members of the PTFA but please do give your support to the Committee for each event.

Last year thousands of pounds was raised for the school! The full accounts will be presented at the AGM.

First event of this term:
SPOOKY DISCO, 19th October. 6.30-8.30pm

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR KEY STAGE 2 IN SCHOOL



Every child in Year 4 will learn to play the cornet this year. Other children have the option of learning;

Brass
Woodwind
Keyboard
Guitar

plus singing in the choir every Thursday lunch-time.

Letters have been sent out. Please fill in the reply-slip and return it to school as soon as possible.

Confirmations in October

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting this week. The Confirmations Enrolment Mass will be held this Sunday, September 16 at 10.30am. Children should be in church no later than 10.20am and should check-in with one of the catechists in the entrance porch. The Bishop will be confirming our young people on Wednesday 31st October at 7pm.

ACCESS TO CAR PARK

Please be aware that there is no access for vehicles to the church car park from 8.45am to 9.05am and 3.15pm to 3.45pm.

Bollards have been installed under Health and Safety regulations to prevent access to vehicles and pedestrians at the same time.

This is the busiest time of the day and ensures the safety of all the children in St Kentigern's.

Please also refrain from parking on the zig-zag lines.

ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOLS September 2008

PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Kentigern's: If your child is 5 years old between 1st September 2008 and August 31st 2009 and you require a place in our parish primary school, please call in the office and pick up an Admissions Pack. The closing date for applications is Friday 9th November 2007. You will be notified by post on March 10th 2008 if your application is successful.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

St Mary's Catholic College: If your child is in Year 6 and requires a place in our feeder high school you should receive an Admissions Pack this week.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Sobrino in the School Office. The closing date for applications is Friday 19th October. There is an Open Evening at for you to go and view St Mary's on Monday 1st October at 7pm.

RE-CYCLING AND VOUCHERS SCHEMES

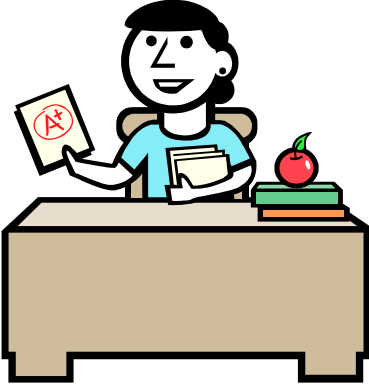
We are collecting:

- Nestle Cereal Vouchers
- Tesco Sports Vouchers
- used ink toner cartridges

Please send these in with your children. We can redeem them for extra resources.

MEET THE TEACHER

All teachers will be available in their classrooms on Tuesday 18th September from 3.45pm to 4.15pm. This is an opportunity to introduce themselves to parents and discuss expectations and aspirations for the coming year.



Booklets with further details will be available in each classroom at this meeting. The booklets include information on; timetable, homework, punctuality, attendance, topics covered throughout the year and much more.

Please make every effort to support your child by coming to this meeting.

Change to Inset Day!

School will be **open** on Monday 29th October and **closed** for staff training on Friday 2nd November 2007

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14th September

- 10.15am Whole school start of year Mass in Church. All welcome.
- Pm Year 5 swimming

Sunday 16th September

- 10.30am Confirmation Mass of Enrolment in Church

Tuesday 18th September

- 3.45pm "Meet the Teacher" in School

Friday 21st September

- 10.10am Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 25th September

- 10.15am Class R and Year 4 Mass in Church
- PTFA AGM 8pm in Year 2 classroom

Wednesday 26th September

- 7pm Confirmation Meeting in Year 2

Monday 1st October

- 7pm Open Evening at St Mary's for Year 6 parents and children

Tuesday 2nd October

- 10.15am Year 1 Class Mass

Wednesday 3rd - Tuesday 9th October

- 3.30pm daily Book Fair in school

Thursday 4th October

- National Poetry Day
- 1.30pm Year 2 to Central Library

Friday 5th October

(Cafod Family Fast Day)

- 11am Harvest Festival in Church

Tuesday 9th October

- Year 4 Trip to BNFL for electricity workshops
- 10.15am Year 5 Class Mass in Church

Thursday 11th October

- 2pm Pupils to represent the school at "Show Racism the Red Card" event at Blackpool Football Club

Friday 12th October

- 10.10am Year 3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 17th October

- 7pm Confirmation Meeting for parents and children

Friday 19th October

- 3.30pm School closes for half-term
- 6.30pm PTFA Spooky Disco in Hall