

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

October 2006

Dear Parents,

It is another busy term in school and half term is fast approaching.

Thank you to all Reception parents for working with the staff in the successful induction of their children into school. It marks the beginning of a 7 year relationship between the home, school and parish. It takes in your child's educational and spiritual development and we are proud of our links with the parish community.

During the last week we have appointed a new Officer Manager, Mrs Sandra Sobrino, who will join us after half-term. Mrs Sobrino will take over from Mrs Winston in the School Office because Mrs Winston emigrates to Canada in a few weeks. My sincere thanks and gratitude go to Mrs Winston for everything she has done during her time at St Kentigern's. She will be missed by everyone and we wish her and her family every happiness for the future. Mrs Winston will keep in touch and help us to establish

another international school link once she has settled in her new home.

This week we welcome HMI Mark Williams who will be in school looking at our self-evaluation and standards. He will feed-back to governors, parents and children with his findings.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Wygladala

PTFA News **What is the PTFA? (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association)**

The PTFA is a group of Parents, Teachers and Friends of the school and parish community. This group meets once a month to organise functions for the children and families and to discuss where best to spend the money that is raised. Their activities include selling raffle tickets, shopping for discos, preparing the First Holy Communion breakfast, making tea & coffee after Mass on a Sunday and generally being a willing pair of hands to help at events. All parents are automatic members of the PTFA. If you feel that you would like to be part of this team please do come along to the AGM on Tuesday 10th October in school at 8pm or speak to Tim Lonsdale or Andy Birch if you think you could help. Cheese and wine will be served. All welcome.

OUR NEW HEAD BOY, HEAD GIRL AND HOUSE CAPTAINS



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Order forms for school uniform are available from the Office. School makes a profit from every single item sold and we thank all parents for supporting us by buying uniform from school. Please remember to mark each item with your child's name so as to avoid confusion and distress should anything be mislaid.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money is payable on a Monday only. Please send it in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. **Parents please note:** We order food from another school and we need to give them two weeks notice for ordering. Please make sure that your payments arrive in plenty of time.

FAITH AND SERVICE GROUP

This is a group which meets each half term to discuss and reflect on Scripture. Its aim is to help deepen a spiritual understanding of prayer and our faith. It is run by one of our governors in Church during lunch time. The children from Key Stage 2 enjoy the experience and the opportunity for a quiet moment in their busy day to spend time talking to God.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

STANLEY PARK

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Thank you to the children from Key Stage 2 who entered this cross country race. It was a fantastic effort and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mrs Lapsins for her support.



Please send in donations for our Harvest Festival.

We are supporting two local projects; Streetlife which helps homeless young adults and Vincent House, another homeless charity.

We would appreciate tinned food, toiletries, fresh fruit and vegetables. Hampers will also be made and given to sick and housebound parishioners

There will also be a collection on behalf of **CAFOD** (Catholic Aid For Overseas Development)



CELEBRATING OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Monday 16th-Friday 20th October

During this week children will focus on various countries represented in our school community. They will research the culture, traditions, customs and learn languages. They will also have the opportunity to sample food and join in dances and listen to music from different continents. If any parents are available to enrich this experience, please contact your child's class teacher on Thursday to arrange a visit and share your expertise and resources. We are lucky to have children from all parts of the world in our school community and we celebrate that we are all God's children and all very different.



THINGS WE COLLECT AND RE-CYCLE IN SCHOOL

- **PRINTER CARTRIDGES** - Please bring your used cartridges, HP, Canon, Lexmark etc so that we can send them away to be recycled.
- **PERSIL STARS TOKENS** - These tokens can be cut off the top of Persil soap powder boxes. Tokens are exchanged for art equipment.
- **NESTLE CEREAL VOUCHERS** - Tokens are found on cereal boxes such as Shreddies. We can exchange these tokens for books in school
- **TESCO SPORTS VOUCHERS** - Vouchers can be exchanged for sports equipment.

**PTFA SPOOKY DISCO -
FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 6.30PM IN THE HALL**

This is one of our biggest and busiest events of the year. You are invited to come dressed as spookily as possible (parents included!). Come and do the "Monster Mash" and join the fun and games with DJ Gordon in the Hall.

Entry costs £1 per person and all children **MUST** be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

Donations of cakes will be gratefully accepted.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th October

- Year 4 on trip to BNFL - Electricity Workshops
- 4pm Football v Norbreck
- 8pm AGM PTFA

Wednesday 11th October

- OFSTED Inspection all day
- 5.30pm Staffing and Finance

Friday 13th October

- 11am Harvest Festival

Monday 16th October

- Years 4,5 & 6 to Cinema

Tuesday 17th October

- 10.15am Year 4 Class Mass in Church

Wednesday 18th October

- Class R, Years 1,2 & 3 to Cinema
- 4.30pm Curriculum & Policy
- 7pm Year 3 Sacramental Programme

Friday 20th October

- LAST DAY for Secondary High School Applications
- 3.30pm School closes for Half-Term
- 6.30pm Spooky Disco

Monday 30th October

- School opens at 8.45am

Friday 3rd November

- 10.10am Year 4 Class Assembly

Wednesday 8th November

- 4pm-7pm Parent Consultations for all classes
- 7pm Sacramental Programme for Year 3 children and parents

Friday 10th November

- 10.10am Year 1 Class Assembly in the Hall