

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

## October Newsletter 2008

Dear Parents,  
I would like to begin by thanking all parents of the Reception children who helped ease their transition to school. These children are a wonderful addition to our school community and a credit to their parents. We hope that you will enjoy the next 7 years as part of this school and parish community.

Welcome to Mrs Blacker who joined our staff team as Numeracy Support Assistant on Monday. She

will be working with small groups of children to either boost or improve their numeracy skills.

The Harvest Festival on Friday is our opportunity to show Jesus at work through us to those around us. Please do try to come to the service in Church and witness this powerful message. If we all bring our gifts and talents and share them with those around us we receive many blessings from God. *(It is in giving that we receive).* The young homeless of our

town will benefit greatly from our generosity.

Confirmation candidates will be involved in distributing the gifts as part of their work as disciples of the Church. We will welcome Bishop Patrick on 22nd October to confirm 28 candidates. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

This first half-term has been a busy start to the school year and I thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely,  
*Frances Wygladala*

### PTFA News

The PTFA is a group of parents, teachers and friends of the school who work together to raise money for **all** the children through social events.

As a parent of a child in the school you are automatically a member of the PTFA.

The President of the PTFA is our Headteacher, Mrs Frances Wygladala. At the AGM last week a new committee was formed. The Chairperson is Mrs Emma West. The Vice-Chair is Mrs Donna Callon. The Secretary is Mrs Amanda Cirelli and the Treasurer is Mrs Sandra Sobrino.

The Committee meets once a month to organise the events for the year. At every event we rely on people to support the committee by volunteering their time and efforts. Please let us know if you can help.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th October at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

The first event is the Spooky Disco on Friday 24th October at 6.30pm in the Hall. (Flyers to be sent out nearer the time).

Thanks for all the hard work last year. We raised £3,330.07!

### SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS



Many thanks for all the Sainsbury's vouchers you collected. This enabled us to receive all this equipment for the playground and every child will benefit.

### Confirmations 2008

Bishop Patrick will be in the parish on Wednesday 22nd October for confirmations.

The last meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th October starting at 6.30pm in the Year 2 classroom. This meeting is for **BOTH** parents and children.



### First Holy Communion 2008

The Sacramental Programme to prepare for First Holy Communion will begin on November 12th. Both parents and children are to attend the meetings once a month. However, the best preparation is to be at weekly Mass with your family and the parish community. We look forward to seeing you at the weekends. (Fr John)

### Altar Servers

We have had new volunteers to be altar servers at Church. Training is being given on certain dates but please try to bring your child along to Mass at the weekend where "on the spot" training and support will be given by the other and more experienced servers. Thank you for your support.

### Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held this Friday, 3rd October, at 11am in Church. Please send in items of food (tinned items in date please) which will be distributed among the needy of the parish, Streetlife, Vincent House. There will also be a collection for CAFOD.



## PARKING YOUR CAR AROUND SCHOOL

We have had a number of complaints from angry residents regarding vehicles being parked, sometimes abandoned for want of a better word, on streets near to school. Please take care that your vehicle is:

- Not causing an obstruction
- Legally parked (not on the zig-zags or yellow lines)

Please consider the residents in our community who struggle to gain access to their property at the beginning and end of the day.



## START OF THE DAY

School does not start until 8.45am! Children are being left unattended from as early as 8.10am. They are wandering on Newton Drive and are at risk. This practice is unacceptable.

The school is not responsible for children before 8.45am unless they are in Breakfast Club.

Please consider your child's safety as the mornings are getting darker and colder.

## RECEPTION CLASS DINNERS

Many children enjoyed their taster week of school lunches last week and 18 have chosen to stay on school dinners.

## BOOK FAIR



Please support the Book Fair we have in school to mark National Children's Book Week. There will be best-sellers, cartoon books, fact and fiction, craft and story books available every day after school from today until Tuesday 7th October.

Please bring your child and encourage them to read at home the books they buy.

## ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parents of children aged 4 between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009 should collect an Admission Pack from the School Office as soon as possible. There are two forms to complete. One is to be returned to the Children's Services Authority at Progress House and the other, a faith form, orange in colour, is to be completed and returned to school with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. The closing date is Friday 7 November.

Parents of our Year 6 pupils need to complete the Secondary Admissions forms which have been sent out. The closing date is Friday 17 October for admission to Secondary School in September 2009.

### **Did you know that we collect and re-cycle lots of items in school?**

We can claim cash and resources back for these items and would very much appreciate your support.

- **PRINTER CARTRIDGES** such as **HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK.**
- **NESTLE CEREAL BOX TOPS:** Please keep sending in the Box Tops. They can be found on packets of Shreddies, Fibre 1, Clusters and other Nestle cereals which provide a healthy start for the day for the family.
- **BATTERIES:** There is a collection point in the Office. Please send them in. Types; 6v, D,C,AA,AAA,9volt & button.
- **MORRISON'S VOUCHERS**
- **FLORA TUBS** - Cooking equipment for schools

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Friday 3 October**

- 11am Harvest Festival in Church
- 3pm African Music Drumming Assembly for the whole school
- 3.30pm Book Fair in school

### **National Children's Book Week (6th-10th October)**

### **Monday 6 October**

- 3.30pm Book Fair in school

### **Tuesday 7 October**

- 3.30pm Book Fair in school
- Football match v Our Lady of the Assumption

### **Wednesday 8 October**

- Year 6 Confirmation for parents and children
- 7pm Year 4 performing at Grand Theatre in African Music Festival

### **Thursday 9 October**

- National Poetry Day Assembly

### **Friday 10 October**

- 3pm Year 1 Class Assembly

### **Monday 13 October**

- Reception Class Photograph in the Evening Gazette

### **Tuesday 14 October**

- 2.30pm Virtual Sports Competition for Year 1
- 3.45pm Junior Road Safety Officers to the Town Hall with Mrs Dobbett

### **Wednesday 15 October**

- 8pm PTFA Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre

### **Friday 17 October**

- Closing Date for Secondary School Admissions
- 3pm Year 6 Class Assembly

### **Monday 20 October**

- ECO Week in school

### **Tuesday 21 October**

- Spellbinder Theatre Company in school

### **Wednesday 22 October**

- Kevin McCann (former pupil & poet) visiting school
- 9am SPLASH Young People's Conference at BFC. 4 pupils attending
- 7pm Confirmations in Church with Bishop Patrick

### **Friday 24 October**

- 3pm Year 5 Class Assembly
- 3.30pm School closes for half-term
- 6.30pm PTFA Spooky Disco

### **Monday 3 November**

- School opens at 8.45am