

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

November 2005

Dear Parents,

As the days get shorter and the nights get darker we prepare ourselves for the season of Advent which starts on Sunday 27th November. The word Advent comes from the Latin words, *advenire* (to come to) & *adventus* (an arrival) and refers to Christ's coming into this world. It is a time of preparation. We need to prepare ourselves

spiritually for the birth of our Saviour. We all know Christmas can be extremely hectic with the pressures of modern parenting; buying presents, wrapping them and office parties etc!!

It's very easy to lose track of the real meaning of Christmas. Remember that without the birth of Christ we wouldn't have anything to celebrate! How can we address this situation?

During this month we have time to focus on our spiritual

needs. We can take the opportunity to be at peace with God by going to Confession and by praying more. There will be a Reconciliation Reflection in Church on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm to help you. Please pray for the children who will receive this Sacrament for the first time this Advent.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Wygladala

PTFA

SPOOKY DISCO

Thanks to all who supported the Spooky Disco this year. It was a real success and well attended. Thanks go to Gordon, our DJ, to the Committee of the PTFA, parents, children and to the staff. We raised approx £650.

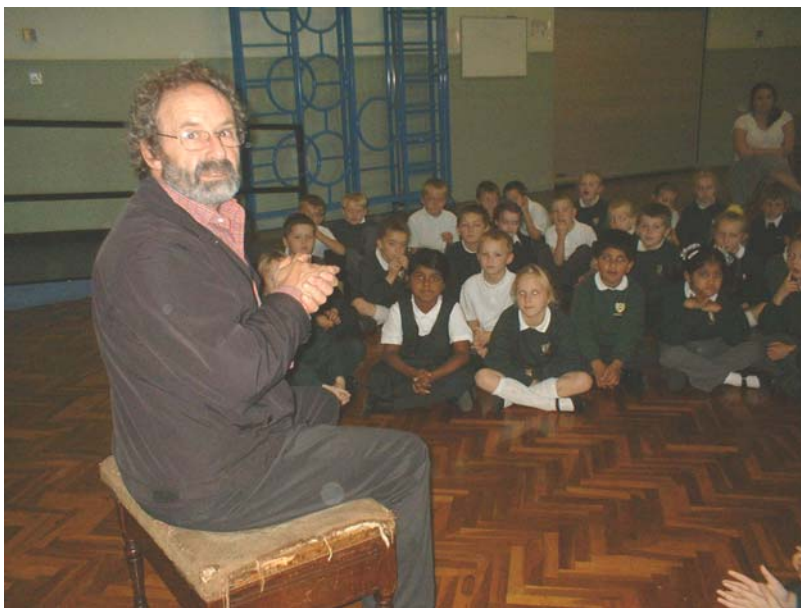
PTFA

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th November at 8pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 4th December after the 10.30am Mass. The school usually runs a chocolate tombola stall and we invite you to send in bars of chocolate, chocolate biscuits and chocolate novelties to help us. Please make sure that anything sent in is in date

BOOK WEEK



Author Bob Wilson explaining his writing technique to Year 3 children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

An order has been placed for back-packs and should arrive very soon. We now accept Council uniform vouchers towards the cost of school uniforms. Please call in the Office for a form. Thank you to all who Support the school by purchasing uniforms directly from school.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 9th, at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Please meet in the Year 2 classroom via the Infant Playground. The theme of the meeting this month is Reconciliation.

NEW ADMISSIONS RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2006

Forms are available from the School Office for the intake next year. **There are two forms to complete.** One is for our school and the second is for the Children's Services Authority requesting our school as first choice.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all who supported the Book Fair during Book Week. The sales raised £530 which entitled us to claim £318 of books for the school.

New book bags have arrived and can be purchased for £4 from the Office.

LITERACY WEEK

Thanks to Mr O'Brien and all the staff for the wonderful opportunities our children were given during Literacy Week from 17th to 20th October. The children met Bob Wilson, an author on the Monday, Spellbinder Theatre on the Tuesday, Pete Keal, the story-teller on the Wednesday and the cinema trip to see "Shark Tale" on the Thursday rounded off the week in a spectacular fashion.

TESCO SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS AND CLUBS VOUCHERS

Please send all vouchers in to school so that they can be counted and sent off. We hope to receive sports equipment or training sessions for the children. Thanks for your support.

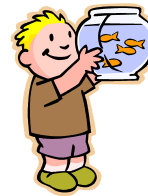
ZUT ALORS!!

During half term Mrs Smith, Mrs Heyes and Mrs Wygladala met with a Head Teacher and an English teacher from a school near Perpignan in France. We have set up a link between the two schools to embrace each other's cultures, language and education. It also gives purpose to our children from the age of 7 learning a modern foreign language. 26 children from the French school are flying to Blackpool in March to meet with our children. Year 5 will communicate by letter and e mail with the children and pair up with them on various activities during their trip to the town. We are looking to visit them in autumn 2006. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and our school community. Our school was chosen because children have been learning French for a number of years. The children in France have a vineyard. They tend the vines and bottle their own wine.

PTFA Sponsorship

Do you work for a company that would be willing to sponsor the PTFA? It could be through a financial donation, a raffle prize, food for events or vouchers for prizes. Please approach your employer and ask them if they would consider helping your child's school. Some financial institutions will offer match funding, for example, if we raise £100 they will match it. This gives the PTFA £200 to help with school resources.

HELP NEEDED!!



Does anyone know about keeping fish? There is a problem with setting up the filter in the school

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

This recycling scheme allows us to claim money back for empty printer cartridges (HP, EPSON, 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 a fantastic amount of tokens to exchange for art equipment. Please continue to send them in.

NESTLE CEREAL

We have started the new collection from Nestle Cereals. These cereals contain wholegrain which are a healthy addition to your daily diet. Please send the tokens in to school. They help buy new books for the library.

Year 3 Class Mass in Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 9th November 7pm

First Holy Communion Meeting in Year 2 Classroom

Wednesday 9th November 8pm

PTFA Meeting in the Parish Room

Friday 11th November 10.15am

Year 4 Class Assembly in the Hall

Monday 14th November 10am

The Worshipful, the Mayor, Cllr Philip Dunne to attend Assembly in the Hall

Tuesday November 15th 10.15am

Year 6 Class Mass in Church

Tuesday 15th November 6.15pm for 6.30pm

Full Governors Meeting in the Presbytery

Wednesday 16th November

Head Teachers from around the UK to visit School looking at ICT resources and delivery

Friday 18th November 10.15am

Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday November 22nd 10.15am

Friday November 25th 10.15am

Mass in Church for the whole school for Fr John's 70th birthday (surprise!)

Sunday December 4th 10.30am

Mass of Enrolment for Year 3 First Communion followed by Parish Christmas Fair at 11.30am

Tuesday December 6th 6.30pm

Key Stage 1 (Infant) Carol Service in Church

Wednesday December 14th 2pm & 7pm

Key Stage 2 (Junior) Production in Church