

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## November 2006

Dear Parents,

Last month we had a visit by HMI Mark Williams. He confirmed that ours is a good school with teaching and learning being one of our strengths.

The team work of the staff and the impact on standards also received favourable comments. Mr Williams also met with school governors and spent time with the children in all of the

classes.

The areas for improvement are:

- Target setting with pupils and parents
- More focus on marking with regard to targets

Both these points have been actioned and Parent Consultations play an important part of this process. Mr Williams was very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of our children and the report

reflects his findings.

He has also written to every child thanking them and outlining areas for improvement. I am very proud of the school, children and staff and I thank parents, children and the parish community for their continued support. Our next inspection will be for Religious Education in the Spring Term.

Yours sincerely

*Frances Wygladala*

### PTFA News

Next meeting Tuesday 21st November at 8pm in the Committee Room, St Kentigern's Parish Centre.

### Spooky Disco

Thank you to all who supported the above event. It was a fantastic evening with a brilliant atmosphere! We managed to take £670 on the night and will need to deduct various expenses. This is a wonderful start to our fund raising for the year. Thanks to all the new parents who helped set up, clear up, run stalls and bake cakes.

### Next event

Parish Christmas Fair  
Sunday 3rd December  
11.30am. Parent volunteers are required to help run school stalls. Please come to the next meeting on 21st November.

### Harvest Festival



Many thanks to all who sent in items for our Harvest Festival. The goods were shared out among the needy of the parish, Vincent House and the Streetlife Trust.

A retiring collection taken on behalf of

**CAFOD** raised £31.32.

### 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.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Wednesday November 8th from 3.30pm to 6.30pm for all parents of children in all classes. For those who have difficulty in getting time off work there will be an opportunity to attend the consultations during a given afternoon as outlined in the letter. Thank you for taking the

time to visit the class teacher. The partnership and communication between the home and school is very important to your child's education.

### HOME/SCHOOL/PARISH AGREEMENT

During the consultation with the class teacher you will be given a booklet outlining the responsibilities of the home, school and parish. This is to re-inforce that all

three are working together to maximise the potential of every child. Please take the time to read and discuss it at home. You and your child should both sign to accept responsibility and return it to school for the signature of the class teacher and parish priest. The document will then be returned home as a reminder of everyone's role in your child's education.

## AFRICAN MUSICAL FESTIVAL 2006

Year 4 pupils are working with an African band who are coming into school on two dates to practise some pieces of music. The music will then be performed at The Grand Theatre on Thursday 23rd November with the concert starting at 7.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for Y4 who study Africa in geography to learn more about the culture. All pupils will be expected to perform on stage with the musicians. Tickets are available for families from the Box Office on 01253 290190 priced £4 for adults and £3 for concessions. Pupils should wear school trousers or skirt with a coloured t-shirt (no football shirts) & plimsolls.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next meeting for parents and children will be on Wednesday, 8th, at 7pm in school. Children and parents are both required to attend. The theme this week will be Reconciliation.

All children are invited to enrol for the sacramental programme at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 26th November. The school children will be leading the mass for National Youth Sunday celebrating the Feast of Christ the King.

Children are sponsored throughout the programme by Prayer Partners from the parish. We still need a few more volunteers to support the children. All you have to do is to pray for the child every day and they will pray for you. Please sign the sheet at the back of Church to register your interest. Thank you.

## ADVANCE NOTICE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



The Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) Christmas Production will be held on Thursday 14th December at 2pm & 6.30pm in Church.

The Key Stage 2 (Year 3,4,5 & 6) Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm in Church.

### **PRINTER CARTRIDGES**

This recycling scheme allows us to claim money back for empty printer cartridges such as **HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK.**

Please keep sending in any used toner/ cartridges.

### **PERSIL STARS**

Please collect the token from the boxes and send them in to school. They help us to buy much needed arts and craft resources.

### **NESTLE CEREAL**

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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Wednesday 8th November**

- 3.30pm-Hockey Match v Christ the King
- 3.30pm -6.30pm - Parent Consultations
- 7pm Sacramental Programme Year 3

#### **Friday 10th November**

- 10.10am Y1 Class Assembly

#### **Tuesday 14th November**

- 4.30pm Staffing & Finance Governors Meeting

#### **Wednesday 15th November**

- 3.30pm Girls football v Christ the King

#### **Friday 17th November**

- 10.10am Y6 Class Assembly

#### **Tuesday 21st November**

- 10.15am Y2 Class Mass in Church
- 5pm Curriculum & Policy Governors Meeting
- 8pm PTFA Meeting in the Parish Centre

#### **Thursday 23rd November**

- 7.30pm Y4 performing at Grand Theatre with African musicians

#### **Sunday 26th November**

- 10.30am Feast of Christ the King, National Youth Sunday, Year 3 enrolment to Sacramental Programme

#### **Tuesday 28th November**

- 10am Y5/6 Crimestoppers Assembly

#### **Wednesday 29th November**

- 10.15am Mass for Deceased Family and Friends. (Sheets will be sent out)
- 6.15pm Full Governors Meeting in the Presbytery

#### **Thursday 30th November**

- Road Safety Talks in school

#### **Sunday 3rd December**

- Cross Country Running Stanley Park
- 10.30am Mass in Church, 1st Sunday in Advent
- 11.30am Parish Christmas Fair