

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

November 2007

Dear Parents,
Welcome to yet another busy school half-term.

Throughout the month of November it is customary to pray for deceased members of our family and friends. I invite you to join the school community on Tuesday 13th at 10.15am in Church to offer a Mass and our prayers for them. Sheets will be attached to the RE newsletter going out this week. Please fill in any name and send back before the Mass.

The main focus for December is preparation

for Christmas and the season of Advent begins on December 2nd.

We will work with parish catechists on prayer sessions in Church throughout the Advent period and invite you to join us some lunch times. This is one of the best ways to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas.

We are a school and parish community truly blessed. We celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last week and now begin preparations for First Holy Communion. 21 of our pupils were confirmed and

27 children have enrolled on the First Communion Programme. It is encouraging to us all and we must work together to pass on our faith to our children and support them and their families with our prayers.

I look forward to seeing you some point this week at Parent Consultations.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Wygladala

PTFA News

The next meeting is on Thursday 8th November at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

The next event will be discussed at this meeting.

The new PTFA Committee is;

Chair

Emma West

Vice-Chair

Caroline Reidy

Treasurer

Sandra Sobrino

Secretary

Julie Rogers

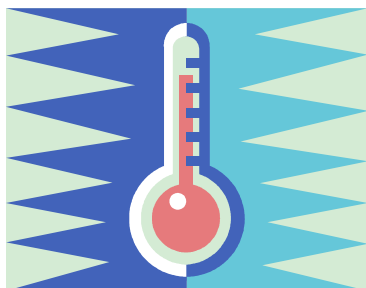
They are supported by other parents, friends and members of staff who meet once a month to discuss fund-raising activities to benefit all the children in our school.

If you can spare some time to join, please come along!

SPOOKY DISCO

Thanks to all who dared to come to the best-ever Spooky Disco! We took £758.91, giving a net profit of £666.24

Thanks to all who



NEW BOILERS

During the summer the old oil boilers were removed from the school and we have a two new "state of the art" gas boilers. This will mean no more unexpected

school closures due to lack of heat.

NEW TOILETS

Work started on Friday on the Key Stage 2 and staff toilet facilities. Following consultation with the Student Council, the colour scheme was chosen along with flooring and decoration.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION

Many thanks to the families who supported the 21 candidates on the Confirmation programme. The Bishop was extremely pleased with the way that the children had been prepared and he was impressed with the assembly they presented during his visit to the

school. Thanks to all the staff and catechists for their hard work and support. Special thanks to Fr John who guided us all throughout the preparation.

Catechists and staff will continue to work with the children in living out their mission to help others.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first meeting for both parents and children will be held on Thursday 8th November. Please meet in the Parish Centre and arrive around 6.45pm for a 7pm start. The meeting will last 1 hour.

There will be a Mass of Enrolment for these children on Sunday 25th November at 10.30am which is Youth Sunday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thanks to all the families

who sent in donations and food for our Harvest Festival. We raised £52.17 on Family Fast Day for CAFOD and all the food items were distributed locally between Streetlife, Vincent House and the poor and needy of our parish community.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

You are invited to a series of 5 story workshops to be held in the Parish Centre.

Each session starts at 2.15pm for parents and at 3.25pm their children will join them for an hour to work together on stories and the latest computer technology.

Each week you will learn to build on your newly acquired skills and develop and practice this skills using the latest

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

As part of the parish community, we support the Christmas Fair. We will run stalls with the PTFA and families from school and ask for your support.

Please send in items for our chocolate tombola. These can include; chocolate bars, chocolate biscuits, boxes of chocolates, selection boxes etc. Please

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8th November

6.45pm First Communion Programme starts for parents and children. Meet in the Parish Centre.

8pm PTFA Meeting in the Parish Room

Friday 9th November

Closing date for applications for Primary School places for September 2008

Monday 12th November

2.15pm Story Workshop in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 13th November

10.15am Whole School Mass for Deceased Family and Friends in Church

Thursday 15th November

7.30pm AGM Parish Council in the Parish Centre. If you would like to join the Parish Council, please come to this meeting. All welcome.

Friday 16th November

Brass Quartet in School working with brass instrumentalists.

10.10am Year 5 Class Assembly in the Hall

Monday 19th November

2.15pm Second Session of Story Workshop in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 20th November

10.15am Year 6 Class Mass in Church.

7pm Year 4 African Drumming at the Grand Theatre

Friday 23rd November

10.10am Year 1 Class Assembly in the Hall

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Music, Art and Drama

We had a wonderful week last week from Monday to Thursday with the African musicians who led a whole school assembly and worked with Year 4.

The children from Year 4 will use their rhythm and skills to perform in the African Drumming Festival at the Grand Theatre on Tuesday 20th November at 7pm.

Mr Woodcock, advanced skills teacher for Drama, worked with every class in the school covering many themes and topics. These sessions were enjoyed by all the staff and children and helped to develop their literacy skills.

Class Act Theatre School worked with some classes and led dance sessions for the children. They enjoyed this activity using modern dance and it was a fantastic opportunity to exercise.

Our guitar teacher, Norma Allott, led country dancing sessions for some classes in the Hall. The children relished the opportunity and enjoyed the music and dance experience.

Sunday 25th November

10.30am Family Mass & Mass of Enrolment for Year 3

Monday 26th November

2.15pm Story Workshop in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 27th November

10.15am Year 3 Class Mass in Church

Sunday 2nd December

Parish Christmas Fair in the Hall after 10.30am Mass