

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

November Newsletter 2009

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy school term.

During the month of November it is customary to remember and pray for the dead.

A book of remembrance is being compiled in school and I invite your family to submit names to be included. The children will be attending a Mass in Church on Tuesday 10 November at 10.15am. All family members are invited.

We congratulate Mr and Mrs Jackson who became the proud parents of

baby Amelia. Mum and baby are doing well!

Congratulations also to Miss Bennett, our Y6 teacher, who got married in the half term holidays and is now Mrs Irvin. The school choir sang at the wedding. They were in great voice and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Last month was very busy with the Bishop's visitation and the OFSTED inspection. I would like to congratulate the Year 6

confirmation candidates on receiving the sacrament and the work they had done in preparation for the Mass. My thanks also go to the staff, parish catechists, Mrs Cavanagh and Fr John for their support and guidance throughout the programme. Children will work on various projects of discipleship throughout the year, sharing their gifts and talents in our community.

With every best wish,

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. New volunteers are always needed.

Thanks to all who supported our Spooky Disco last month. It was another successful evening and was enjoyed by all the families who attended.

Special thanks to all the staff and parents who organised the event and those who helped on the night.

We raised **£700.28** which is an excellent start to our fund-raising for the year.

Our new committee is:

Chair

Miss Donna Callon

Vice-Chair

Mrs Chamberlain

Secretary

Mrs Julie Rogers

Treasurer

Mrs Sandra Sobrino

The **next meeting** is on Wednesday 18 November at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

All welcome.

YEAR 6 CHILDREN WITH FR JOHN AND BISHOP CAMPBELL



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed hampers and food items for the needy of the parish and the local community. The food was distributed to Streetlife, Vincent House and household parishioners. Everyone was very grateful for what they received.

The retiring collection raised £51.60 for CAFOD.

Year 6 Book Launch

The Art of War

On 8th October our Y6 pupils were invited to the Town Hall to mark the publication of a book compiled with pupils from Stanley School. Copies of the book were given to each child as a memento of their achievement. The mayor was very impressed, as were our Governors and local MP. Well done!

OFSTED Inspection

Last month OFSTED inspectors visited the school for two days. Their report, which can be found on the school website, stated that we are a good school with many good features and have much to celebrate and be proud of. My thanks to the staff team, children, parents and governors for their continued support.

AFRICAN DRUMMING



Year 4 children will be working with some percussionists from South Africa. They will be rehearsing in school and performing in the African Music Festival at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool on Wednesday 25 November.

Tickets are available directly from the Box Office.

Culture Week October 19th-23rd

In the last week of half term in October we had a cross-curricular week throughout school looking at local culture in Blackpool.

Reception and Year 1 visited Stanley Park

Year 2 Had a circus school in developing circus skills

Year 3 Looked in detail at Blackpool Tower

Year 4 Went on a tram and studied their history in our town

Year 5 Looked at the new developments in St John's Square and the town centre

Year 6 Enjoyed looking at the changes in our town and planning future improvements

All the classes presented their findings at an assembly on the Friday. It was so obvious the enjoyment that had come from looking at our cultural heritage that many pupils continued their work in the holidays. Please look in the gallery at the wonderful work on display from every class.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS **ADVANCE NOTICE**

The **Key Stage 2** Production of 'Baboushka' will be held in Church on Thursday 10 December at 2pm and 6.30pm.

The **Key Stage 1** Carol Service is in Church on Tuesday 15 December at 6.30pm.

The **Key Stage 2** Music Assembly is on Wednesday 16 December at 2pm in the Hall.

CLASS MASSES AND ASSEMBLIES

Year 3 Class Assembly
10.10am Fri 13 Nov

Year 1 Class Mass
10.15am Tues 17 Nov

Year 4 Class Assembly
10.10am Fri 20 Nov

Year 2 Class Assembly
10.10am Fri 27 Nov

Year 5 Class Mass
10.15am Tues 1 Dec

All Masses are held in Church at 10.15am and all assemblies are held at 10.10am in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome to support their children. They really do appreciate it!

End of year Mass

Friday 18 December 10.15am in Church.
All family and friends welcome.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10 November

- 10.15am Deceased Family and Friends Mass in Church
- 4pm-6pm Parent Consultations with teachers in class rooms

Thursday 12 November

- 3.30pm Tri-Golf for Y5/6

Friday 13 November

- 10.10am Year 3 Class Assembly
- 11am Y6 Police/Citizenship Talk

Sunday 15 November

- 9.45am-11am Cross Country Run in Stanley Park

Tuesday 17 November

- 10.15am Year 1 Class Mass

Wednesday 18 November

- 6.15pm Full Governors Meeting in the Presbytery

- 8pm PTFA Meeting in the Parish Centre

Friday 20 November

- BBC Children in Need Day. School Council to arrange events
- 10.10am Year 4 Class Assembly

Sunday 22 November

- 10.30am Youth Sunday and Year 3 children Mass of Enrolment for Sacramental Programme

Tuesday 24 November

- 6.30pm Year 3 Sacramental Programme for parents and children

Wednesday 25 November

- 1.30pm Year 2 Fire Safety Talk
- 2.15pm Year 6 Fire Safety Talk
- 7pm Year 4 African Music Festival at Grand Theatre

Friday 27 November

- 10.10am Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 1 December

- 10.15am Year 5 Class Mass
- 7pm CAFOD Deanery Advent Service for Blackpool Schools in Church

Wednesday 2 December

- 6.30pm Year 3 Sacramental Programme for parents and children

Sunday 6 December

- 10.30am Mass in Church
- 11.30am Parish Christmas Fair in the Hall

Wednesday 16 December

- 3.45pm Service of Reconciliation for Parents and Children in Church