

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## December 2005

Dear Parents,  
As our children prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time we could all take the opportunity to reflect on our lives and the true meaning of Christmas. Without Christ, there would be no Christmas. At Christmas the power of God became the weakest thing in the world, a baby. All heaven sang at his birth but only a few shepherds

heard their song along with a donkey and an ox in a stable. We will all receive and give lots of presents this year, but the greatest thing we can ever do is to make our hearts a Bethlehem where Jesus can be born **TODAY**.

This Christmas we bid farewell to Mrs Roddy who has worked in our school for the last 6 years. We thank her for her loyal support, her hard work

and for the encouragement she has given to many children. We wish her well in her new post and we will miss her greatly. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

May God bless you all.

*Frances Wygladala*

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thanks to all who supported the Christmas Fair last Sunday. Most children in school brought in items of chocolate for the School Tombola stall. Class R won the prize for the heaviest amount donated. The stall raised over £200. Thanks also to the staff who gave up their Sunday to support the parish.

### PTFA

Thanks to the PTFA for their contribution of bacon butties at the Christmas Fair. All proceeds go to support the parish.

### NEXT EVENT

**Monday 19th December**  
**6.30pm**

### CHRISTMAS DISCO

DJ Gordon invites you to the end of term Christmas Disco in the Hall. There will be a cake stall, hot dogs, sweets and party songs. Cost is £1 per person. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an appropriate adult (over 18 years). All welcome.

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday January 11th  
8pm in the Parish centre.  
All welcome.

## THE MAYOR'S VISIT



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next meeting is tonight, Wednesday 7th December. This is a Reconciliation Service for parents and pupils which starts in Church at 7pm. Please arrive by 6.50pm at the latest.

Children can make their First Confession any Saturday before Christmas in Church.

Times are 11.30am to 12 noon or 5.30pm to 6pm every Saturday.

### THANK YOU

We thank Thompson's the bakers in Abingdon Street Market for providing the large variety of loaves for Y3's D&T sandwich making project. The sandwiches were very tasty and the children enjoyed tasting the

different breads from around the world.



### RESIDENTIAL TRIP

**3rd-5th March 2006**

**Winmarleigh Hall,  
Lancashire**

46 children from Y5 & 6 will be going on an outdoor education weekend with 7 members of staff/governors. Part of the activities include zip-wire, quad bikes, canoeing and orienteering.

## CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SINGING

This year there have been several requests for our children to sing in the community. On Thursday 15th a group of children will go to the Annacliffe Rest Home on Newton Drive to entertain the residents. On Friday 16th they will be singing at the Central Library in the Town Centre from 11am. On Saturday 17th December they will sing at the Town Hall as part of the Mayor's Christmas celebrations. Finally on Monday 19th December children will be singing at Langdale Rest Home on Hornby Rd. We are so proud of our children as they are wonderful ambassadors for the school and parish community. Thank you.

### KEY STAGE ONE (INFANT) CAROL SERVICE

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

6.30PM IN CHURCH

You are all warmly invited to this service in church. We will be relying on audience participation filling the church with prayerful song. It will be a good opportunity to join in singing traditional Christmas carols along with the children. Please invite family and friends to come along and join in the Christmas spirit.



### KEY STAGE 2 (JUNIOR) PRODUCTION

"BABOUSHKA"

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

TWO PERFORMANCES

2PM & 7PM

IN CHURCH

ALL WELCOME



### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Children will sit down to a Christmas Dinner on Friday 16th December in the Hall.

Over 160 meals will be served in the festive atmosphere.



### FISH TANK

Thanks to Connie and Emma O'Mahoney's mum who helped with the problem with the fish tank.

### 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

Many thanks to all the people who sent in Box Tops. We sent off 240 tokens and will receive school books in exchange. Keep collecting please, this is a really good scheme!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Wednesday 7th December 6.50pm

Reconciliation Service in Church for Year 3 children and parents

#### Tuesday 13th December

Swimming Relay Gala at Palatine Pool

#### Tuesday 13th December (pm)

8 Y5 pupils representing school at a Maths Quiz

#### Tuesday 13th December 6.30pm

Key Stage 1 Carol Service in Church

#### Wednesday 14th December 2pm & 7pm

Key Stage 2 (Junior) Production in Church

#### Friday 16th December 12 noon

Christmas lunch for children in school served by staff

#### Friday 16th December 1.30pm

Key Stage 1 Christmas Party  
(Infants can come in their party clothes)

#### Saturday 17th December 11am

Children to sing at the Town Hall

#### Monday 19th December 1.30pm

Key Stage 2 Christmas Party  
(Juniors can come in their own clothes)

#### Monday 19th December 6.30pm

PTFA Christmas Disco in the Hall

#### Tuesday 20th December 10.15am

End of Year Mass and presentation to Mrs Roddy in Church

#### Tuesday 20th December 2pm

School closes for Christmas

#### Thursday 5th January 2006 8.55am

School opens for the Spring Term

#### Friday 6th January 2006 10.15am

School to attend Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany (A Holy Day of Obligation)