

# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## December 2006

Dear Parents,

The season of Advent is upon us. We have 16 days to prepare ourselves spiritually for the birth of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Advent gives us an opportunity to reflect on the Light of Christ and its significance for us as Catholics. We should try to spend a little bit of our time in prayer, thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves and helping them wherever and whenever possible.

On Sunday 24th December at the 10.30am Mass there will be an opportunity to make a Christingle orange. Children should take an orange with a red ribbon wrapped around it. It should have a candle in the top and they will be provided with sweets and cocktail sticks. They will learn about its symbolism and this will be an excellent way to prepare the children for Christmas

Day.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas production and Carol Service supporting your children and the parish community.

I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and hope that the coming new year brings prosperity and peace.

Yours sincerely

### PTFA News

Thanks to all who supported the Parish Christmas Fair last Sunday. A total of £2531.28 was raised. It was a fantastic atmosphere enjoyed by all and the school stalls including face painting, bacon barms, chocolate tombola and guess the name of the cake raised £339.33. Thank you for all donations and purchases of raffle tickets. Thank you.

### Next event

The Christmas Disco will be held on Friday 15th December at 6.30pm in the Hall. Entry costs £1 per person. All children

## Advance Notice: Changes to Car Park

To improve the safety of the children at the start and close of each school day, bollards will be installed at the bottom of the drive. This will restrict access between 8.45am & 9.15am and 3.15pm & 3.45pm.



You will not be able to turn into the drive and park outside the Parish Centre once the bollards have been fitted.

### 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.

### Education for a Greener Future

The Environment Team are in school on Friday 15th December talking to the children about Christmas waste and recycling. Please ask your child about all they discussed and implement it at home over the Christmas holidays. Please send in any cardboard boxes and magazines to be used in the workshops next Friday. Thank you.

Timetable as follows:

Christmas Waste talk for Key Stage 2

Recycling Robin talk for Key Stage 1

Making Christmas decorations with Year 2 & 3

Christmas Gift Bag making with Year 5

### PARKING

Please DO NOT park illegally outside school on the zig-zag lines. It causes congestion. It is dangerous

and compromises the safety of the children.

The bus carrying the children cannot park when returning from swimming and I ask for your co-operation in this matter. Thank you.

# CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



The Key Stage 1  
(Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)  
Christmas Production, "Mary's  
Knitting", will be performed  
in Church on Thursday 14th

## KEY STAGE 2 CAROL SERVICE

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

Thank you to all who sent in Tesco

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Thursday 14th December

2pm & 6.30pm

Key Stage 1 Performance of Mary's Knitting in Church

4pm

Indoor Athletic Competition for Y5/6 pupils at St Mary's

#### Friday 15th December

11am School Choir to sing at Langdale Rest Home

1.45pm Y5 last swimming session of 2006

6.30pm PTFA Christmas Disco

#### Monday 18th December

12 noon Christmas lunch served in school to 180 children

2pm School Choir to the Annacliffe Rest Home, Newton Drive

#### Tuesday 19th December

1.15pm Key Stage 1 and Class R Christmas Party (Party Clothes can be worn to school - **Infants only**)

7pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service in Church

#### Wednesday 20th December

1.15pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (Party Clothes can be worn for Y3/4/5 & 6)

#### Thursday 21st December

10.15am Whole school to Mass in Church. All parents welcome.

2pm School closes for the Christmas holiday

#### Monday 8th January

8.45am School re-opens