

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

December Newsletter 2008

Dear Parents,
It's December already and what a busy month, with all the preparations for Christmas! The credit crunch has forced many shops to have sales before Christmas, some with 20% off everything in store, unheard of in previous years! Thankfully the Church's year is more stable and gives us genuine and lasting roots in this time of flux. We are now in the Church's season of Advent when we have time to reflect upon the coming of Christ. In last

weeks gospel we are asked to 'stay awake, keep watch and be ready'. Let us use these next three weeks to make changes to our lives and focus on what really matters. It seems strange to say but - put the **Christ** back into **Christmas!** I'd like to share a couple of the many things we have to celebrate, firstly the team representing our school got through to the next round of the Book Quiz, a competition for all pupils in Blackpool, well done and good luck with the next round in January! Our athletics team came

first and won a shield competing against all the Catholic Primary Schools in **B l a c k p o o l** - Congratulations! And finally, Thank you to the children who represented our school, singing 'hero' in the CAFOD Advent service held in our Church last week, they were a credit to their parents and to our school.

I thank you all for your continued support and long may it continue in 2009.

Yours sincerely,
Frances Wygladala

PTFA News

Many thanks to everyone who came to and helped at the Spooky Disco in October. It was a very busy night and we made **£634.11**

The secretary resigned due to other commitments and Mrs Rogers has kindly agreed to take on the role with help from the committee.

We tried something new at our last meeting, holding it at 3.45pm in school with a crèche and it was successful with a new member joining the committee.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th January 2009 at 3.45pm in school, again with a crèche. At this meeting we will discuss future events, everyone welcome.

£100 was given to every class for reading books. Staff and pupils will choose the books and are very grateful - thank you!

PTFA Christmas Raffle with a cash prize starting on Thursday at KS1 production in Church



First Holy Communion 2009

The Sacramental Programme to prepare for First Holy Communion began in November for both parents and children. The service of Reconciliation is now at 4pm on December 17th so the Beavers can go to their Christmas party. Parents are encouraged to take their children to make their first confession in Advent.

Recycling

Following our Eco Week before half term, every child in school has pledged to be 'greener' and make a difference to preserve our planet. These are on a wonderful display in our gallery.

We still recycle batteries in the office, collect Box Tops for books, and recycle ink cartridges.

Bags2School 13th January 2009, an opportunity to have a good clear out and recycle old clothes, bedding and curtains.

School Calendars will be on sale next week. These are very popular and have all the dates up to December 2009. These cost £4 each and only 100 have been printed. Please purchase early to avoid disappointment!

Christmas Cards

Every child in school designed a Christmas Card that has been printed in sets of 8 costing £5. This was the idea of a parent and we have never tried it before. The children were thrilled seeing their art work looking so professional.

The **Chocolate Challenge** for the tombola on Sunday was won by Y1 and Y5. Thank you for your support £285 was raised on the stall at the Christmas fair yesterday.



Christmas Events at St. Kentigern's

9th Dec 10.15am Y4 Class Mass

2.15pm Choir Carol singing at Central Library

7pm 3 brass players performing at the Pleasure Beach Arena

10th Dec 2.30pm Choir singing at the Annacliffe Nursing Home

Dec 11th 2pm and 6.30pm 'Born in a Barn' Christmas Production in Church,
Involving all pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Dec 12th 6.30pm - 8.30pm PTFA Christmas Party Disco

Dec 16th 7pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service in Church, all pupils involved

Dec 17th 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Party - party clothes can be worn all day
2pm Choir Carol singing at the British Legion
4pm Service of Reconciliation in Church for pupils and parents
from the Sacramental Programme in Year 3

Dec 18th 12pm Christmas Lunch in School

1.30pm KS2 Christmas Parties - own clothes can be worn all day

Dec 19th 10.15am last Mass of the term in Church with presentations
2pm School Closes for Christmas

Dec 23rd 7.30pm Parish Service of Reconciliation in Church

Dec 24th 11.30pm Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass in Church

Dec 25th 10.30am Christmas Day Mass - 'Happy Birthday Jesus'

***On behalf of all the pupils, staff and governors,
may I wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year in 2009!***