

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

December Newsletter 2009

Dear Parents,
December is such a busy, hectic month, with all the preparations for Christmas! We are now in the Church's season of Advent when we have time to reflect upon the coming of Christ. Let us use the time wisely over the next two 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 say thank you to the children who represented our school, in the CAFOD deanery Advent service last week

at St Mary's, they were a credit to their parents and to our school. Also thank you to everyone who sent in chocolate and gifts for our parish Christmas fair. Reception children got the prize for bringing in the most chocolate and school raised £325.40 on the chocolate tombola, PTFA refreshments and Kid's club stalls. The total raised on Sunday was £2,372.76. We say good-bye to Mrs Lapsins who is retiring after working in school for the last six years, she has worked with many pupils in and out of school with sporting and other

activities. I would like to thank her and wish her a long a happy retirement. Mrs Sandiford also leaves us to take up a new teaching post, I would like to thank her for leading RE in our school for the past two years and wish her well for the future.

I thank you all for your continued support and long may it continue in 2010. (It doesn't seem like ten years since we welcomed in the new millennium!)

Yours sincerely,

Frances Wygladala

PTFA News.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th January 2010 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. At this meeting we will discuss future events, everyone welcome.

Tea and coffee

Thanks to the PTFA members who give their time to serve refreshments to parishioners after 10.30am mass every Sunday, it is much appreciated!

PTFA Christmas Raffle with a £50 cash prize and lots of other goodies to win.

Tickets on sale from Thursday, 10th December at the KS2 production in Church. It will be drawn in school at the Music assembly on Wednesday 16th December.

Christmas Presents

Thank you from every child as they will all receive a book from the PTFA for Christmas

Next Event

Friday 29th January
Cinema Night

Any suggestions of films to watch? Last year's Mamma Mia was a fantastic

family film to watch and sing along to!

Baboushka



The Wise Men during a rehearsal of this year's Christmas play.

First Holy Communion 2010

The Sacramental Programme to prepare for First Holy Communion began in November for both parents and children. The service of Reconciliation is at 3.45pm on December 16th in church. Parents are encouraged to take their children to make their first confession in Advent.

School Calendars - £4

Have arrived and are now available for sale from the school office. These are very popular and have all the dates up to December 2010. Every child has completed a self portrait and this is displayed in the month they were born. Only 150 have been printed. Please purchase early to avoid disappointment!

Christmas Cards

Every child in school designed a Christmas Card. Sets of 10 cards costing £5 were available to order. This was the idea of a parent and following last years success was tried again.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered the cards, they have arrived and are available to pick up in the office.

Y4 African Drumming

On Wednesday 25th November Year 4 joined with children from Thames Primary school to perform with some African drummers at the Grand Theatre. They were amazing, they looked very colourful, spoke very clearly and really entered into the spirit of the event. Thanks to parents who also enjoyed the evening



Christmas Events at St. Kentigern's

Every day from Monday 7th December to Friday 18th December children are given the opportunity to go over to church after lunch for an Advent Novena - quiet time for reflection and prayer on different themes e.g. our precious world, peace, our parish etc.

Thursday Dec 10th at 2pm and 6.30pm 'Baboushka' Christmas Production in Church, Involving all pupils from Key Stage 2, Years 3,4,5 and 6.

Friday Dec 11th from 3.30pm-5pm All families invited to the Talbot and Brunswick festive family Christmas celebrations at the Surestart building on Gorton Street. The choir will be singing and every child visiting Santa gets a free selection box! Free mince pies and refreshments for everyone. Opportunities to make Christmas cards, listen to stories and even have your face painted. Please come along with your families and support our choir singing in the community and watch the Christmas lights switched on.

Sunday 13th Dec 9.45am Christmas Cross Country Run in Stanley Park-Santa hats a must!

Monday 14th Dec 2pm Choir singing at the Annacliffe Nursing Home

Tuesday 15th Dec 1.30pm KS2 Christmas Party - party clothes can be worn all day
6.30pm Key Stage 1 Carol Service in Church, all pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 involved

Wednesday 16th Dec 2pm Music assembly for the whole school and parents are very welcome. Come and support our musicians who have been practising hard all year.

3.45pm Service of Reconciliation in Church for pupils and parents from the Sacramental Programme in Year 3

Thursday 17th Dec 12pm Christmas Lunch in School for everyone

1.30pm KS1 Christmas Party with a special visitor? - party clothes can be worn all day

Friday 18th Dec 10.15am last Mass of the term in Church with presentations

2pm School Closes for Christmas

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 2010!***

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 the top of cereal boxes.
- **BATTERIES:** There is a collection point in the Office. Please send them in. Types; 6v, D,C,AA,AAA,9volt & button.
- **Old mobile phones:** Please send them in to the school office as the PTFA are running a scheme to exchange them for cash. If you get a new mobile for Christmas, send the old one in to be recycled in January and help raise funds for your children.