



St Kentigern's January Newsletter



Dear Parents,
Welcome back to our Spring Term. On Friday, we celebrated the St Kentigern's feast day (13th January 2024) by joining parishioners for Mass at 9.30am. In school the children spent the day learning about St Kentigern and all he has done. The parish of St Kentigern was started 119 years ago by establishing our school. We are very grateful to the SHCJ nuns who set up St Kentigern's school. In September, the year 5 children wrote to me asking if I would consider some changes in school. I

have listened to the children and also discussed with our school council team. After lots of designing and planning, I am excited to tell you that this term work will begin on our KS1 and KS2 playground. We will begin with resurfacing our Mupa area at the front of the school on the 29th January. I am currently working on dates for the rest of the work to begin and will keep you updated. I sadly couldn't fulfil all the children's requests, for example a swimming pool with a Dolphin in it, a ride from Blackpool Pleasure Beach and a full size football

pitch, but I have tried my best and I hope the children will be happy. As I am sure you have all noticed, the weather is starting to get colder. Please remember warm coats for when the children go outside to play and gloves and hats if you can. We have also launched a new website! This will be used for information about events in school and ways to support learning. Newsletters will also be on the website. I have made sure it is mobile phone friendly. Thank you, Mrs Murray

PTFA News



Thank you for supporting our cinema evening and Christmas Fair in December. Your support at these events meant that we could bring all our children to the Panto of Aladdin and other Christmas treats in school. Our next PTFA meeting will be on **22nd January at 3.20pm**. This will be for our **Red Disco** on 8th February. This will be organised by our **Year 2 and 5 parents** and teaching staff.



Our Key Stage 1 design
Our Key Stage 2 design



Sacramental Meetings

6pm in the Parish Centre.
Please bring your books.

23rd January

27th February

5th March

9th & 12th March

(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

16th April

30th April

14th May

21st May

11th June

First Holy Communion Mass is on Sunday 16th June at 9.45am

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that children can come to school in boots in winter, but need to change into black shoes, in school. School ties are part of the uniform and need to be worn every day.

PE KITS

Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school at all times for the whole half term. Some children are unable to do PE (2 hrs per week) because their kits are at home.

SUPPORT WITH UNIFORM AND PE KITS

If you need any support with uniform or PE kits, please contact Mrs Bond on Class Dojo or via email:

familysupport@st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk



We would like to welcome Mrs Beesley- Monteath to our school.

Mrs Beesley-Monteath is our Yr 4 teacher. I know the children are already excited about their learning. I am sure she will inspire and challenge the children to reach our full potential. Welcome aboard!

DATES SO FAR

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON DOJO FOR MORE EVENTS

January

- 23rd First Holy Communion session, 6pm in the Parish Centre
29th Mupa being resurfaced in school playground

February

- 1st Read, Write Inc parents meeting on line 4-5pm
2nd Team Building Festival Yr 6 12.30—3pm
5th How to stay safe week, looking at all areas of safety
6th Yr 6 Parents SATS meeting 5.30pm—6.00pm
6th Safer Internet Day
8th **Red Disco 3.20—4.20 KS1**
4.30—5.30 KS2
9th *Half term*
21st School opens 8.40am for all children
21st Dental health care survey Yr R/1 1.30pm—2.30pm
22nd PTFA meeting 3.20pm
27th First Holy Communion session, 6pm in the Parish Centre

March

- 5th EYFS Mothers/Grandmas afternoon 2pm
7th Read, Write, Inc parents meeting on line 4pm
7th World Book Day—children wear PJs & bring a book
7th Robinwood parents' meeting 3.30pm
9th/12th Sacrament of Reconciliation
13th Year 5 & 6 Parents' evening
18th Choir of the year
25th KS1 Easter Assembly 2.00—3.00pm
26th Yr 3/4 Easter Assembly 2.00—3.00pm
27th Yr 5/6 Easter Assembly 2.00—3.00pm
28th *Break for Easter*

April

- 8th School opens 8.40am for all children
10th Reception to Year 4 children parents evening
10-12th Robinwood residential for Yr 5/6
16th First Holy Communion session, 6pm in the Parish Centre
24th Yr 4 Annual Mini Olympics schools cluster
25th Read, Write, Inc parents meeting on line 4pm
30th First Holy Communion session, 6pm in the Parish Centre

May

- 6th *Bank Holiday*
13th Year 6 SATS week
14th First Holy Communion session, 6pm in the Parish Centre
21st First Holy Communion session, 6pm in the Parish Centre
24th *Half Term school closes 3.15pm*

June

- 10th School reopens 8.40am for all children
11th First Holy Communion session, 6pm in the Parish Centre
14th Sports day KS1 AM—KS2 PM, all welcome
16th First Holy Communion Day 9.45 mass St. Kentigern's

July

- 19th *School closes for the summer, 3.15pm*
19th No after school club



Staying Safe Online

If you have recently purchased a new gadget, take a look at some very useful tips and advice to keep your child's safety in place when online and setting up for the first time. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/new-device-christmas/>

SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org

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Well done to our MUNGO'S MARVELS!



KEY STAGE 2 MUSIC ASSEMBLY

A super celebration of the wonderful musical talent in our school; well done, everyone!

