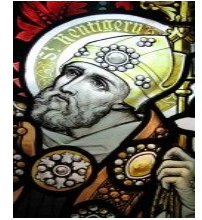




# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

## April Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the Easter break and back to our Summer term.

It's officially Eastertide - a time for rejoicing! This significant season is the longest time of celebration in the Church's calendar (50 days!) because of the great news that Jesus has risen!

Throughout the first half of the summer term, children will be introduced to the Gospel Acclamation where

they will learn and sing along to the 'Alleluia'.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"

Alleluia means 'Praise the Lord!' and Eastertide is the perfect time to bring our praises to God through this response, typically sung in the Gospel Acclamation.

In times when the news of our world is not always so good, Eastertide gives us a bigger perspective. This Good News is at the heart of all our teaching and is particularly highlighted as we enter this summer term.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Murray



### SUMMER TERM UNIFORM

Children can now wear green/white dresses and shorts if they wish.

Please contact Mrs Bond or Mrs Brooks on the family support email if you need any assistance

### GARDENING CLUB

Our very own gardeners have been successful in bidding and securing a £800.00 grant from the Asda Foundation Grassroots Grant.

The children will use this grant to buy seeds, soil and equipment needed.

The children are planning on growing flowers and vegetables to share with our community.

Well done everyone and thank you for making the school look more colourful each week



Gates open 8.40am  
Gates close 8.50am  
Register close 8.55am



Well Done to our school choir and Mrs Irvin for their amazing performance in the Choir Competition at Blackpool Tower!

Although we didn't win we received an "outstanding achievement award"

The children sang our celebration assembly song "Proud" They also signed the words using Makaton.

'What have you done today to make you feel proud?'

# welcome

★ TO THE ★

# TEAM

We would like to welcome Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Rutkowski to our school. Mrs. Ball will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 4 and Mrs. Rutkowski in Year 2.

We are delighted to have you on board.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### April

- 10th Reception to Yr 4 parents' evening - 3.30-6pm  
10-12th Robinwood residential for Yr 5/6  
16th First Holy Communion session 6pm Parish Centre  
24th Yr 4 Annual Mini Olympics schools cluster  
25th Yr 6 First Aid Training  
25th Read, Write, Inc parents' meeting on line 4pm  
30th First Holy Communion session 6pm Parish Centre

### May

- 6th *Bank Holiday*  
7th *Yr 1 Blackpool Zoo trip*  
9th Yr5/6 Grand Theatre Boy at the back of the class  
9th Yr 1 Assembly - 2.30pm  
9th Primary Pop idol time to be agreed  
13th Year 6 SATS week  
14th First Holy Communion session 6pm Parish Centre  
16th Y2 Assembly - 2.30pm  
21st First Holy Communion session 6pm Parish Centre  
23rd Yr 3 Assembly- 2.30pm  
24th *Half Term school closes 3.15pm*

### June

- 10th School reopens 8.40am for all children  
11th First Holy Communion session 6pm Parish Centre  
14th Sports day KS1 AM—KS2 PM, all welcome  
16th First Holy Communion Day - 9.45 mass at St. Kentigern's  
19th Induction evening 3.30pm - 5pm  
20th Yr 4 Assembly- 2.30pm  
27th Yr 5 Assembly- 2.30pm

### July

- 1st July Music Concert in school 6pm—7pm  
4/5th Yr 6 move up day SMCA  
11th Yr 6 End of year production - 2pm & 6pm  
18th Reception Assembly - 2.30pm  
19th *School closes for the summer, 3.15pm*  
19th No after school club

**Blackpool Learning Rooms**  
Adult Skills

### **Keep up with the Kids in Maths for Year 3 & 4 families**



Increase your own confidence, knowledge and skills and find out more about how to support your child's learning

- ✓ Discover ways to support your child's maths
- ✓ Find out what your child learns in math at school
- ✓ Work with your child to develop maths skills
  - ✓ Share ideas and tips to use at home
- ✓ Children join the second hour of each session

**Free 4 week course starting  
Thursday 25th April 9:00-11:00  
at St Kentigern's Catholic Primary**

**Book your place by filling in the form at  
[bit.ly/FLMaths24](http://bit.ly/FLMaths24)**



Due to health and safety we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the session



### **Parking**

We are wishing to make the area around the school gate at pick up and drop off times much safer so we are asking if you would kindly take a few moments to read this.

Parking for any school, especially in Blackpool, is always an issue and our school is no exception. Unfortunately, we are a land locked school. The school itself has no car park. The Parish kindly let us use their carpark during the day for some staff and visitors.

I would absolutely love to be able to create more space to help both parents and our neighbours but unfortunately this is not possible.

I am aware traffic wardens have been monitoring schools in the morning and afternoon. I would like to notify you that this is not at the request of school. However, we would like to highlight the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at the start and finish of the school day.

Our aim is to keep our children safe. As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, and staff. I would ask that we:

- Please park sensibly.
- Respect our community residents by not parking over driveways, on pavements or verges which can cause damage and access issues.
- Always take care when driving in the school vicinity by driving slowly and looking out for families travelling to school by foot or bike.
- THINK -Does our family need to drive every day or could we travel by foot, bike or scooter one day a week? This could show our children how much fun travelling by these can be, especially as we are coming into warmer months.
- Please do not park in the Parish carpark. This is for the children's safety.

The children's safety is our main priority, as I am sure it is yours, and this includes their journey to and from school.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

