



# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

## November Newsletter 2023



Dear Parents and Carers, I would like to welcome you all back to school after the half term break. I hope you all had some lovely family time together.

I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Harvest Festival. Your generous donations were dropped off during the half term to Streetlife. Everyone at this worthy charity appreciated the hard work and generosity of the school community.

During the month of November, it is customary to remember and pray for the Holy Souls, members of our family and friends

that have died. They are called Holy Souls because they are on their way to heaven. A book of remembrance is being compiled in school and I invite your family to submit names to be included on the sheet attached to this newsletter. Please return to school by Monday 13th November. We will ask Father Andrew to remember all deceased family and friends during mass in November.

As the winter approaches, please make sure your child comes to school with a coat to ensure they are warm and dry when they go out to play. If anyone is

struggling or worrying about this time of the year or with the cost of living crisis, please contact our Family Support Worker on the confidential email: [familysupport@st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk)

We will do everything we can to support our families. We also have nearly new school uniforms as children are constantly growing.

Thank you to all our families and parents for your constant support. A good working relationship between home and school is extremely beneficial for our children's learning.

Mrs Murray

### PTFA News



Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped out this year at the Spooky Disco.

We had lots of positive feedback about splitting the key stages. We do not have a total for the fundraising as of yet. All fundraising at PTFA events is put back into school to support the children's learning and out of school experiences

#### The Next PTFA event

Our Christmas cinema night will be on the 8th December. The cost is £3.

Please complete consent slips being sent home soon.



Yesterday, Firefighters/Community Fire Safety Advisors from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service visited school and delivered a CHILDSAFE education session for the children in Year 2.

The children are going to make posters that we can display for others around school in order to share their important safety messages.



The PTFA will be holding a tuck shop after school on Friday 3rd November on the KS1 playground from 3.15pm.

#### Christmas Panto

This year we will be going to watch Aladdin at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool. This is an amazing experience for the children and we would love all children to take part. The cost is £10 per child, thanks to the PTFA. (The cost would normally be £14.00.) We will be leaving school at 09.30am and arriving back around lunch time. We will be asking for parent helpers so please keep an eye on our Class Dojo pages for more information.

OH YES WE WILL!



wishing you  ALL THE BEST

We sadly will be saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Spinks next week. She has been appointed in a new role and we wish her luck in her new adventure. We want to thank Miss Spinks for all her hard work over the last 5 years as family support worker/learning mentor.

We will notify parents of our new family supporter worker/learning mentor in the next couple of weeks. During this time, Mrs Brooks or myself will be available for any support and guidance.

## After school club

Please take note there will be **no** after school club provision on the 15th December 2023 or 22nd December 2023. Breakfast club will still be available to book on these dates. Thank you

### Parents Evening

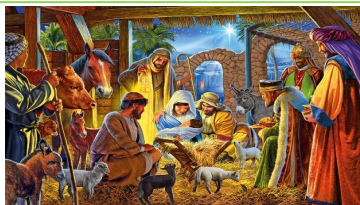
We will be holding a parents evening on Wednesday 29th November. Your class teacher will send out a message for slots to be booked.



Aid to the Church in Need  
ACN UNITED KINGDOM

**Wednesday 22nd November**

Bring **£1** to wear **Red Clothes** all day in school to raise money for Aid to the Church in Need, to give a voice to suffering Christians around the world. Please wear warm clothes and sensible shoes.



Apologies for mentioning Christmas, but we are currently planning for Advent; the preparation for Christmas and the dates below are so you can plan ahead as everyone is welcome to attend.

Reception and KS1 will be sharing the Nativity in church on 12th December at 2pm and 5.30pm. KS2 will be holding a Carol Service in Church on 14th December at 6pm. All children will be involved in these celebrations.



Poppies will be on sale next week in school. Donations please.

There will also be wristbands and reflectors on sale too. Please send money into school in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly visible. Prices of these will be posted on Class dojo.



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Pupils preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will meet again on Thursday 9th November at 6pm in the upper room.

Bishop Paul Swarbrick will visit our Parish on Thursday 16th November 2023 to confirm all the candidates at the 6.30pm Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

*First Holy Communion*



Letters will be sent out soon to children in Year 3 and above inviting them and their family to enrol on this year's Sacramental Preparation Programme.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Tuesday 7th November

- Yr 5/6 Grand Theatre trip

#### Thursday 9th November

- 9-11am Yr 1 Pirate Phonics

#### Tuesday 14th November

- First Holy Communion Meeting Year 3 upwards 6pm in Parish Centre

#### Thursday 16th & 23rd November

- 9-11am Yr 1 Pirate Phonics
- 6.30pm Confirmation Mass

#### Wednesday 22nd November

- **Red Wednesday £1.00 ACN**

#### Tuesday 28th November

- Strictly Schools Games Yr 4/6 chn
- 6pm First Holy Communion meeting

#### Wednesday 29th November

- Parents evening (details to follow)

#### Thursday 30th November

- 9-11am Y1 Family Learning - Pirate Phonics

#### Tuesday 5th December

- 6pm Catholic Schools Advent Liturgy Service

#### Thursday 7th December

- Whole School Panto - Aladdin  
9.30 am—1.15pm

#### Friday 8th December

- 3.10—5.30pm Christmas Cinema Night

#### Tuesday 12th December

- **KS1 Nativity 2pm—5.30pm**

#### Wednesday 13th December

- **School fair in the Hall from 3pm**

#### Thursday 14th December

- **KS2 Carol Service 6.00pm in church**

#### Friday 15th December

- No after school club provision
- Abba tribute show at The Winter Gardens

#### Tuesday 19th December

- 9.30am—End of term Mass

#### Wednesday 20th December

- **KS1 Christmas Jumper day/party**
- Christmas Lunch day

#### Thursday 21st December

- **KS2 Christmas jumper /party**

#### Friday 22nd December

- 3.15pm Close for half term

**Family Learning**

**Pirate Phonics course for Year 1 families**



- Take part in fun activities with your child based on a pirate theme
- ✓ Discover ways to support your child's learning
  - ✓ Find out what your child learns at school
  - ✓ Make resources you can use at home
- Children join in last part of every session

Free 4 week course starting  
**Thursday 9th November 9-11 am**  
St Kentigern's Primary

Book your place by filling in the form at  
<https://bit.ly/FLPP23>



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