



St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

October 2023 Newsletter



Blessed Edward Bamber
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

I hope you have all had a peaceful September and are settling back into the routines of the school term.

The children have made a great start to the year and they are continuing to remain happy and focused and well behaved in school.

Our new Reception children have adapted well to the new routines in school and are a delightful class.

In school, we are continuing to get the school painted to make it a lovely, calm

environment for the children to learn and develop in. I thank the children for their patience in school whilst the painter has been coming in each evening like an elf from "The elves and the shoe maker" - a lovely book to read to the children if you haven't already.

Your children maybe coming home singing "What have you done today to make you feel proud?". This is entirely my fault. This is now our rewards assembly song that we sing and dance to each Friday so I make no

apologies. Please join in and sing with them; it really does have a feel good factor to the song. Our next step is to learn Makaton to the words. There is a You tube link if you fancy having a go.

We have also now appointed a Head Boy and Girl, School Council, House Captains and Reading Ambassadors to name a few.

I am looking forward to working with all the children to share their ideas and vision for the school.

Have a lovely October and half term break when it comes.

Mrs . Murray



PTFA News

Our PTFA depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents.

The teaching staff support the PTFA as much as possible, but without parents support, we have no PTFA

WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



The PTFA Spooky Disco will be held over 2 nights. This is to allow more children and parents to attend as it is a very popular event. Tickets are still on sale so we hope to see you all there looking SPOOKY.

Please bring into school any raffle prizes that you may have and also cakes etc on the **16th and 18th October** to support this event.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



Congratulations to our House Captains (pictured left); they have a very special role in developing teamwork and pride across the school in all year groups.



We are delighted to announce that Rinta and Jacob are Head Girl and Head Boy this year (pictured left).

Please say hello to our School Council 2023/24 (pictured right).

I believe there are lots of ideas from the children already.

Our first meeting will be on Monday 9th October.



I, along with the rest of the teaching staff, look forward to working with all these children over the next year.

Christmas Fair



We will be holding a Christmas Fair on the 13th December with a very special visitor. More details to follow!

Application for School Places

September 2024

Please visit www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Y6 pupils **Apply September 23 to October 2023** for **Secondary Schools**

January 2024 - Closing date for pupils applying for Reception places in **Primary Schools**.

If you are applying for a place at St Kentigern's, **please also fill in a supplementary form** from the school office.



Please park

responsibly when dropping off and picking up your children. Never compromise the safety of the children at St Kentigern's. Parents and pupils should walk up the drive and not cut across the car park. The vehicle and pedestrian accesses are separate for the safety of everyone.

Start of the day

The school gates will be open slightly earlier from now on so that children and parents can access the playground and are ready to go in when the doors open at 8.40am. Children should remain under the supervision of parents/carers until they go into the school building.

Gates close at 8.50am

CONFIRMED DATES FOR THIS TERM SO FAR

October

- 9th October Open Evening
- 10th October World Mental Health Day
- 11th October Nasal flu vaccinations - whole school
- 16th October KS1 Spooky disco 5.30—7pm
- 18th October KS2 Spooky disco 5.30—7pm
- 19th October Emotional Health Day - Yogi groups in school
- 19th October Open Evening
- 20th October Harvest Festival, 2pm in church - all welcome
- 20th October Break up for half term at 3.15pm

November

- 1st November All Saints Day Mass in church —all welcome
- 2nd November Year 1 class assembly with coffee and cake afterwards
- 7th November Yr 5/6 visit the Grand Theatre
- 9th November Year 2 class assembly with coffee and cake afterwards
- 14th November First Holy Communion Session - Yr 3 children
- 16th November Year 3 class assembly with coffee and cake afterwards
- 23rd November EYFS class assembly with coffee and cake afterwards
- 28th November First Holy Communion - Session Yr 3 children

December

- 5th December Advent Service @ Holy Family Church 6pm
- 7th December Whole school trip to Panto, "Oh yes it is!"
- 12th December KS1 Nativity in Church - all welcome
- 14th December KS2 Carols in Church - all welcome
- 19th December End of term Mass -all welcome
- 20th December Break up for end of term at 3.15pm



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

All pupils will be photographed individually on **Monday 16th October**. Proofs will be sent home; this will give you the opportunity to make orders for grandparents, aunts and uncles etc. a perfect Christmas present!

If you would like a family group with pre school children, please come to the hall for 8.45am. All family groups of children in school will be taken during the day.

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Open Evening Reception Class 2024

If your child is starting school September 2024, come along and see our wonderful EYFS classroom and meet the teacher.

Monday 9th & Thursday 19th October 2023 5-6pm

OPEN EVENINGS

If you know of any children who are due to start School in September 2024, please share our open evening dates with parents.

We look forward to welcoming them to our school!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION: The next session for our candidates is on Thurs 12th, at 6pm in the Upper Room. Please bring last month's homework sheet and make sure you have provided us with your Confirmation name, date and place of baptism and sponsor details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/4: 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.