



# St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School March Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents,

We are now in the liturgical season of Lent. We use this time to take the opportunity to reflect on our lives and re-focus on how we treat each other according to the Gospels.

There are many opportunities to live out our faith in our school, homes, work-place and local community. It could mean visiting someone that you know lives alone, doing their shopping, spending time with them

and having a cup of tea. You could spend more time in prayer by visiting church and following the Stations of the Cross on a Friday at 7pm or you could come to the early morning Mass on a Friday at 7.30am or call into church to pray.

You could also devote some time to pray together at home as a family, either at the beginning or end of the day, or before meals.

It doesn't take a lot of time but it is well worth the effort.

Every child has made a Lenten promise in school, please encourage and support them throughout Lent.

During the last week in school this term, there will be the opportunity to pray a novena in school. Just ten minutes a day to be still, reflect on a theme and pray together.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Murray



We are so proud of our Reception children and their learning. They are doing an amazing job learning all about numbers.

Don't forget the Reception Mothers/Grandmas afternoon on the 5th March at 2pm!



Many thanks to all parents who helped out at the Red Disco. We raised £550.00 and everyone had a fun time. We really couldn't do these events without parental support. So far this year, the PTFA has raised:

**£2,694**

This money has supported:  
£1,538.00 towards the Panto  
£307.07 towards Christmas books for every child  
£75.72 for Christmas parties  
£57.50 towards the Yr 5 Grand Theatre trip  
£150.00 towards a seated reading area in school

This currently leaves us with £565.50 which will be going towards trips for other classes and play ground equipment. **Thank you!**



## The Big Lent Clothes Swap!

Friday 15th March

3.15pm - 5.30pm in the school hall

With the cost of living crisis, we know how frustrating it is when children outgrow clothes and shoes so quickly! During this season of Lent, as well as thinking about giving to those further afield, we also want to encourage giving and sharing within our own school community. A clothes swap will be a great way to work together to save money and also have a good clear out!

**Please send into school any clean children's clothes or shoes that your child has outgrown so that we can gather them together to create a clothes swap.** Items can be sent in with children over the next couple of weeks so we can organise them into sizes.

**\* All items will be free of charge at the clothes swap event.\***



### Easter Assemblies

Every child in school will take part in an Easter assembly.

We welcome family members to join us in the hall at 2.30pm each day in Holy Week

Monday 25th March - Rec, Y1 & Y2

Tuesday 26th March - Y3 and Y4

Wednesday 27th March - Y5 and Y6

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### March

- 5th EYFS Mothers/Grandmas afternoon 2pm  
7th Read, Write, Inc parents meeting on line 4pm  
7th World Book Day— wear PJs and bring a book  
7th Robinwood parents' meeting 3.30pm  
9th/12th Sacrament of Reconciliation  
13th Year 5 & 6 Parents' evening 3.30pm - 6pm  
15th Clothes swap in the hall - 3.15 - 5.30pm  
18th Choir of the year  
25th KS1 Easter Assembly 2.30pm  
26th Yr 3/4 Easter Assembly 2.30pm  
27th Yr 5/6 Easter Assembly 2.30pm  
28th *Break for Easter*

### April

- 8th School opens 8.40am for all children  
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 Read, Write, Inc parents' meeting on line 4pm  
30th First Holy Communion session 6pm Parish Centre

### May

- 6th *Bank Holiday*  
9th Yr 1 Assembly - 2.30pm  
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  
11th Yr 6 End of year production - 2pm & 6pm  
18th Reception Assembly - 2.30pm  
19th *School closes for the summer, 3.15pm*



[Fairtrade](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/)



To celebrate and raise awareness for Fairtrade the whole school enjoyed a Fairtrade hot chocolate. You can help to support Fairtrade by buying products with the Fairtrade logo in the supermarket.



## **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.



## **PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME 2024**

FRIDAYS – Mass at 7.30am at St Kentigern's with tea and toast in the Parish Centre afterwards.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - every Friday at St Kentigern's at 7pm.