St Kentigern's Catholic Primary Autumn Newsletter School

Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parents and Carers

It will soon be December and Christmas will be fast approaching. School is very busy and the preparations for the festive season is upon us. It's all very exciting. The school is being filled with our KS2 singing for their Carol Service and KS1 are rehearsing for their Nativity.

Staff are working hard to also keep the children focused and learn about the true meaning of Christmas and keeping God in our hearts. Whilst the Advent Gospels at Sunday Mass will remind us to 'stay awake', to get ready for the coming of the Lord, we can find ourselves so distracted and busy that quiet moments of reflection, if they were ever possible, now seem even more beyond our reach. You are welcome to join in the services at church to help keep **Christ** in **Christ**mas!

Thank you all for your continued support this year; if anyone is struggling with the cost of living crisis, please contact Mrs Bond or any member of staff.

email: familysupport@st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Murray

PTFA News

Father Christmas will be in school all day on Friday 13th December.



Every child will get to meet him personally. He has a Christmas gift for every child in school, sponsored by the PTFA.

Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

Thank you for your support!

Congratulations to all our children who attended a special Mass to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. It was wonderful to see so many people there to witness the occasion. We were very proud of all our children . Our thanks go to everyone who has supported the children over the past months in their preparation.



A special thank you to our Gardening Club. They have been learning about the significance of and making of an Advent Wreath.





During the evenings in Advent, nativity sets of Mary and Joseph travel around every class on a rota basis visiting a different family every night (an old Mexican tradition). The night Mary and Joseph 'stay' in your house provides a great opportunity to invite family and friends around to share together the true meaning of Christmas with a simple liturgy - a prayer and a song or a

Aid to the Church in Need

A Catholic charity under the guidance of the Holy Father

Red Wednesday,

We raised **£160** for Aid to the Church in Need. Everyone enjoyed wearing their red clothes and raising money for Christians who can't freely practise their faith, something we all take for granted.



Last week Chris Webb, our local MP came to school to visit the children. He was extremely impressed by all the children across school.

Chris Webb

"It was a pleasure to meet you and attend St Kentigern's. During the Q&As we had some fantastic questions - one of the pupils asked a question regarding small businesses, which we would like to share on Chris' platforms this week with Small Business Saturday coming up this weekend (30th). We are all super proud of our children.



A reminder to return your forms and monies for panto as soon as possible

Thank you

Upcoming Dates

November

28th Non uniform day—please bring a bottle donation

December

4th Christmas Fair @3.30 in school hall
4th Non uniform day—please bring a chocolate donation
5th Catholic Schools Cluster Advent Service 6pm at St John Vianney.
10th KS1 Nativity 2pm & 5.30pm
12th Whole school panto trip to "Cinderella"
17th Christmas lunch
17th KS2 Carols @ 6pm
18th KS1 Christmas Jumper Day
19th KS2 Christmas Jumper Day
20th Whole school Mass @ 09.30
20th Half term
20th No afterschool club today



January

6th New term begins
13th St. Kentigern's feast day Mass @ 09.30am
14th First Holy Communion
15th Learn together EYFS parents
22nd Learn together EYFS parents
28th First Holy Communion meeting

St. Kentigern's Church

Christmas Eve
4pm—Christingle (Bring an orange, red ribbon and sweets)
6pm—First Mass of Christmas at Christ the King
(children can come dressed up as Nativity Characters)
11.30pm Carols and Readings at St. Kentigern's followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
9.45am Christmas Day Mass at St. Kentigern's

Any donations for the Christmas Fair would be gratefully received.
from unused or outgrown toys, teddies, bottles, chocolate or decorations to make the school festive

