



St Kentigern's R.C Primary School

3.11.2023

This weekend, I am sure that many of you will be attending firework displays and bonfire gatherings. I hope that you all have a wonderful, family time together. Please stay safe! I have attached a link below to remind everyone of the Fireworks Code.

<https://manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/fire-safety/celebrating-safely/fireworks-safety/>

Changes to Breakfast and Afterschool Provision

As some of you might be aware, Miss Kim has decided to retire from the Breakfast and After School Club from Christmas. Miss Kim will continue to be part of the school family as she will be carrying on with her lunchtime role.

In light of Miss Kim's retirement, school has taken this opportunity to review the provision we can offer and we are delighted to introduce Kickstart who are a long-established childcare provider.

Kickstart provide a range of fun activities for the children to take part in that are based on the interests of the children and in partnership with the school.

You will be receiving further information regarding Kickstart in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you wish to visit their website please click the link below.

<https://wearekickstart.com/>

The amazing Mrs McCormack!

Mrs McCormack is completing a skydive on the weekend of the 25th November as a fundraising activity for Wood Street Mission. As you know, this is a service which is close to our hearts as it is accessed within our local community and one

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which we support through our Harvest collection. The JustGiving page link is included below should you wish to support Mrs McCormack's brave challenge!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sandra-mccormack-skydive?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsandra-mccormack-skydive&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp

Caritas in Action Award

This week, our Caritas in Action Award has been given to Willow in Year 1 for showing compassion to her friends. This is a wonderful way of demonstrating the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity.



Traffic

The ongoing traffic problems continue. As you will be aware, our Community Police Officers attended in order to manage the traffic outside of school. Can I please remind you that the safety of our children and families is paramount? If you can walk or cycle to school, please do so. If you can park a little further away from school so that the road outside our school entrances remains free, it would be very helpful. The Community Police and the Traffic Wardens will continue to visit at the start and the end of our school day but we need help from you all if this problem is to be resolved.

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Well done, Leighah!

Many congratulations to Leighah on receiving her Blue Peter Badge - what an honour to have a badge winner in our school! We are all hugely proud of you, Leighah - well done!



Flu vaccines

Intrahealth will be coming into school on Friday 17th November to complete flu vaccines for children in years Reception - Year 6. The form to consent or decline the flu vaccine has been sent on ParentApps & email and needs to be completed no later than 12th November. School cannot take parents' requests to consent or decline the vaccine at school - this has to be done via Intrahealth.

Poppies

A selection of poppy themed items will be available for the children to purchase next week. They will be sold by our Year 6 children during the school day. The prices are as follows:

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Snap Bands - £1.50
Wristbands - £1
Reflector Poppies - £1
Zip Pulls - 50p

Please note that change cannot be given.

Poppies with pins will be available at the main office for a donation of your choice.

Right of the Week

Article 33 Protection from Harmful Drugs

Governments must protect children from the use of illegal drugs

Article 24 Health, Water, Food Environment

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer

Vaping

It has come to my attention that some children are vaping once school has finished and again at the weekends. I have spoken to the year group concerned about the serious damage vaping can do to their health. I am sure that families will also be aware of the links made between vaping and children being recruited for County Line drug selling. I have attached a link to a series of websites which will provide you with a starting point for you to discuss the matter with your children.

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/e-cigarettes.html>

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/challenging-behaviour/im-worried-about-my-child-vaping/>

<https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes#the-law>

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School photographs

Chester made absolutely sure that he didn't miss out on his photo opportunity this week. He even said "Cheese!"



Our Librarians have been very busy!

Our librarians were very excited to receive some new books for our school libraries! They are currently reviewing the new books and then they will deliver them to classes across the school.



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Poetry Session with Matt Goodfellow

On Thursday, the librarians visited Central Library for a workshop with Matt Goodfellow. Mr Goodfellow is a poet from Stockport and the librarians are currently reading his latest book, *The Final Year*. The children listened to poems and even had a go at writing their own!



Collective Worship for families

Please find below, the link to this week's Collective Worship newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

United Nations Day

Today we have celebrated St Kentigern's United Nations day, proudly showing our British values of diversity and unity. Now more than ever, we need to celebrate peace and coming together to support each other. At a time where the world is experiencing conflict and division, we have shown off the range of culture and heritage across our Year groups. We are the generation remembering the importance of peace and respect shown to all.

Each year group have learned about a significant event in history from a different country around the globe and have worn their country's flag colours.

What a brilliant day!

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A Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I hope everyone is well and caring for each other. November has arrived on the heels of storm Ciaran, bringing wind and rain. November starts with two great feast days, firstly "All Saints' Day," a celebration of those who inspire greatness by the way they followed in the way The Lord. The next day we celebrate the feast of "All Souls," a time to remember our loved ones who have died and we pray they will rest in peace. The school mass for All Saints' Day set the tone for this month, a wonderful prayer in thanks for those who lead and inspire through great lives of faithful service. May we all try to imitate the saints and live lives worthy of the faith we profess, at home and in class. Have a great weekend and be careful with those pesky fireworks.

St Kentigern, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

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Headteacher