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St Kentigern's R.C Primary School

17.11.2023

Thank you for your fantastic donations for the Poppy Appeal. You raised a staggering £575!!! The generosity of St. Kentigern's families is simply amazing.

Dates for the Diary

Dates have been set for our many Christmas activities and they are as follows:

Tuesday 5 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 9.30am/ 2.30pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert 4.30pm in church. Children will stay in school and teachers will walk them to church
Thursday 7 th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert 4.30pm in church. Children will stay in school and teachers will walk them to church
Tuesday 12 th December	Nursery Sing along 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	School Fair 3.30pm
Friday 15 th December	Pantomime Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day/ PJ Day £1 donation to Ronald McDonald House
Wednesday 20 th December	Break up at 1.30pm

Pantomimes

Messages have been sent to all families regarding the Pantomimes but, in summary, the details are as follows:

Year 1 - Year 6:

Years 1 to 6 will be visiting Stockport Plaza Theatre on Friday 15th December 2023 to watch a performance pantomime of 'Peter Pan.' After a generous contribution from the school, the cost of the visit is £15 per child. The money can be paid to the office or on School Money by Monday 1st December 2023. If paying at the office, please can the correct amount be placed in a green envelope noting your child's name and class, as it will be difficult to give change given the large numbers.

Nursery and Reception:

Nursery and Reception are having a visit from a theatre company on Friday 15th December 2023. All the children in Nursery and Reception will have the opportunity to watch a pantomime performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk." After a generous contribution from the school, the cost of the visit is £7 per child. The money can be paid to the office or on School Money by Friday 1st December 2023. If paying at the office, please can the correct amount be placed in a green envelope noting your child's name and class as it will be difficult to give change given the large numbers.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Our new Breakfast and Afterschool Club will be starting in January. A pack outlining the process and charges for this facility is available from the School Office and has also been sent to families via ParentApps. As the Breakfast and Afterschool Club will be privately run, it is imperative that you sign up through Kickstart. The school office will be unable to book places for your children.

We are delighted to announce that Kickstart will offer provision in their Breakfast and Afterschool Club for our Nursery children. Places can be booked by the same online process.

Zones of Regulation Workshop

Mrs Malone will run a Zones of Regulation workshop in the Oasis on **Friday 24th November at 9am**. During the workshop, Mrs Malone will explain how we use Zones of Regulation in school to support your children and how it can be used at home. We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible.

The amazing Mrs McCormack!

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

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/>

Cost of Living Advice and Support

The dark evenings and cold winter months are challenging for everyone, especially those struggling with the cost of living. The following links will provide you with access, support and advice if needed.

Manchester's FREE Cost of Living Advice Line: Support with benefits, help and advice about rent, debt, bills, food support and help to get online (support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data). The advice line is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm on 0800 023 2692. You can also text on 07860 022 876 Manchester's web page for help with the cost-of-living crisis: A comprehensive guide to the financial help and practical support available to Manchester residents.

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Manchester's web page for those in financial difficulty: Providing information on housing/council tax, FSM, fuel, travel and cash grants, furniture and white goods.

Warm Welcome: You can find out more about Warm Welcome spaces near you by accessing the web pages and map at <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>.

Food Banks and Community Grocers: There are both referral and non-referral foodbanks across Manchester. You can find your nearest online at www.trusselltrust.org or www.greatertogethermanchester.org.

Free SIMS/internet data for those eligible. Help with internet use, digital inclusion and use of computers in our libraries. Social Tariffs: Low-cost broadband and phone service packages, for those on low incomes. Check the Ofcom website to see if you can switch to a social tariff.

Governments Help for Households campaign and web pages <https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living> for information and support with benefits, income, rent and bills, pension, subsidised travel, childcare and maternity costs.

Caritas in Action Award

This week, our Caritas in Action Award has been given to Harriet in Year 6 for showing a great deal of love, kindness and compassion to another child. This is a wonderful way of demonstrating the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Family and Community.



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Thank you to Miss Brennan and Miss Doohan who have worked with the children to create wonderful pieces of art which reflect the Catholic social teaching principles. As you can see from the selection below, we have incredibly talented children and staff.

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Nursery celebrate Diwali

This week the nursery children celebrated Diwali with the help of Miss Linda. Miss Linda dressed two of our children in traditional Indian clothes and she bought in some precious items of interest for the children to explore. The children also got to taste some delicious Indian sweets. Thank you, Miss Linda!



Right of the Week

Article 11 Protection for Kidnapping

Governments must do everything they can to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally or being prevented from returning.

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Nursery Maths Workshop

Nursery families joined school for a maths workshop this week. It was very successful and families enjoyed finding out how maths is taught in our Early Years.



Reception's trip to The Lowry

This week in Reception Yew, the children enjoyed their visit to the Lowry where they explored the Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's exhibition. During their visit, they enjoyed looking at the illustrations of some of the famous books such as the Gruffalo in the gallery and went to Stickman's family tree to have a lovely story time session.



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Anti-Bullying Week

We marked the end of Anti-Bullying Week with an Odd Socks Day - even Chester joined in!



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Eco Team meet Afzal Khan MP

Our Eco team attended a mini COP 28 event hosted by Afzal Khan MP. The children gave a presentation on Nature and Biodiversity to ten other schools. Having watched other school's presentations, the children then enjoyed making patchwork squares of the Friends of the Earth Campaign for Warm homes.



A Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I hope everyone is well in these rainy days. I trust we are doing all we can to be warm, dry, kind and helpful. As the evenings get darker earlier and earlier we are fast approaching the feast of Christ the King and then we are in Advent. The feast of Christ the King is a reminder of everything we are saying in school, at home and in church. All we are praying and saying is in thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, giving each day to our God. The celebration of our Faith is to offer our love and service to all Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to be. As we place Christ first, then everything and everyone finds their place in creating a peaceful world. In every classroom and in every home, we try to be the person we are called to be! St Kentigern's school is a shining example of this message of peace on earth in love of Christ the King. Let us pray our world will be an example of peace on earth too. Have a great weekend.

St Kentigern, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

Madeine Muldoon

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Headteacher