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ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 3 – *Week ending 24th September 2010*

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week in the Lunn household! Our youngest daughter, Antonia, returned from 4 months working Summer Camp in America then travelling around Western States of America. She has had a wonderful time and is full of stories about her experiences. We have also had the news that in the latest military honours announced today our son, Colin, has been awarded the Military Cross. This is the third highest military honour and is given in recognition for 'exemplary gallantry during active operations against an enemy on land'. We are obviously very proud. I did think that the next time I would have to buy a new hat would be for Colin's wedding – not for a trip to Buckingham Palace!

School Mass

This week the school mass on Monday morning at 9.30 am will be led by Class 5 with the theme of the St Vincent de Paul. It was good to see so many members of the community at mass last week - please join us if you can.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

This morning we held our Macmillan Coffee morning – thank you to those who came to support us. As coffees were served the children paraded through the hall dressed in their 'greenery' where Mrs Jo Shanahan and Mr Robinson could have a good look at them. They eventually decided on our two winners, who were Bailey Roper and Tegan Bentley. Well done to both of them. Jo had also sorted out a quiz which was won by Mrs Jane Galloway.

On view during the morning – and after school – were samples of the children's video work made with the new flip cameras, software and recording equipment. Watch out for them coming to a screen near you soon!

Mr Peter Payne

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the sudden death of Mr Peter Payne who was a member of staff here for a number of years. I am sure many of you will remember him with affection. We pray for his family at this sad time.

Let's Get Cooking

Our popular 'Let's Get Cooking' class returns on Wednesday 29th September. The first group of children to have their four week block of healthy cooking will be **Class 4**. Please return the reply slip if your child would like a place.

St Gerard's Church 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass

On Monday 4th October at 7.00 pm Bishop John, along with a number of other clergy who have been connected with St Gerard's over the years, will be celebrating a special mass marking the 60th anniversary of the church. The mass will be followed by refreshments served here in the school hall. There will also be a collection photographs on display. Please put the date in your diary and come along to join the celebration.

St Gerard's Calendar

Available at the Celebration Event will be the latest St Gerard's Calendar, which features scenes of the parish and parishioners, including a photograph of the whole school! These will be on sale for a cost of £5.

There follows some of the more general information about your child's time here at St. Gerard's.

For those of you who are new to the school I hope you find this useful,

for those who are already established members of our family, I hope you find them a useful reminder.

Dinner Money

A reminder please that dinner money should be paid on Monday and at the latest by the Friday of the same week your child has had a meal. Money envelopes are available from Mrs Glossop.

Uniform

A detailed uniform list can be obtained from Mrs Glossop in the school office. Although uniform with the school logo is available through school, this is not compulsory. Many supermarkets have uniform items on offer at very reasonable prices. However, please remember that the school uniform is **BLUE** sweatshirts and cardigans – **not black**. Please remember to write your child's name in all items of uniform.

Healthy Schools

Thank you for continuing to support our 'Fruit in Schools' policy. It is good to see so many pupils eating fruit at play-time. Children in Class 1 and Class 2 free fruit each day, whilst our Healthy Schools Tuck Shop has fruit, and fruit juice, on sale each morning break for only 15p

Many of our children have a school lunch – either a hot meal or 'chilled choice' – but for those who bring a packed lunch please remember that healthy choices are encouraged and that the lunch-box should contain a healthy meal including a piece of fruit, **no glass bottles, no fizzy pop NO SWEETS AND ONLY ONE TREAT.**

Golden Stars Club

Each Thursday during Achievement Assembly one child from each class will receive an invitation to the Golden Stars Club on the Friday afternoon. The children are chosen for many different reasons each showing that they are trying to be

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being good members of St. Gerard's family – for the way they treat each other, for their attitudes to their work, for how polite they are, for being an example to others.

PE

To ensure that all children have the correct PE kit in school for all PE lessons, **could all children please bring the correct PE kit into school on a Monday and leave it in school all week**

- the correct PE kit consists of **plain white T-shirt, plain dark blue shorts and trainers or plimsolls**
- pupils will not be able to take part in any PE if they do not have the appropriate footwear.
- **all earrings need to be removed for PE lessons.** Tape can only be used during the first few weeks after piercing until the ear has healed. Staff are not able to remove or replace earrings so if your child can not do this for themselves, please send your child to school without earrings on that day
- if your child needs to miss PE for a medical reason please send in a letter to the teacher

The children will have PE on the following days:

Class 1	Wednesday
Class 2	Tuesday, Thursday
Class 3	Tuesday, Friday
Class 4	Monday, Wednesday
Class 5	Monday, Friday

School '49 Club'

As one of our regular fundraisers for School Fund, we operate a '49 Club' with the winner being the number of the bonus ball from the lottery on a Wednesday. As we have lost from the group the parents of last years Year 6 children we have 10 vacant numbers. If anyone would like to pay £1 per week to join our club and have the chance to win £25 each week, please contact Mrs Hamshaw.

Golden Stars

Stars this week are; Nicole Weyman, Reuben Cheetham, Shauna Banks, Ruby Putt and Mackenzie Hunt.

Birthdays

Kieran Slack, Ruby Putt, Shauna Banks, Kelsey Williamson and Cameron Lawson celebrate their birthdays this week.

Dates

Term dates for 2010-2011

Autumn 1:	Monday 6 th September	to	Friday 22 nd October
Autumn 2:	Tuesday 2 nd November	to	Friday 17 th December
Spring 1:	Tuesday 4 th January	to	Friday 18 th February
Spring 2:	Monday 28 th February	to	Friday 8 th April
	<i>May Day Weekend – School Closed Friday 29th April (Training Day) and Monday 3rd May</i>		
Summer 1	Tuesday 26 th April	to	Friday 27 th May
Summer 2	Monday 6 th June	to	Friday 22 nd July
	Year 6 SATs Week		Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May

Training Days

(planned so far) - the date has yet to be set for the one remaining day.

November

Monday 1st Joint Community Cohesion training day with St. Bernard's

April

Friday 29th Focus yet to be agreed

September

Child's name _____

My child would like to take part in the 'Let's Get Cooking' after school club.

Signed _____