## <u> St. Edmund's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter</u>

7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (475) Tel: 0161-205-1700

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

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Parish Website: www.sspatrickmalachy.org.uk

School Website: <a href="https://www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk">www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk</a></a>
School Twitter account: @stedmundsrcps

Facebook page: St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary School

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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Ged after one of the Sunday Masses listed above.

## Our next statement to live by is: 'I can say how I feel.'

<u>ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!</u> Our attendance last week was slightly below our target at 96.8% with no classes achieving 100%! Never mind, I am sure that this week will be much better! The weather has really taken a turn this week and it seems that the cold weather is setting in, especially in the mornings! Please ensure your child has their coat on for school so that we can try to avoid the seasonal coughs and sneezes and improve our attendance going into the winter months!

<u>PRAYER & WORSHIP:</u> Our Masses start at 9.15am - everyone is welcome to join us and our children especially enjoy seeing familiar faces looking back at them. The Mass next week will be led by Reception, taking place in the new Reception classroom and will be followed by a blessing from Father Ged to ensure that Jesus Christ is watching over our children in their new environment.

<u>HARVEST FAST DAY:</u> This year we are collecting for 'Mary's Meals' and all of the children looked spectacular today in their bright blue! Thank you to all the children who donated their money to help other children in Africa. It is fantastic to know that we can help to ensure that children in developing countries have a meal when they come to school! Again, thank you very much for your support; your donations will go a long way.

<u>HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE LALLEY CENTRE</u>: Just when you thought our Harvest collections were over...there's just one more fantastic cause we need to support as it helps families in our local community! **Friday**14<sup>th</sup> October will be an own clothes day and we are collecting dried groceries which will be taken to the Lalley Centre and distributed to families in the coming winter months!

<u>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME</u>: The first meeting of the Sacramental Programme journey for our Year 3 children will be held on Tuesday at 3:30pm. Mrs Clinton was having a meeting with the Presentation Sisters this week to agree the full programme for this year and once this is confirmed, we will let parents know. The next important date is the Rite of Presentation on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at St Patrick's Church when the children will be presented to the parish at the 9.30 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there!

<u>SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES</u>: Please can all Year 6 parents ensure that their child's Secondary school application is completed online. The deadline for this <u>is Monday</u>, <u>31st</u> <u>Octber 2016</u>. If you haven't done it yet, you must see Mrs Fox so she can help you get organised.

<u>MATHLETE OF THE WEEK!</u> The pupils with the most points scored in a week on Mathletics have been awarded a special trophy which they have proudly displayed within their classrooms.

This week's winners are: Year 1 - Joshua Oluwalade, Year 2 - Suzannah Kapiszka, Year 3- Tolani Ayodele, Year 4-Ange Kamtchou, Year 5 - Fiyin Sotimirin & Year 6 - Bolu Akindayo. Well done to all those who are using this useful and free resource.

<u>SAFETY COMES FIRST:</u> As a school, we are extremely fortunate to have such a large car park which allows our parents space to park and also means our children do not have to get out of the car on a busy main road. Please may I remind all who use our car park that <u>5mph</u> is the <u>maximum</u> speed limit and due care should be taken even at this slow speed. We have received reports from concerned parents that there are some vehicles still travelling at excessive speed and parking on yellow lines therefore causing an obstruction. Thank you for your support with this as we know the safety of our children is paramount to us all.

<u>ADVENTURE TRAIL & THE RECEPTION PLAYGROUND:</u> Can I please remind you that the Adventure Trail and the Reception playground <u>must not</u> be played on before or after school. It is during this time that accidents can happen as the children are not supervised. In the past we have had to close the adventure trail because of this as we are not insured for children to use it at this time. This has resulted in a lot of unhappy children. Staff will be monitoring this and any pupils seen on the adventure trail will have to face a negative consequence. Many thanks for your co-operation.

<u>VICTORIAN MANCHESTER</u>: Year 6 ventured into Manchester this week in order to explore the rise of Manchester as a city. They were taken on a fascinating tour of our city and it was wonderful to see children learning all about sights that are familiar to them. The whirlwind tour demonstrated how Manchester progressed from being a Roman discovery through to being the centre of the cotton industry and how it was fundamental to the Industrial Revolution - they were very proud Mancunians!

<u>SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS</u>: School photographs have arrived! Just a reminder that any orders for school photographs must be with us by **Monday**, 10<sup>th</sup> October. <u>Please read the order form carefully and ensure you</u> include the correct amount of money in the envelope provided as no change can be given.

THE ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC: The RNCM are putting on a series of concerts for families and young people up to the age of 16. The series is called Young Explorers and the next concert is on Sunday 16th October, at 2.00 pm. The RNCM have 100 free tickets for this concert! This particular concert is all about films, with music from Harry Potter, Jurassic Park, ET, Star Trek and more. It's a full orchestra and young people will have an opportunity at the end to meet the players and have a go on the instruments if they wish. More information and details can be found on the RNCM website:

http://www.rncm.ac.uk/performance/young-explorers-spells/

It's a very relaxed event and a great way to introduce young people to live classical music. If any families would like tickets then they will need to email <a href="mailto:fiona.stuart@rncm.ac.uk">fiona.stuart@rncm.ac.uk</a> and let her know the number they need, their address and postcode.

<u>VACANCY:</u> We are currently looking for a Lunchtime Organiser to enhance the experience of the children on the playground and carry out duties in the dinner hall. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call in to the office to see Mrs Clinton and collect an application pack.

<u>GOOD NEWS - SUPERSTAR PUPILS:</u> The following pupils have either impressed their teachers or lunchtime staff this week and were rewarded in our weekly assembly:

Nathan Berry Amor Kolade-Newell Adeniyi Adedeji Martha Matsvayi Lily Steele Harmony Boland

Kieran Mather Favour Ajileye Rayaan Tayyab Carolina Borodzicz Alex Mikiale Jannae Serette

Mason Parker Montanna McQuarrie Macy Flynn

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Ollie Buckley, Jake Kyte and Sister Lucy. Please inform the office if you would like us to pray for your family.

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