



St. Edmund's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

21st October 2022

Tel: 0161-205-1700

Weekend 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

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk

Facebook page: [St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/St.EdmundsRomanCatholicPrimarySchool)



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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 Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**Our Statement to live by on our return is:
'I NOTICE THAT WE ARE THE SAME AND WE ARE DIFFERENT.'**



LIVE HUMBLY: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Jesus reminds us that we should be humble, especially when we pray, and he wants to teach people the importance of praying with the right attitude. A humble person does not think that they are better or more important than others; they are honest about their weaknesses and not afraid to say 'sorry' to God if they have done wrong. God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God.

*"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things."
(Pope Francis)*

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER: The attendance for last week is shown below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. Well done to them! Congratulations to Year 4 (highlighted in gold) for achieving 100% attendance for the 2nd successive week...an unbelievable achievement! The children in Y4 were rewarded with another non uniform day on Thursday!! Please remember parents, that attendance really does matter. As winter approaches, we'll be talking to the children about wrapping up warm when they go outside in order to keep those coughs and sniffles at bay. So now is the time to dig out those winter coats, scarves and hats!! Please encourage your child to wrap up warm so they can become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



Nursery: 89.8%	Reception: 75.6%	Year 1: 98.4%	Year 2: 91%
Year 3: 94%	Year 4: 100%	Year 5: 97.1%	Year 6: 94.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 92.7%			

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on Tuesday, 1st November for Years 1-6 to celebrate All Saints Day. Father Paul will celebrate with us at the later time of 2.00 p.m. As always, parents are very welcome to join us.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: A polite reminder for parents about the forthcoming dates for the Sacramental Programme:

Monday, 7th November: Preparation meetings at 3.30 p.m. or 5.30 p.m. at school

Sunday, 13th November: Rite of Presentation Mass at 9.30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church



OUR GOOD SHEPHERD: Father Paul, our Parish Priest and school chaplain is very keen to get to know our families better. Would you like to welcome Father Paul into your home to meet your family and give your home a blessing? If you would, please let us know and we can set this up for you.



READING TOP TIP: This week's reading top tip is: 'Visit a local library with your child.' As we go into the half term break, why not visit one of the local libraries and if your child is not already a member then sign them up. Here are the links for websites for local libraries that you may wish to visit during the holiday!

<https://loadstodo.co.uk/venues/north-city-library/>

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory_record/445650/miles_platting_community_library/category/1957/all_libraries

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS: It is now time to apply for your child's Year 7 place at high school. Go to [Manchester.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions) to apply. The deadline for secondary school applications is **Monday, 31st October** and the message is... 'Don't leave it too late!' If you need help, please get in touch with your child's class teacher and we can support you.



TREMENDOUS TUESDAY: St. Matthew's house enjoyed an hour off timetable on Tuesday on a glorious autumn afternoon. ☀️ As a reward for gaining the most house points this half term, they were treated to toasted marshmallows and juice whilst singing around the campfire in our Forest School. They even found time to play some sporting games on the playground too!! Well done St. Matthew's. The house points have now been reset to zero so watch this space to see which house wins next half term!!

CURRICULUM NEWS: It's been another very busy week across the school with so many exciting lessons in lots of different subjects! For example...The Reception class have been making their own set of Rosary beads to help them to meditate on some of the mysteries of the Rosary. The Year 5 children have made great progress with music focussing on using both hands whilst playing the tin whistle. The Nursery children have been counting five little ducks in Mathematics and are learning how to count on and count back too!! Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to. Please look out for the Knowledge Organisers for Humanities and Science that have been emailed to parents this week. These will give lots of information about your child's topics next half term and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.



TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX: The Year 5 and 6 classes were out and about this morning. They were invited to the World Taekwondo Grand Prix at the Etihad Campus and witnessed some of the 250 athletes battling and competing for glory. They were even given the opportunity to try out some Taekwondo skills with special coaching sessions provided by some of the athletes!!

NON-UNIFORM DAY: We held a non-uniform day in aid of school fund today. Thank you yet again for your generous donations. We use our School Fund to pay for lots of different and exciting experiences for the children throughout the school year so the continuous parental support is very much appreciated!



GIRLS' FOOTBALL: The Year 5 and 6 girls' football team represented St. Edmund's so well on Monday evening. They attended a tournament at MCA and competed against 5 other schools from the local area. Mr Reidy was so proud of how the girls showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship both during and after each game. The team won 4 games and drew 1. Fantastic girls... well done!!

SCARLET FEVER: Scarlet fever is on the rise again! The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck). A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. It is highly contagious and is spread by close contact with someone carrying the bacteria. It takes around 2 to 5 days to develop symptoms after exposure to these bacteria. **If you think you or your child has scarlet fever, you should consult your GP.**

MUMS' WALKING CLUB: A mums' walking club will be starting on Thursday, 20th October at Boggart Hole Clough. The meeting place is at the Lakeside Café at 10:00 a.m. and the walks are due to finish at 12:00 p.m. Please click on the link to register for tickets. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-and-talk-north-manchester-infant-feeding-tickets-439451610597>



HALF TERM ACTIVITIES: MCRactive are offering thousands of FREE places for children to access a variety of activities & a FREE meal over October Half-Term in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. To book your child's space: Sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcractive.com/> Once signed up, log into your account - Find Activities - Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' Use code when asked: 26584 to book free eligible activities.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: We will be holding our annual Remembrance Service on Friday, 11th November at 2:00 p.m. in the school hall. The children will be bringing home a letter on Monday, 31st October with more information and families are invited to send into school the names of loved ones who have passed before us so that their names can be read out and a candle lit in remembrance.

HAPPY HALF TERM+STAYING SAFE: A reminder to parents that the clocks go back by one hour on Sunday, 30th October. This means that the nights will be drawing in after half term. We have completed lots of work with the children and the Fire Service about keeping themselves safe around Halloween and Bonfire Night. Please re-iterate these messages to your child at home and we look forward to welcoming everybody back to school, safe and sound, on **Monday, 31st October** at the usual times.



NURSERY PLACES: We will shortly be arranging nursery admissions for January 2023. If your child is born between 01.09.2019 - 31.12.2019, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure we have your child's details.

OCTOBER HALF TERM FSM VOUCHERS: Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the October half term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) should have received a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde this week. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.

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COFFEE MORNING: We held our first Coffee Morning on Wednesday morning and we were delighted to welcome those parents who attended. There were lots of ideas that were shared and we hope to continue to work in partnership so that some of these ideas are put into action. We are already looking forward to the next Coffee Morning so watch this space for further details!

BABY NEWS: As you know, we love giving baby news!! Firstly, we'd like to congratulate the Masterson family on their recent arrival a few weeks ago. Lewis is as proud as punch and is being a fantastic older brother! Also, Mr Usher is super excited as he and his partner will be welcoming a baby in the Spring! It's Mr Usher's first one so he'd welcome any advice from our experienced dads!



FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Edmund's Manchester** and we should pop up!

MR. MCNULTY: Many of our parents and grandparents will know Mr McNulty, previous headteacher of St. Matthew's. The school have set up a book of condolence in their foyer and they would like to welcome you to write your comments and take a moment for prayer and reflection.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Brian McNulty (RIP) & family, Sister Philomena, Anne Clarke, John Leighton, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



Stay with us, Lord... on our journey.