



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

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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](http://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 Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Our Statement to live by next week is:  
"SIMPLE THINGS CAN MAKE US HAPPY."**

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL:** The governors and staff would like to wish all of our children and their families a very happy new year and a warm welcome back to school after what they hope has been a Christmas break filled with joy, peace, love and plenty of rest! The last 2 weeks of the Autumn Term were, as always, extremely hectic but it was very much worth all of the hard work and we were delighted see the children having so much festive fun with their friends. Thank you parents and carers for always supporting the children and supporting the school as we raised some extra pennies for our school fund.



As we start the Spring Term, we have been talking to the children about new year's resolutions and how this term is a time to really knuckle down and work hard on their studies in school and at home. Thank you in advance for your continued support as we know you will encourage your child to read every night and ensure that he/she completes homework tasks set by the teacher.



**A NEW YEAR, A NEW START!** During Mass this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast-The Baptism of the Lord. The new year presents an opportunity to remember, or to discover, the blessings received at Baptism. At Jesus' Baptism, the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus making him ready to begin his great work: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life. So as we begin 2023, let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide our school community with renewed faith and optimism, safe in the knowledge that the way shown to us by Jesus is the only way to experience God in our daily lives.

*"Faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God." (Pope Francis)*

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** The winning class for the highest attendance during December was announced today and.....congratulations go to the Nursery class!! All of the children and staff celebrated with a well-deserved ice cream party this afternoon! We also held our attendance assembly today and all of our attendance heroes from last half term were awarded with a special sticker and prize. Well done to all of our children who managed to achieve an attendance of 97%+. Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and encouraging your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).





**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Today was the feast of The Epiphany and the Years 1-6 classes gathered together with Canon Paul in the school hall to celebrate the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus. The next class Mass will be for our pupils in Years 6, 4 and 2 on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time of 9:15 a.m. Parents/carers are welcome to come along.

**READING TOP TIP:** This weeks top tip is...**Be a good role-model to your child** and make regular reading one of your own new year's resolutions!! We all know that the children look up to their parents and see them as positive role-models. So why not take time out of a very busy day to turn off the T.V, mobile phone and other digital devices and immerse yourself in a good book?



**ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS:** A gentle reminder that the deadline for applications for a September 2023 place in our Reception class is Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please be aware that a place in our Nursery is unfortunately not a guarantee that you will be offered a place! Therefore please do not delay in completing your application. Applications can be completed online at: [https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2020/4](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2020/4) If any parent needs assistance with completing their application, please feel free to call into the office and a member of the Admin Team will be happy to help.

**BEHAVIOUR POLICY:** Each year at school we review, evaluate and remind ourselves of our behaviour policy. Sometimes we make small changes to help our children achieve good behaviour. Staff worked together on this earlier in the week and then the children have been taught about it again in a special assembly. We think our children have really good behaviour BUT sometimes it can slip and we can forget our school rules. This term is a chance to re-set and learn again. Our behaviour policy is underpinned by our gospel values so we have very high standards. It's important that we give our children lots of help and support to learn good behaviour just like we do with their academic learning. The policy will soon be ready for parents to review and evaluate on the website and we thank you for your continued support.

**DAILY MILE:** Starting next week, the children in Years 5 and 6 will be walking or jogging for a mile each day around a specially measured circuit of the surrounding streets near to the school building. The children and staff trialled out the route just before Christmas for the 'Santa Dash' and all agreed that this daily exercise will help them all get that little bit fitter and healthier for 2023!! Give them a wave if you see them.



**YEAR 5 WORKSHOP:** As part of their new humanities topic about the polar regions, the Year 5 class will be participating in a really exciting workshop delivered by 'DanTastic Education.' This promises to be a fantastic opportunity to hook the children into immersing themselves into learning lots of new skills, knowledge and vocabulary associated to such remote areas of planet earth. Let's hope it fills them with enthusiasm for their new topic this term.



**A FOND FAREWELL:** We said our good-byes to Mrs Balagizi at Christmas time. She has left our school to focus on her own health and family. She is going to stay in touch with us once she is back to full strength and she will always be our friend by following our activities on facebook.



**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!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Pope Benedict XVI (RIP), Sister Rita (RIP), Sister Philomena, Maureen Duffy, Leo McAlister, Mrs Balagizi, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



### **New Year Prayer:**

Thank you Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
**Amen.**

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