



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

10th February 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

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

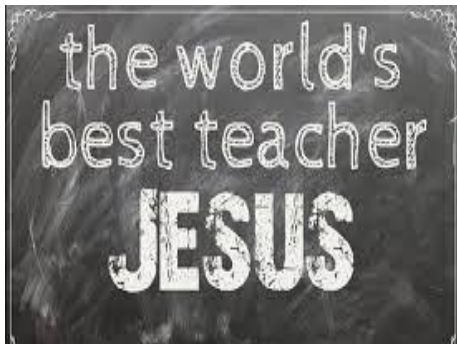


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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our Statement to live by next week is:

"I APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY AND WONDER IN THE WORLD AROUND ME."



THANK A TEACHER: In this Sunday's Gospel (taken from the Sermon on the Mount), Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws; our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do the same. It's important to have good teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children and others can also teach us so much about what really matters in life. This week, let us show our appreciation to all those who teach us. Perhaps we can be a good learner by really listening to what they have to say; maybe do the good and right things that they have taught us; or simply thank them for being a good teacher.

"The family is where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love." (Pope Francis)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Congratulations to the pupils in Year 4 who managed to surpass our whole school attendance target of 97% last week. The children were rewarded with a well-deserved extra 5 minutes play time this week. Now that we are well into the month of February, the teachers are encouraging the children in their own class to be an attendance HERO so that they stand the best possible chance of winning the ice cream party at the end of the month! Please continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time). Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school. Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.



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| Nursery: 91.8% | Reception: 84.3% | Year 1: 96.2% | Year 2: 95% |
| Year 3: 89.7% | Year 4: 98.3% | Year 5: 94.4% | Year 6: 96.5% |
| | WHOLE SCHOOL: 93% | | |



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: The next class Mass will be for our pupils in Years 5, 3 and 1 on Wednesday, 15th February at the usual time of 9:15 a.m. The children in Year 3 will be leading the celebration and the theme of the Mass will be around 'Listening.' Parents/carers are welcome to come along and join the celebration in the school hall.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Please can the parents of pupils who are completing the Sacramental Programme make a note of the following dates and times.

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| Monday, 27 th February - 3:30 p.m or 5:30 p.m. | Parents' meeting at school |
| Tuesday, 7 th March - 7:00 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's Church |
| Monday, 19 th June - 3:30 p.m or 5:30 p.m. | Parents' meeting at school |
| Sunday, 25 th June - 9:30 a.m. | First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church |



BOOK DEN DEVELOPMENTS?! 'What's going on with the book den?' 'Why have the teachers closed the book den?' 'We can't even use it at lunchtime?' 'I'm a free reader! Where will I get my new book from?' Just some of the questions the children have bombarded staff with yesterday. Keep a look out children for a grand new opening.....!!

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **GET THE WHOLE FAMILY INVOLVED!!** They say a change is as good as a rest so if mum and dad are usually the adult who hears your child read then why not encourage your child to read with other family members, such as grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles. Children love to show off how well they have progressed to other members of the family!!



READING BOOKS / HOMEWORK / P.E. KITS: Please encourage your child to remember to bring their book bags in school each day. These bags should contain a reading book and any homework that has been set by the teacher. P.E. kits should also be brought in and left in school. Over the next couple of weeks, the teachers will be checking that the children are bringing their book bags into school, regularly submitting homework, reading regularly at home, changing their reading books and engaging with some of our online learning platforms. They have lots of house points to give out to those children who are showing responsibility for their own learning!



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Are you on a pre-payment meter for energy bills? Have you redeemed your energy vouchers from last October and November? Did you know that one in five households with pre-payment meters have not cashed in their energy vouchers issued to help pay bills. The main reason for people not cashing an energy voucher is because they have not received it yet. Although the deadline has passed, it is still possible for the voucher money to be claimed. A person who has not received their voucher or has not cashed it in time needs to contact their energy supplier, check that their contact details are correct, and ask for the voucher to be reissued to them.

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT: As part of their geography topic this term about identifying human and physical geographical features, the Year 4 class will be heading out on a river cruise around Salford Quays on Thursday, 16th February. This visit has been heavily subsidised from school fund and we are asking for a donation of £5.00 to cover the cost of the visit as well as transport to and from Salford Quays. Parents/carers will be able to consent to the trip and make their donation payable on Pay360.





MCA HALF TERM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: FREE registration for the upcoming MCA Half Term Holiday Programme is now OPEN (Years 3-9). It is for one week only from **Monday, 20th - Friday, 24th February**. If you wish to sign up your child/ren please click on the link below. You must complete one form for each child. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1t85Pp3wu9oCzV3m-mqN7ZqM-lmL1V9U5Re4GAmZt7yI/edit>

CURRICULUM NEWS: Another super busy week in the curriculum this week!! The Year 2 children have been studying the work of Yayoi Kusama during Art Day and they've created printed examples of pumpkins using a polypress!! The Year 6 class were out and about as they went into Manchester to visit the Civil Justice Centre! They participated in a Victorian trial re-enactment with one of our pupils on trial!! Luckily, the verdict was... 'not guilty!' Year 1 have been applying their scientific knowledge during Design Technology and they have investigated the most appropriate materials to use when making an umbrella or parasol. Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to.



SAFER INTERNET DAY: We marked Safer Internet Day in school this week with age appropriate lessons about keeping ourselves and one another safe online. If any parent hasn't already done so, this is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. By clicking on the following link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers> there are a range of pages to help parents/carers start a conversation with their child, whatever that may be about and no matter how much time you have.



ONLINE SAFETY: As we're all aware, there are many benefits for our children accessing the world wide web! We are also very aware that some of our children have gone against advice and guidance regarding the use of social media platforms such as Tik Tok, Instagram, Snapchat and Whatsapp. As a school, we do not advocate our children having social media accounts or being members of 'group chats' because we believe that they are not emotionally mature enough to use them correctly. Therefore, we ask parents to closely monitor your child's use of their phone, their messaging and engagement on social platforms and messaging. Safeguarding is everyone's concern so let's work in partnership to ensure our children know how to keep themselves safe as well as how to conduct themselves appropriately on line.

ATTENTION YEAR 1, 2 AND 3 PARENTS: Do you know about one of our free online resources called Numbots? Our most recent assessments have shown that our younger children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will really benefit from practising basic addition and subtraction skills. Numbots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited about the impact that Numbots will have. To login, the children use the same username and password that they use for Mathletics and Times Tables Rock Stars and their username and password can be found at the front of their Reading Record book. There's nothing stopping our older children in the school from joining in too!



WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY, 2ND MARCH: Our theme for this year is...'not all heroes wear capes!' We are challenging our children to come to school dressed as a real person in their lives who inspires them. Ideas include: parents, grandparents, a sports coach, dance teacher, a volunteer at their community centre OR a profession that inspires them: medics, police officers, fire-fighters, charity workers, barristers, judges, dentists, trades people, environmentalists. Get your thinking caps on everyone as it's only a month away. We know we always have a fantastic response and it's a day of great fun for the whole community. As always, we ask that parents don't spend **ANY** money for our World Book Day!



LENTEN FUNDRAISING: After half term, we'll be entering the season of Lent and as always, the school will be supporting Caritas with their St. Joseph's Penny Lenten appeal. Each family will be asked to fill a small box with any small change you have at the end of each week. Each and every Friday during Lent, the children and staff are invited to come into school in their most bright and colourful clothing so we can make a human rainbow throughout the school! To support the appeal, we are asking for a donation of 50p per pupil or £1 per family. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.

ADMIN TEAM NOTICES:

DINNER MONEY: For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance by Monday morning on Pay360. Dinner money for the remainder of this half term is £9.40 Thank you!

HALF TERM FSM VOUCHERS: The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for the February half term break to help with the financial pressures placed on many of our families at this time. Look out for your £15.00 e-vouchers from Wonde next week. This can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Please contact the school office before the break if you have any problems accessing the voucher.

NON-UNIFORM DAY: Next Thursday, 16th February, will be the last day of the half term for the children as there will be a staff training day on Friday, 17th February. As always, this will be a Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund. All monies collected will be put towards reducing the costs of enrichment activities and school trips for the children as the academic year progresses. We are asking for a donation of 50p per pupil/£1 per family. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.



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: Sister Philomena Jordan (RIP) and family, the Presentation Sisters, Hugo Quirke (RIP) and family, Nancy Lennie (RIP) and family, Maureen Duffy and family, Stephen McArdle and family, Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, everyone affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



A Prayer for Teachers

Lord, bless the teachers who give their heart to teaching. Thank you for the special gift that You have given them and for giving them a spirit of grace and compassion. May they have strength and endurance to perform their many tasks, and may they know and feel the deep gratitude of those whom they teach.

Amen

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