

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

11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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 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](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### **Our Statement to live by next week is:**

**'Simple things can make us happy.'** WORLD FAITHS: SIKHISM

**HAPPINESS:** Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a wealthy young man whose love of money and possessions were stopping him finding true happiness. So Jesus lovingly challenges him: if he wants to have the true, lasting happiness for which he is asking, then he must give God first place in his life. The young man went away sad because he was putting his trust in his wealth rather than trusting God to bring him happiness. Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God and responding to that love by loving others leads to everlasting happiness. St Gianna Beretta Molla also reminds us, "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment, being thankful to God, accepting all that he sends." Enjoy a very special time together this weekend, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, 'HAPPINESS.'



*"Jesus is a teacher of truth who shows us the way to happiness." (Pope Francis)*

**RITE OF PRESENTATION:** Congratulations to our Year 3 children and their families who took a big step on Sunday as they were formally presented to our parish as they've decided to continue on their Sacramental journey. This year, they'll be a number of celebrations for our families to attend. The children have received a gift from the parish - a beautiful set of rosary beads with instructions of how to pray the rosary. The next two dates for parents to be aware of are:

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November** (first day back after half term): meetings in school either 3.30 or 5.00 p.m.

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Celebration Mass at St. Patrick's at 9.15 a.m.

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Many thanks to our families who came to support our children in Mass on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed listening to the children read as well as joining in with our hymns. As always the children were fantastic ambassadors for our faith and Father Paul was super impressed with their listening and answers to his questions.



**YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7:** We have been notified by the council that there are still some parents who are yet to make an application for their child's Y7 place. Please do not leave this too late. We are only in school for 1 more week before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you leave it until late and you come across a problem, our admin team won't be able to help you. Please try your best to get the application done this weekend.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

Our class results for last week are in the table below. Congratulations to Year 4 and our Reception classes who exceeded our school target of 97%. Attached to this week's newsletter is important information for parents. The governing body of our school want parents to note four things:

- School will engage with **both** parents when we have concerns about a child's attendance as both parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school.
- School will ask for medical evidence once a child has accrued 10 sessions of sporadic absence in the space of 10 weeks. Otherwise, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.
- It is Manchester City Council who issue both parents with a fixed penalty notice, not the school.
- Fixed penalty notices have increased from £60 to £80



Nursery: 91.4%	Reception: 97%	Year 1: 93%	Year 2: 94.8%
Year 3: 92.6%	Year 4: 98.1%	Year 5: 95.3%	Year 6: 94.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.8%			

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:** We held our annual Harvest festival this morning which was led by our Charity Reps and GIFT team. Grateful thanks to everyone for the donations of food which we'll pass on to the Lalley Centre. Thank you so much for your donations for CAFOD last week. We raised £95.77 which is absolutely brilliant. #childrenhelpingchildren#proud



**HARPURHEY COMMUNITY GROCERY:** Harpurhey Community Church have opened a community grocery store. They will be providing fresh and affordable groceries for members. For just £5 a year, local residents can become members of the Community Grocery giving you full access to their store that will be fully stocked with the same range of products you'd expect to find in your local supermarket. Members can go along and do a large food shop from just £5 per shop, saving on average, £25 a visit. For more information please email [harpurhey@communitygrocery.co.uk](mailto:harpurhey@communitygrocery.co.uk) or call 0161 987 6511 and ask to speak to Steffi Schrank.

## E-SAFETY TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE WORLD**

- Find resources to keep your child safe online
- Be honest if you don't understand apps and games they're using, ask them to explain their online world to you
- Tell your child that they can come and talk to you about anything they are experiencing online
- Notice changes in behaviour, as this could be a sign that something may be wrong
- Accept that young people will take risks on and offline. However, encourage your child to talk to you even if they make a mistake and think it's too late!
- Be open to what you're being told. Be mindful of the words you use. Especially, if you're upset by something negative you discover about your child's online activity
- Most importantly seek help and advice if needed, don't think you must do this alone!



**NO DOGS ALLOWED:** We do not allow dogs on the school premises. This means dogs are not allowed through the school gates. Whether your dog is large or small, on or off a lead, it is not allowed on the premises. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



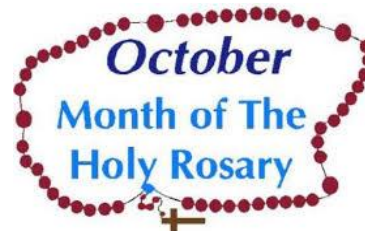
**FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS:** We've been notified by the council that they will be providing FSM vouchers for 1 week of the mid-term break. This means those parents eligible will receive a voucher for £15. Please look out for this in your email over the next couple of weeks.



**COHENS CHEMIST - PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE:** Your local pharmacy can advise and provide treatment for the following conditions: sinusitis (age 12+), shingles (age 18+), impetigo (age 1 +), sore throat (age 5+), earache (ages 1-17), urinary tract infections in women (ages 16-64). Visit Cohens chemist to discuss any of these or phone on 0161 205 5480. No appointment necessary. Address: 407 Queens Road, M40 8RE

**OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:**

During October, the children will be learning about the Holy Rosary as a form of meditative prayer devoted to Mary our Mother. Parents, why not take some time over the coming month to listen to many of the child friendly stories related to the Rosary. Perhaps say a decade of the Rosary together as a family before going to bed one evening this week.



**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL:** Year 6 parents/carers, please look out for a letter from Mrs Clinton about a change to our Year 6 residential.



**NURSERY PLACES FOR JANUARY:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.12.2021? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in January! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



**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: Moira Murray (RIP) and family, Kathryn Grogan (RIP) and family, Martin Hughes (RIP) & family, Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, CAFOD, our families on the Sacramental Programme those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all those called to be involved in Education, and all other private intentions at this time.



**BEDTIME PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, may our family be rich in love and filled with happiness that comes with serving you and others. Amen

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	World Faith Week - learning more about Sikhism
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund School closes at the usual time for 2 weeks
Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline for Y6 to apply for high school places - 5.00 p.m.
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School opens at the usual time Sacramental Programme meeting for parents

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