

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

7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk)

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



DIocese of SALFORD

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:**

**"I try to be accepting of others."**

**BEING THANKFUL TO GOD:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the Samaritan who thanked Jesus. For us too, there are many blessings in life for which we can be thankful and it's always worth giving thanks to God. Being thankful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life. During our Harvest Fast Day Mass this morning, we gave thanks to God for the flowers, fruit and vegetables and for making the earth so beautiful at this time of year. We remembered families in the Salford Dioces who are less fortunate than ourselves and collectively shared what we could for their benefit. THANK YOU for your continued and generous support!



*"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart. May we always say 'thank you' to God and to one another." (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! The winning class for the highest attendance in September was Year 4 with a total of 98.6%. Congratulations to the children and they were rewarded with an ice-cream party this afternoon!! This week, we've continued to talk to the children about punctuality and the importance of being on time. We've asked them to take more responsibility when they are getting ready in the morning so that busy mums and dads can get them to school on time. Please continue to encourage your child with your own family routines so that they can become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).

Nursery: 99.6%	Reception: 93.2%	Year 1: 97.4%	Year 2: 91.8%
Year 3: 95.7%	Year 4: 98.9%	Year 5: 94.3%	Year 6: 97.4%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.9%			

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Father Paul celebrated a beautiful thanksgiving Mass in the school hall this morning for Harvest Fast Day. Everyone looked delightful as they 'Brightened up for CAFOD!!' Our Charity Prefects have done a wonderful job of collecting donations of food and Matt, a representative from the Lalley Centre, was blown away by the generosity shown by our school community. Thank you! Our next Mass in the school hall will be on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**. This will be a Mass for Years 1-6 to celebrate St. Edmund's Feast Day. As always, parents are welcome to join us at 9:15 a.m.



# BRIGHTEN UP this +! HARVEST and BUILD a BRIGHTER WORLD

**BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD:** This afternoon, we had a visit from Briege, a representative from CAFOD, who spoke to the children about the wonderful work that CAFOD does overseas for those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for supporting their 'World Food Crisis' appeal with your 50p donations this morning and it was fantastic to educate the children about how their donations make a big difference to our global family. Next week, our Admin Team will let us know how much money we raised in total for CAFOD.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Apologies to our Year 3 parents as the dates for the first meeting and Mass given on the Newsletter last week were incorrect. The dates given on Mrs Clinton's letter were correct and these are:

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Preparation meetings at 3.30 p.m. or 5.30 p.m. at school

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



**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **CHANGE YOUR VOICE FOR EACH CHARACTER.** If reading a book aloud with your child, try becoming some or all of the characters in the story! Change your voice for the characters. You can speak in a whisper for a shy mouse. You can speak angrily. You can speak in a loud silly voice. You can speak in a quiet voice. Even when you have only one character, have fun changing your voice. This will make the story more entertaining and help your child understand which characters are talking. As a bonus, you will be helping your child learn new words, such as shyly, angrily, happily, and sadly, because children will match your tone of voice to the words in the book and to the pictures on the pages.

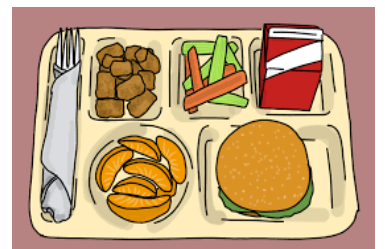
**SCARLET FEVER:** Scarlet fever is on the rise again! The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck). A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts 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.**

**AVAILABLE PLACES:** We currently have spaces in most of our classes. Some families think that they aren't eligible to come to our school. We often hear, 'We can't come to your school because we aren't Catholic.' This isn't actually true. Baptised children are given priority when we have spaces but all families and children are welcome at our school. Please spread the word - your family and friends are very welcome!



**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.

**SCHOOL MEALS:** The price of a school meal is £2.35 per day / £11.75 per week. Please make every effort to pay a week in advance through Pay360 (formally SIMSPay). Dinner money should not be more than 2 weeks in arrears. If you are struggling to pay, please contact the school office to discuss the matter. Please remember to inform the admin staff if you wish to make any changes to your child's meals arrangements. Two weeks' notice should be given if they are changing from school meals to bringing their own packed lunch.



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**COMMUNICATION:** For those parents who have yet to complete the contact update form, please return it to school as soon as possible. Spare forms are available from the school office. Whilst our Admin Team process all of the forms, the weekly newsletter will continue to go home as a hard copy with each child on a Friday afternoon. Once processed, the newsletter will be communicated to parents via email from the school email address: [communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk)



**Don't leave it too late.**

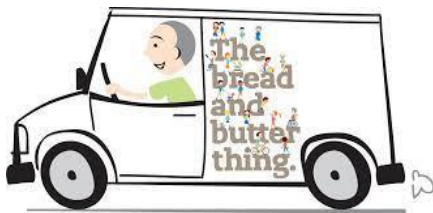
Apply for your child's secondary school place online now.  
[manchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://manchester.gov.uk/admissions)

**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](http://Manchester.gov.uk/admissions) to apply. The deadline for secondary school applications is **Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**PARENTS' EVENING:** Further to the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings a couple of weeks ago, parents will have the opportunity to make an individual appointment with their child's class teacher for **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October**. The teachers will be able to report on how well your child has settled in this academic year and discuss individual targets to support your child's progress. A five minute appointment between 3:30-6:30 p.m. can be made and the teachers will continue to be out on the playground after school on Monday and Tuesday next week so that parents can make an appointment that is most convenient for them. Alternatively, make a phone call to the office and the staff will be able to slot you in for a suitable time to suit you.



**COFFEE MORNING:** We will be holding a Coffee Morning on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October** and all parents and carers are welcome to attend from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. We will be particularly interested to hear about any ideas that parents/carers may have to support families with the cost of living crisis.



**THE BREAD AND BUTTER THING:** The Bread and Butter Thing at HBCC is changing venue. From 13 October 2022 the collection point will be The Blackley Community Hub at 12:30 p.m. If you are an existing member you don't need to do anything. If not yet a member you can try them for free. Signing up is really simple. Just text them on 07860 063304 with your name, the hub you want to join (Blackley) and your postcode. Every week,

they'll send you a text checking if you want a delivery. All you have to do is reply 'yes' and then come and collect on the day. You don't have to go every week and if you don't want to order, just text 'no'. Collection is every Thursday at 12.30 p.m. from The Blackley Community Hub, St Paul's Church Hall, Victoria Avenue, M9 6RA. Find out more at [www.breadandbutterthing.org](http://www.breadandbutterthing.org)

\* Pay just £7.50 for at least £35 worth of food

\* Get fruit and veg, chilled goods and cupboard staples for a fraction of their normal price

\* Free membership

**ACTIVE TIME:** We've had an absolutely fantastic response from the children during our 'Active Time' sessions this half term. The children and staff are really getting involved at break times and lunchtimes and the teachers are reporting that this is having a really positive impact on the children's overall fitness and concentration levels during lessons. As well as this, we've seen fantastic attendance at our after school sports clubs with approximately 30 pupils in attendance at each session. Well done everyone and keep it up!!



**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: St. Malachy's as they celebrate the centenary of the Foundation of the parish of St Malachy, Steve Strickland (RIP) family and friends, Sister Philomena, Anne Clarke, Rose Usher, 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.



#### **Family Fast Day prayer**

God of abundance,  
you entrust to our care  
your gift of creation,  
our common home.  
Open our ears to hear  
the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor.

God of justice,  
you show us how to live in  
gratitude and solidarity.  
Open our mouths to speak out,  
challenging greed and inequality,  
and standing up for all among us  
in desperate need of food.

God of hope,  
you share with us your vision  
of a world renewed.  
Open our hearts to compassion.  
As we hold before you  
the people of East Africa,  
may we reach out in love.

Amen.

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