

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

18th November 2022

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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 TRY TO FORGIVE PEOPLE WHEN THEY HURT ME.'**



SHOW MERCY: This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In this Sunday's Gospel, the leaders, the soldiers and the people all mock Jesus as God's chosen one and as king. Jesus' kingship is not one of military or political power, but one of love and mercy. Jesus forgave those who crucified him. He also showed mercy to the criminal who was sorry and called him to share in his kingdom - an offer Jesus also makes to us today. Pope Francis reminds us that, "In life we all make many mistakes. Don't be afraid to ask God for forgiveness. God is pure mercy." Each one of us receives mercy as a gift from God - it is a gift which we are called to share with others.

"God is so merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful." (Pope Francis)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Great news! We managed to meet our whole school attendance target last week with a score of 97.2%. The scores for each individual class are below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. They were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week... so well done to them! A special mention for our Year 4 class who achieved a magnificent 100% last week! They were rewarded with a non-uniform day today! Competition for the winning class for the highest attendance in November is hotting up and it's already a close call between a few classes. Please try to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.



Nursery: 92.2%	Reception: 98.1%	Year 1: 97.7%	Year 2: 95.7%
Year 3: 97%	Year 4: 100%	Year 5: 99%	Year 6: 97.2%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.2%			



GOING TO BE ABSENT? Gentle reminder: If your child is absent from school, it is the parent's responsibility to inform us. If we don't hear from you, this causes a safeguarding concern because we don't know your child is safe. Please help us to do our job by keeping us well informed. Many thanks for your co-operation.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Canon Paul celebrated a beautiful Mass on Wednesday morning to mark the feast day of our patron saint-St. Edmund. The children in Year 4 did a marvellous job of delineating his life story and Canon Paul even brought us a tiny relic of his remains! The children enjoyed an extra playtime to celebrate and went home with a sweet treat from our governors. Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday**,

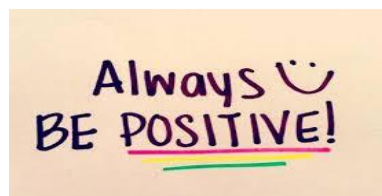
7th December at 9:15 a.m. for Years 1, 3 and 5. Our Year 5 children will lead the Mass and our GIFT Team will be commissioned by Canon Paul. As always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us.



RITE OF PRESENTATION MASS: Congratulations to the children in Year 3 as they renewed their baptismal promises at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday morning. Thank you to their parents/carers for supporting them on their faith journey this year and please continue to keep the children in your prayers. Mrs Clinton will be writing to the parents in Year 3 next week so that you all have the remaining dates of preparation meetings and celebrations.

PARISH RAFFLE: We will be sending home a book of raffle tickets to each family. Please support our parish by purchasing the tickets and if possible, selling them to family and friends. We have plenty more books at the school office for families who would like more tickets.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **BE POSITIVE!** Praise your child for trying hard at their reading and let them know it's alright to make mistakes. One of our Gospel Values in school is 'perseverance.' Sometimes we don't always get it right first time but rewards and treats for showing perseverance are always welcome!!



CURRICULUM NEWS: Yet again, it's been a super busy week in all of the classrooms with lots of exciting lessons to tell you about!! To highlight just a few examples...as part of their science topic on 'properties and changes in materials' the Year 5 class had an 'egg-cellent' workshop delivered by some students from the University of Manchester!! All of the KS2 classes participated in some choral workshops delivered by 'The Sixteen'. Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to. Teachers love planning exciting lessons for our children and rumour has it we'll be having a Christmas themed Science day to kick off our Christmas week.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: All of the classes participated in the theme of 'Reach Out' for Anti-Bullying Week this week and it was wonderful to see so many children wearing their odd socks on Monday and today in order to raise awareness. The Junior Leadership Team met with Mr Usher today to review our Anti-bullying policy and make any necessary amendments with this year's theme in mind.



PARLIAMENT WEEK: This week has also been Parliament Week in the UK so the children have been busy learning various aspects and linking this to our learning on British Values. For instance, the year 2 class have been writing a speech about women's rights using the plight of the Mancunian Emmeline Pankhurst as their inspiration. This links to our value of individual liberty. When you're next in Manchester, why not take your child and visit the Pankhurst Centre or even just the statue of Emmeline in St. Peter's Square.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL: The Girls' football team participated in a tournament at MCA on Monday evening. They played fantastically well, playing 3 games and winning all 3 without conceding a goal! Well done girls for showing such enthusiasm and playing in the spirit of the game! Thank you to our 'barmy army' of supporters who came along to cheer the girls on!!



ATHLETICS: The Athletics Team went along to Co-op Academy North yesterday evening and competed against other local schools in a variety of athletic events. It was fantastic to see so much physical talent on display with the children pushing themselves to the limit in a competitive spirit. Check out our Facebook page to see the team in action!

SHOUT OUT TO OUR PUPIL LEADERS: So many of our children step up to the privilege of leadership. This week, we'd like to give a shout out to our Attendance Ambassadors, Harley and Luyla. They are doing an amazing job each week: they welcome the children into school each morning; give up their lunchtime to tot up each classes attendance; help give out rewards in assemblies and even help the winning class celebrate with an ice-cream party each month! We couldn't be without them and we really appreciate their hard work. Thank you Harley and Luyla!



SCHOOL CLOSURE: An advanced notice to parents/carers. School will be closed to all pupils on **Friday, 25th November** for a staff training day. This date is on our annual school calendar.

DIARY DATES: As we all know, the season of Advent is a busy time of year in school and this year will be just as busy as ever!! Below are some key dates to keep parents/carers fully informed of what fun and exciting festive activities will be going on in school.

Thursday, 24 th November	3:45-5:30 p.m Y5/6 boys' football at Coop Academy North
Friday, 25 th November	INSET day for staff. School closed for all pupils
W/C Monday, 28 th November	Bikeability for Year 5 pupils
Thursday, 1 st December	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Stay and Play Session for new Nursery children due to start in January 2023
Sunday, 4 th December	Parish Christmas Fair after 10.30 a.m. Mass - all very welcome, please come and support this annual fundraising event
Monday, 5 th December	Years 1-6 at a pantomime in Bolton. RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL AT 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday, 6 th December	Ice-skating for Y5 + Y6
Wednesday, 7 th December	9:15 a.m. Mass for Y1,3+5 in the school hall. Parents/carers welcome
Wednesday, 7 th December	1:30 p.m. Year 6 carol singing outside Asda in Harpurhey
Wednesday, 7 th December	2:00 p.m. Key Stage 1 Nativity in the school hall. Parents/carers welcome
Thursday, 8 th December	Y5 and 6 mixed football @ St. Matthew's
Friday, 9 th December	Santa Dash for Year 5 and 6-children bring in sponsorship money
Monday, 12 th December	Advent Science day!! - parents/carers welcome
Tuesday, 13 th December	Christmas dinner day-children to wear a Christmas jumper
Wednesday, 14 th December	Christmas party day-children to wear party clothes
Friday, 16 th December	9:15 a.m. 'Carols around the Crib' in the school hall. Parents/carers welcome
Friday, 16 th December	School closes for pupils at 1:00 p.m. surnames A-J, 1:20 p.m. surnames K-Z
Wednesday, 4 th January	School reopens at 8:30 a.m. for Spring Term



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: Mary Trayers (RIP) and family, all Holy Souls, Sister Philomena, Anne Clarke, John Leighton, Mrs Jacques, Maureen Duffy, Leo McAlister, Heidi Fox, 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.





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