



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

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Sunday 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
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Parish Website: www.sspatrickmalachy.org.uk

School Website: www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk

School Twitter account: [@stedmundsrcps](https://twitter.com/stedmundsrcps)

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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 Ged after one of the Sunday Masses listed above.

Our next statement to live by is: I can tell you how to look after myself.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MATTERS! As we reach the end of Autumn 1 term, we have seen a fantastic start to the new school year. Last week the attendance for the whole school was 97.2% with Reception topping the charts with 99.4% which is superb! Thank you to Parents/Guardians for your support in getting your child into school every day and on time as this makes a significant difference to attainment. Congratulations to the Reception class who had the best attendance for September with 99.2%. They celebrated with an ice-cream party today - we hope you enjoyed your treat! Please remember that school starts at 8.50 a.m. Arriving at 9.00 a.m. means your child is late.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE: Please can we remind all parents that if you know in advance that your child has a medical appointment, you need to inform the staff in the office and they will ask you to complete the necessary paper work. Furthermore, if you know that your child is going to be absent because of a family holiday or a trip away, you also need to put in a request for leave. This is also available at the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

PRAYER & WORSHIP: On Tuesday our Reception children celebrated their first Mass of the year. We celebrated God's amazing world and the food that it provides for us. The Reception children acted out brilliantly and impressed Father Ged with their hymns and wonderful actions. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend, it was a fantastic turn out and it was very much appreciated! Please come along to the Mass on Tuesday next week where we will be focusing our celebration on the Holy Rosary as it is the month of October. Year 2 will be leading the worship, supported by Years 1 and 4. Everyone is very welcome.

SONGS OF PRAISE: On Monday and Tuesday next week, children in Years 2-6 will have the opportunity to take part in a cluster wide singing event. Children will be visiting Christ the King Church, together with lots of other Catholic schools in the area, to take part in singing sessions which will not only enhance our teaching curriculum but will also add an additional element of praise to our school Masses.

HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE LALLEY CENTRE: Thank you so much for all of your generous donations today to support the work of the Lalley Centre! Your help and generosity allows Sister Rita and her volunteers to ensure that families in need are fed as we approach the winter months.

MARY'S MEALS: A fantastic £124.90 was raised for Mary's Meals last week. We can't wait to hear back from the charity about the difference this will make to lives in other parts of the world! Thank you so much!

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: The school Chaplaincy team would like to invite parents and children to join them each Friday morning in October for a prayer session from 8.25 a.m. until approximately 8.50 a.m.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Many thanks to all the parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday. Please be at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday for 9:15 a.m. Staff will be there to welcome you. Don't forget to bring your baptismal candles if you haven't given them to school already!

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES: Please can all Year 6 parents ensure that their child's Secondary school application is completed online. The deadline for this is **Monday, 31st October 2016**. If you haven't done it yet, you must see Mrs Fox so she can help you get organised.

DANGEROUS DRIVERS: Since the start of the year, we have had numerous reports that some of our parents are not putting the safety of our children first. We have the luxury of one of the largest car parks in Manchester but for some reason, some parents aren't choosing to use this facility. We have been told that some parents prefer to pull up on any pavement possible, not caring that young children are walking to school. We have informed the community and traffic police and they will be doing random checks in the future.

ROLE MODELS TO CHILDREN: As adults we are all role models to children. Whilst in the school grounds, please be aware of this. As you know, our school is a **NON-SMOKING SCHOOL**. This rule applies to **ALL** adults. Please remember that there is **NO SMOKING** anywhere on the school grounds. Unfortunately, we have also been informed that parents have been seen spitting in the school grounds! Please remember where you are and remember your manners.

SCHOOL FUND: Next Friday will be a non-uniform day to raise money for school fund. School fund is always spent for and on behalf of our children. Soon we will be having our annual pantomime and we also plan for the children to make lovely Christmas gifts during Advent. We can only do this with your help. Please donate 50p a child or £1 per family next Friday.

WELLIES NEEDED! As you can see, we now have a wonderful forest school for our children to extend their learning outside of the classroom. However, as we all know, Manchester is the 'rainy city' and so we are asking for you to donate any old wellies to school so that children can still access the forest when the rain arrives! Any colours and sizes welcome!

SAFETY OUTDOORS: Thank you to the fire department for coming in to talk to our children about keeping safe as the nights draw in and darkness arrives a little earlier each night. With bonfire night and firework season upon us, it is very important that we talk to our children about staying safe!

PACKED LUNCHES: Please remember that it takes two weeks to complete the process from changing from packed lunches to school dinners. This is so that we can process changes in the office and change any food deliveries that we need to. Please can parents visit the school office to pick up the necessary paperwork before making any changes to your child's lunchtime arrangements.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: As we all know birthdays are a very important time, especially for children. At St. Edmund's we always recognise and celebrate birthdays whether it be a sing song or even a tin whistle rendition of 'Happy Birthday!' Whatever it may be, your child's teacher and class friends make them feel important on their significant day. We are happy to give a small treat from you and your child to the other children in your child's class but can we please assure you there is no obligation and parents should not be feeling obliged to send in party bags. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN CAKE ON YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY.**

MATHLETE OF THE WEEK: This week's winners are: Year 1 - Joshua Oluwade (616pts), Year 2 - Kayden Byrne (920pts), Year 3 - Olivia Czeryba (2,120 pts), Year 5 - Jonathon Mbuyu (2510 pts), Year 6 - Sophia Gasparova (1410pts) and the whole school winner goes to..... William Mendy (Year 4) with an amazing 10,083!!!! Well done Mathletes!! Every child from Year 1-6 have a login to use Athletics. School have paid £4 per pupil for the year so please encourage your child to complete their activities set by their teacher.

GOOD NEWS - SUPERSTAR PUPILS: The following pupils have either impressed their teachers or lunchtime staff this week and were rewarded in our weekly assembly:

Callum Finnegan Ruby O'Neill Rihanna McQuarrie Jeanne Balagizi Ange Kamtchou Sharon Bright
Charlie Phythian Ford Megan Smith Hilary Churchill Mical Amofa Lawrence Mendy
Miley Parker Lucy Mather Lulya Bokre

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Ollie Buckley, Sister Lucy and Kealey Mannion. Please inform the office if you would like us to pray for your family.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.

