



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

18th November 2016 (480)

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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)

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

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 know how to say I am sorry.'

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MATTERS! After such a fantastic start to the half term, our attendance has been hit with a wave of sickness that has swept across the school. However, we have only just fallen short of our target with 96.6%. This can't be helped but let's hope that next week we will be back on track to maintain the amazing attendance so far this academic year!

ST. EDMUND'S FEAST DAY: On Wednesday, it was the Feast Day of our patron saint, St. Edmund. Throughout the week, all of our classes celebrated with a very special Prayer and Worship session which focused on Edmund's early life from which we can all learn how to lead our own lives.

IT'S BEHIND YOU! To continue the St. Edmund's feast day celebrations, the governors wanted to award the children with a treat. So, in the afternoon, all the children watched a pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty. The hall was packed and everyone was ready with their best boo for the evil Queen!

STICKS AND STONES: This week has been Anti-bullying week and, to mark the end of all the activities the children have taken part in, all of the classes shared their work in assembly today! Our children have shown a superb attitude towards using their #PowerforGood and we have been working hard on clarifying the meaning of bullying, thinking about whether someone is being mean, being rude and when this progresses to bullying! What a fantastic celebration of all of the children's work...there was singing, poetry recital, information leaflets designed by the children, drama and Reception even came up with their own hashtag, #sharingandcaring

Many thanks to the parents who came to the anti-bullying workshop earlier in the week. Your support for the school and children is very much appreciated.

Photographs from our brilliant assembly today can be found on our Facebook page! Why not have a look and 'like' them!

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW: The eldest child from each family has taken home a book of raffle tickets for the annual parish draw. This raffle is the biggest fundraiser for the parish and Father Ged has asked me to send out a huge thank you to those families who support the parish by selling the tickets on his behalf. Please ask your family members and any visitors to your house to buy just one ticket! Why not take a break from the national lottery for a week? You'll have more chance of winning £150 and that will buy a lot of Christmas presents!!

SEEING RED! This week we were collecting something red and, once again, we were inundated with a selection of different red items from chocolates to flowers, which will make up our very popular 'Something Red' stall at the fair. Thank you very much!

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR: Our Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, 3rd December at 12 noon. We really need your support for this annual event. If we don't meet our annual target, we will struggle to keep the school in the good condition it is in! Next Friday we are asking the children for contributions to the 'Gifts' for the Tombola stall. Once again, the children will be rewarded with a non-uniform day if they bring in a donation.

CALLING ALL NURSERY AND RECEPTION PARENTS: On Thursday 24th November, Nursery and Reception parents are invited to stay and play with their children from 9am! This is a great opportunity to see what it is like for your child in school each day-what their routines are and which area they choose to do their learning in! Mrs Hughes and Mrs Taylor are very much looking forward to seeing you all there!

NURSERY PLACES: After Christmas our Nursery will have a few part-time places (possibly going to full-time later in the year) for children who are baptised and are aged 3. In the near future, Mrs Taylor will be writing to parents who have their children on our waiting list to invite you for a meeting. Please speak to the staff in the office if you would like your child to be considered for a place. You will need to complete a registration form.

MATHLETE OF THE WEEK: The winners for each class this week are:
 Year 1: Toluwani Sholola (6372pts), Year 2: Patrick Okosun (4077pts), Year 3: Olivia Czeryba (3730pts), a family double in Years 5 and 6, Year 5: Fiyin Sotimirin (2920pts), Year 6: Temi Sotimirin (15,126pts) and the whole school winner goes to ... Samuel Toulassi in Year 4 with an incredible score of 20,520 points!! Well done to all our Mathletes!!

GOOD NEWS - SUPERSTAR PUPILS: This week's celebration was shaken up a little with the focus being on Anti-bullying and the work that the children have done. There is however still plenty to celebrate and there will be a roll-over next week!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: As always, we have lots going on in school over this half term. Please keep a note of these events:

Date	Event
Friday 25 th November	Non-uniform day - collecting gifts (tombola) for the Christmas Fair
Friday 2 nd December	Non-uniform day - collecting bottles for the Christmas Fair
SATURDAY 3 rd DECEMBER	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR - 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
Tuesday 13 th December	Nativity play for the EYFS (Nursery & Reception) children at 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 14 th December	Nativity play for Year 1, 2 & 3 children at 2:00 p.m.
Thursday 15 th December	Nativity play for Years 4 ,5 & 6 children at 2:00 p.m.
Monday 19 th December	Children make Christmas crafts in class
Tuesday 20 th December	Whole school Mass at 9:15 a.m. followed by Christmas party lunch & class parties. Children come in their party clothes & bring a donation for the Lalley Centre
Wednesday 21 st December	Traditional Christmas Dinner - come to school in Christmas themed jumpers
Friday 23 rd December	Carols around the crib at 9:15 a.m. School closes for Christmas at 1:30 p.m.
Monday 9 th January 2017	School re-opens at 8:50am

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

All those who have died in war, all Holy Souls, especially our loved ones, Margaret Mc Ivor (RIP), baby Ada and family and baby Brooke and family.



Please inform staff at the office if you would like us to pray for your family or if you have private intentions.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.