



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

3rd February 2023

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

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



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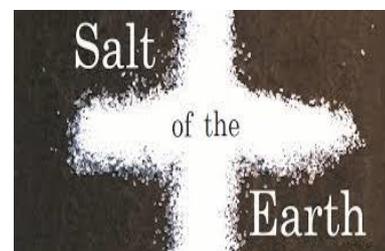
If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our Statement to live by next week is:
"I CAN WORK, REST, PLAY AND PRAY EACH DAY."

Sister Philomena Jordan (RIP)

It is with great sadness that we inform our community that Sister Phil passed away yesterday. We have been privileged and blessed to have known and walked alongside her for many years. We have been honoured to have always held a special place in her heart and she was our dear friend, spiritual guardian and school governor. We were always in her prayers. We pray that she will rest in peace, glorified with our Lord, we pray for her family in Ireland and her community of Presentation Sisters. Sister had recently reached her 95th birthday and actually she chose to present herself to our Lord on the feast of the Presentation. We have been told she passed very peacefully with her sisters from the Presentation community. A beautiful end to a beautiful life. Rest In Peace Sister Phil.

GOODNESS ME!!: This Sunday's Gospel shows how the message of Jesus can change everything in the world. Jesus reminds us that we are not here only for ourselves - we're here for others: to improve the lives of those around us with love, care and goodness. Whenever we perform an act of goodness, even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others to see and to follow. So this Gospel reminds us of the importance of our role in life: to bring God's light to others and to be 'the salt of the earth'.



*"A good example brings about so much good.
Goodness always tends to spread." (Pope Francis)*



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Congratulations to the pupils in Year 2 and Year 4 who managed to surpass our whole school attendance target of 97% last week. The children were rewarded with a well-deserved extra 5 minutes playtime this week. There was further good news for our Year 4 pupils today as they were announced as the winning class for the highest attendance in the school for the month of January! Well done to the children and staff in year 4 who all enjoyed a celebratory ice-cream party this afternoon! Thank you to our attendance prefects who help us spread the message of important attendance, they, quite rightly, enjoyed an ice-cream treat with the Y4 class too. Please continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.

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| Nursery: 96.4% | Reception: 89.6% | Year 1: 96.9% | Year 2: 97.7% |
| Year 3: 96% | Year 4: 98% | Year 5: 96.5% | Year 6: 93.8% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.6% | | | |

GOING TO BE ABSENT? Gentle reminder: If your child is absent from school, it is a 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: The next class Mass will be for our pupils in Years 5, 3 and 1 on **Wednesday, 15th February** at the usual time of 9:15 a.m. The children in Year 3 will be leading the celebration and the theme of the Mass will be around 'Listening.' Parents/carers are welcome to come along and join the celebration in the school hall.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Please can the parents of pupils who are completing the Sacramental Programme make a note of the following dates and times.

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| Monday, 27 th February - 3:30 p.m or 5:30 p.m. | Parents' meeting at school |
| Tuesday, 7 th March - 7:00 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's Church |
| Monday, 19 th June - 3:30 p.m or 5:30 p.m. | Parents' meeting at school |
| Sunday, 25 th June - 9:30 a.m. | First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church |



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **MAKE READING ACTIVE!** Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. You could organise treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your child's very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY, 2ND MARCH: Our theme for this year is...'not all heroes wear capes!' We are challenging our children to come to school dressed as a real person in their lives who inspires them. Ideas include: parents, grandparents, a sports coach, dance teacher, a volunteer at their community centre OR a profession that inspires them: medics, police officers, fire-fighters, barristers, dentists, trades people, environmentalists. Get your thinking caps on everyone as it's only a month away. We know we always have a fantastic response and it's a day of great fun for the whole community. As always, we ask that parents don't spend **ANY** money for our World Book Day!

CELEBRATING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR: The staff continue to be on the look out for children who are remembering to follow our Gospel Values and essential life skills. The house point tubes are rapidly filling up with all of the house point counters given out this week! Many congratulations to St. Matthew's house for accumulating the most house points this week! There's only a couple of weeks of this half term remaining and there's still lots of house points up for grabs before we can announce the winning house for Wonderful Wednesday during the week that we break up for half term!! Let's give a shout out to our brilliant house captains who work diligently each week to tot of the house points during their leisure time. Mrs Williams would definitely lose count without their help!



Cost of Living SUPPORT



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: If you qualify for certain benefits, you can get **free school meals** for your children. Check your eligibility and apply online at: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/10050/help_with_the_cost_of_living_crisis

DISABLED PARKING ACCESS: As a school community, we are extremely lucky to have such a large car park that enables our parents/carers to drop off and pick up the children safely each day. Whilst parking, please use one of the many available bays at these busy times and follow the one way system when driving onto and from the school premises. As a community, we also have a responsibility to ensure that drivers with a disability can gain access to our school. Therefore, we have 3 parking bays that are clearly visible with yellow line markings for their usage. Please **DO NOT** park in these spaces unless you are holders of a blue badge. Our staff will move parents/carers on. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



CURRICULUM NEWS: Goodness, gracious...it's been a super busy week with our curriculum again this week! The Nursery children have been creating Arctic and Antarctic animal faces using modelling clay. The Year 3 children have been reading each other stories and giving each other feedback upon how they can improve their reading skills. The Year 4 class have been practising the German words for certain facial features and then created their very own alien creatures with German word features!! Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to.



SAFER INTERNET DAY: Safer Internet Day 2023 is celebrated on 7th February this year, with thousands of people across the UK working together to champion youth voice and engage in conversations about how we can all work together to make the internet a great and safe place. This is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. By clicking on the following link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>. There are a range of pages to help parents/carers start a conversation with their child, whatever that may be about and no matter how much time you have.

YEAR 5 & 6 MIXED BASKETBALL TEAM: A selection of athletes from Year 5 and 6 proudly represented the school mixed basketball team at St. Matthew's R.C High School on Thursday evening. Throughout the tournament, the team were able to display essential life skills such as teamwork and cooperation in order to compete against other local Catholic primary schools. Although they didn't win the tournament overall, they had lots of fun and picked up some new basketball skills along the way. Well done children!



MCA HALF TERM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: FREE Registration for the upcoming MCA Half Term Holiday Programme is now OPEN. (Years 3-9). It is for one week only from **Monday, 20th - Friday, 24th February**. If you wish to sign up your children/child please click on the link below. You must complete one form for each child. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1t85Pp3wu9oCzV3m-mqN7ZqM-lmL1V9U5Re4GAmZt7yI/edit>

ADMIN TEAM NOTICES:

DINNER MONEY: For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance by **Monday morning** on Pay360. Dinner money for the remainder of this half term is £21.15 Thank you!

HALF TERM FSM VOUCHERS: The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for the February half term break to help with the financial pressures placed on many of our families at this time. Look out for your £15.00 e-vouchers from Wonde during the final week of half term. This can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Please contact the school office before the break if you have any problems accessing the voucher.



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: Sister Philomena Jordan (RIP) and family, the Presentation Sisters, Hugo Quirke (RIP) and family, Nancy Lennie and family, Maureen Duffy and family, Stephen McArdle and family, Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



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