

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

22nd September 2023

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Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

FROM SUNDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE SUNDAY MASS at 11a.m. AT ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH

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)



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

Our Statement to live by next week is:

'I KNOW THAT I BELONG TO A COMMUNITY THAT INCLUDES MY SCHOOL.'

NATHANIEL SHANI: As you will know, a past pupil of ours, Nathaniel Shani lost his life last Friday in the most tragic of circumstances. Nathaniel was a bright and popular young man who had a large group of friends. Just like our current children now, his parents brought him to St. Edmund's as a baptised Catholic so that he could grow in faith and have a relationship with God. He was with us from Nursery, he made his First Holy Communion with his friends, he was a member of our leadership teams in Year 5, he was our Music Monitor in Year 6. He wore our school jumper, with our school badge, he said our prayers, he learnt his lessons in our classrooms, he played with his friends in our play ground, he was an ambassador for our school. We were proud of him. He will always be a St. Edmund's child. May he rest in peace.



BE GENEROUS: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. God's ways are not our ways. At first, it may appear unfair that the workers who started early were only paid the same as those who arrived later. But, on reflection, we see that not only was the Landowner being fair by paying what had been agreed, he was being overly generous through rewarding everyone equally (even those who came at the last hour). God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us.

*"How generous is God, let us ask him for the grace of being generous too."
(POPE FRANCIS)*

THE SEASON OF CREATION: The season of creation is an annual international ecumenical initiative. It started on 1st September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology. This years theme is, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. So we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER: The attendance for last week is below. Unfortunately, we weren't able to celebrate any classes surpassing the whole school target of 97%+. We'll be announcing the winning class for the highest attendance in September next week so each class has another chance to make a real difference and collectively improve upon their attendance each day. Please try to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time).

Nursery: 95.8%	Reception: 92.7%	Year 1: 91.7%	Year 2: 93.6%
Year 3: 94.8%	Year 4: 86.9%	Year 5: 92.6%	Year 6: 96%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 92.9%			

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **Enjoy bedtime stories.** Read with your child at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them. Sharing a book at bedtime helps develop your child's vocabulary, gets them used to the idea of regular reading, and gives you both a great opportunity to bond.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Father Moses celebrated a beautiful Mass on Wednesday for the pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. Our Year 5 GIFT Team and our Year 6 Prefects led the Mass and they were commissioned by Father Moses to carry out their calling to be pupils leaders within our school community. Thank you to those parents and carers who came along to support the children.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Year 3 parents should have received a letter from Mrs Clinton last week informing them of all of the dates for meetings and Masses this year. **It is essential that parents attend all of these meetings in order for the children to be ready and prepared to receive each sacrament.**

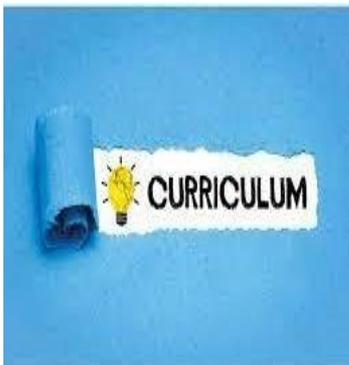
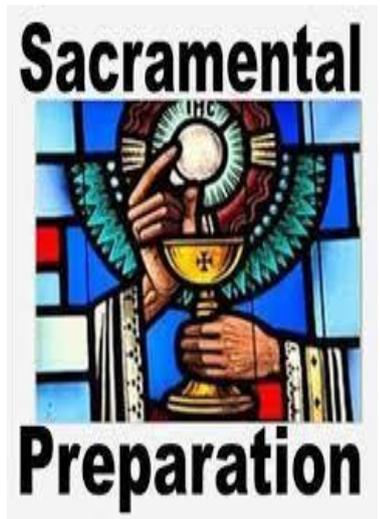
The first dates for the diary are:

Monday, 6th November 2023 - Parents' and pupil meeting to prepare for the Rite of Presentation. (3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday, 12th November 2023 - Rite of Presentation Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, 12th March 2024 - First Forgiveness at St. Patrick's Church (7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, 23rd June 2024 - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)



CURRICULUM NEWS: It's been a super busy week in all of the classes this week! To highlight what's been going on, here's a sample of just a few...Miss Cox and the Reception children have been building towers in the construction area and using key mathematical vocabulary like taller, tallest, shorter and shortest! The Year 4 children had their first Design Technology of the year with Mrs Philips and they researched all about water wells and mechanical cams before making their own water well using cutting, glueing and pressing skills. Mrs Betney and Year 2 started their new guided reading scheme this week and have been exploring (or should we say exROARing) new vocabulary about lions!! Why not check out our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to?

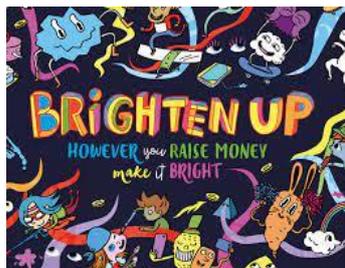
SCHOOL CAR PARK: We've been reminding the children about the importance of following our school and classroom rules this week. As a polite reminder to all parents, we also have rules that we all try to keep to in our school car park. These are:

- The speed limit on the school premises is 5mph
- Please follow the one way system when coming onto and leaving the premises
- Please reverse park into a spare parking bay in order to ensure better peripheral vision when leaving
- If arriving in a taxi, please ask the driver to pull into a parking bay before getting out yourself



Thank you so much for working with us at busy drop off and pick up times. These rules have been put into place to avoid collisions and to keep all members of our school community safe.

COMMUNICATION: At the start of each year, we ask that parents/carers provide the school with their most up to date contact details. This will include latest mobile phone numbers, work/home phone numbers and current email address. This update form was given out at the 'meet the teacher' meetings on Tuesday. If you haven't done so already, please return it to your child's class teacher ASAP. The school email address is: communications@st-edmunds-manchester.sch.uk so please add this to your email contact list because the vast majority of information (including this weekly newsletter) will be communicated this way. This has been proven to be the most effective way of letting parents/carers know of anything that is going on in school and for parents to communicate with members of staff.



BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD: As a school community, we are always proud to support the magnificent work that CAFOD do. Around the world, one in three people have gone hungry in the last year. Harvest Fast Day this year is on **Friday, 6th October** and CAFOD have invited us to participate by fundraising to support their work. We are asking the children to come into school in their brightest and most colourful clothing on that day and are asking for donations of 50p per pupil or £1 per family. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

LALLEY CENTRE APPEAL: We will be supporting the Lalley Centre again this year as part of our Harvest Fast Day tradition. They are appealing for any tinned or dry food. All donations will go directly to the Lalley Centre to be distributed to families in our local community. Therefore, during the week commencing **Monday, 2nd October** our charity prefects will be collecting any donations from the children. Thank you for your continued support.



ATTENTION YEAR 5 AND 6 PARENTS/CARERS: St. Matthew's R.C. High School are holding an Open Evening on 5th October from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. For further information, contact the school on 0161 681 6178.

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS: There is a very important deadline approaching! 31st October 2023 is when all applications for Year 7 secondary school places for September 2024 need to be submitted. Please click on the link to apply for your child currently in Year 6.

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_september_2024#:~:text=If%20you%20live%20outside%20Manchester,be%20classed%20as%20late%20applications.



FLU VACCINE: Children from Reception - Year 6 will be able to have a flu vaccination in school on Wednesday, 8th November. The Flu Immunisation Consent Form and leaflet was given out at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Tuesday. It is important that you sign and return this form as soon as possible in order to let us know whether or not you wish your child to receive the vaccine.

SCHOOL GATEWAY: As you are aware, we have moved to a new online payment system called School Gateway. Thank you to all the parents who have registered so far. If you are struggling to register or download the app please come and speak to the office staff who can help. This new app is a way for parents to keep up to date with what is happening in school and to pay for any trips or monies that are owed.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga>
<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>





PHOTOGRAPHS: The school photographer has sent through the photos taken last week and these should have come home with your child this week. The instructions to order are quite clear.

- 1) Visit <http://www.johnhuntphotography.com>
- 2) Enter your personal access code.
- 3) Order your favourite photos!

There is no way to order through school any longer. Orders should be placed online by 28th September for free delivery to school.

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: Nathaniel Shani (RIP) family & friends. The pupils and staff of MCA. All of the people affected by the devastating natural disasters in Morocco and Libya, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Oliver O'Leary, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, CAFOD, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday, 25 th September	Girls' Football Team at MCA return to school at 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday, 26 th September	Cross Country at Our Lady's RCHS return at 5:15 p.m.
Thursday, 5 th October	EYFS Stay and Play (9.10 - 10.10 a.m.)
Friday, 6 th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - bright clothes & 50p donation
Wednesday, 11 th October	Mass for Years 1, 2 and 3 @ 9:15 a.m. in the hall
Tuesday, 17 th October	Parents' Evening commencing at 3:30 p.m.
Friday, 20 th October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund - 50p donation

Prayer for Generosity

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

*Lord,
 teach me to be generous.
 Teach me to serve you
 as you deserve;
 to give and
 not to count the cost,
 to fight and
 not to heed the wounds,
 to toil and not to seek for rest,
 to labor and
 not to ask for reward,
 save that of knowing
 that I do your will.*



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