



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

14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (540)

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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  
11:30 a.m. at St. Malachy's

Parish Website: [www.sspatrickmalachy.org.uk](http://www.sspatrickmalachy.org.uk)

School Website: [www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk](http://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)



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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 Jim after one of the Sunday Masses listed above.**

**Our next statement to live by is: 'I know I belong in a community that includes my school.'**

**ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!** We have got off to a great start this year with some excellent attendance from the majority of children. We have reached our attendance target of 97% in the very first week! This is absolutely brilliant and thank you for ensuring such a fantastic start for the academic year ahead! Please remember that the teachers expect the children to be in the playground for **8:50 a.m.** so that lessons can start promptly at **9:00 a.m.** If children have early nights and plenty of sleep, the mornings at home will be much easier for you. Can I please remind parents that it is your responsibility to inform the school office if your child is absent from school. If you do not, we are immediately concerned for their safety. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

**PRAYER & WORSHIP - TUESDAY MASS:** We had a beautiful Mass last week to start off our new academic year. Fr Jim helped us to focus our hearts and minds on our school mission and the year ahead. Class Masses have been timetabled for the term and are due to start at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome to join each celebration. We would like to see many more parents at both class and whole school Masses this year, so please come and share your ideas about how we can increase the number of parents attending Masses. Father Jim is presently away in Lourdes with the deaf community and will then take a well earned holiday. Therefore, Masses will resume again on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** I would like to congratulate parents and thank you for sending your children into school looking so smart in their school uniforms. Again, it is proof that they are ready for school and ready to learn! We all know too well what it is like to lose something and after having spent time and money ensuring your children are ready for school, do please ensure that your child's name is in their clothing so that if they are misplaced, we can give them back to the correct child.

Uniform is now available to purchase online at <http://stedmundsmanchester.gooddies.co.uk> or follow the link on our school website. There are two deadline dates each month for online orders - 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and the last day of the month and uniform can be collected from school free of charge. We do still have limited stock available to buy in school - please call into the office to see if we still have your size available.

**SCHOOL FUND:** Can I please remind parents that school fund is 50p a week per child or £1 a week per family. If you prefer, you can pay £6 per child (£12 per family) each term via AGORA: September, January and April or £18 per child (£36 per family) for the full year. We have lots of lovely activities already planned for the children this year but we will struggle to go ahead with these if we don't have any money in the school piggy bank! Please make an effort to pay your school fund each week via our on-line cash free system. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

**DATA COLLECTION FORMS:** Next Monday, your child will be bringing home a data collection form. This will be in an envelope as it is confidential information. This form is pre-populated with information which we have on our school system. This needs to be checked very carefully to make sure the information is correct and up to date. Please check this paperwork and make any amendments on the form. If there are no changes, please tick all the sections, sign the form and return it back to school by next **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September.** There will be a special treat for the class that returns all of their forms first!

**PRIVACY NOTICE FOR PARENTS:** As you are aware, a new data protection act (GDPR) was introduced in April. We have updated our policies and privacy notices accordingly. You will receive a copy of our latest privacy notice on Monday. We ask that you sign and return the slip of paper to confirm that you have received and read the privacy notice and give consent to the school to share information with the relevant agencies working with us.

**VACANCY:** We currently have a vacancy for a Cleaner at St. Patrick's School for 2 hours in the evenings (10 hours a week). Please see Mrs Clinton for an application form and more details about the position.

**MATHLETICS:** The children in Years 1 - 6 are now enrolled onto Mathletics for this academic year. The children are able to access their personal login details on any computer, laptop or tablet as long as internet access is available. Login details can be found at the front of your child's Reading Record. The teachers will regularly set tasks that consolidate the teaching and learning that takes place in the classroom. Every child should aim to reach a weekly target of 1000 points in order to earn at least a bronze certificate. If any parent wishes to find out more about how Mathletics can support their child, please make an appointment to see Mr Usher, our Mathematics Subject Leader.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER:** The photographer will be in school on **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September** to capture those wonderful back to school photographs that we all have as children! Please remember that it is first come, first served if you would like a family photograph and you will be issued with a raffle ticket on arrival. Alternatively, children's individual photographs and sibling photographs will be taken in school time. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**HOMEWORK CLUB/FIT FOR FUN:** These clubs are now full!! Children will be registered at every session and parents are reminded that if the facility is not used then unfortunately places will be allocated to other children on the waiting list. If parents are not sure which club their child is attending, a register can be found near the double door entrance of the main playground.

**PARKING:** Parents are politely reminded to be mindful of pedestrians and other road users when dropping off and collecting their children. To ensure our pupils are kept safe in the surrounding area of the school, drivers are strongly encouraged to park within the school car park and walk onto the playground.

**ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND AND OUTDOOR LEARNING AREAS:** The adventure trail and outdoor learning areas in Reception and Nursery are to be used under the supervision of staff only and so are not for use by children before or after school. If staff are not supervising your children, they cannot ensure their safety on the equipment. Therefore, please keep your child next to you and off the equipment before and after school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

**HOUSE POINTS:** In school, we have a superb house point system where children are rewarded for displaying the Gospel values of courtesy, honesty, respect, perseverance, tolerance, kindness and their ability to share. Children are in houses named after St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John (the Gospel writers) and compete to win the House Point trophy which is announced each week in our Celebration Assembly. Each week, we announce the winning house on Facebook...watch this space!

**YEAR 3:** The children in Year 3 have been assessed by the BMX teachers this week. Up until half term, BMX lessons will take place **every Friday afternoon** on the school playground until the children become more confident cyclists.

**ART DAY- YEAR 2:** Mrs Phillips will be working in Year 2 on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September**. Parents, please send your children into school wearing clothes that you don't mind getting messy!

**PARENTS' EVENING:** **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October** from 3:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS:** The closing date for applications for secondary schools is **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Year 6 pupils have been provided with a flyer providing dates of all the Manchester schools' open evenings. If you need any help with this important application process, please speak to Mrs Fox.

**FACEBOOK:** If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so that you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Edmund's** and we should pop up! 

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Kieran Mather, Mrs Leydon, Mrs Lee, Sister Regina, Mrs Fell & family, Mr and Mrs Kennedy and baby Ronan. Please let us know by informing the office if you would like us to include your family in our prayers.

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

