

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

16th September 2016 (472)

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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

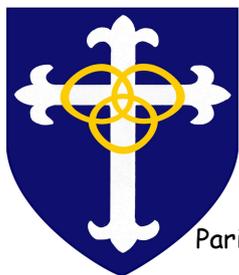
11:30 a.m. at St. Malachy's

Parish Website: www.sspatrickmalachy.org.uk

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)



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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 know I belong in a community that includes my school.'

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MATTERS! We have got off to a good start this year with some excellent attendance from the majority of children but with only 95.4% as a school. We were just short of our 97% attendance target. 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 don't, we are immediately concerned for their safety. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: As already mentioned in last Friday's letter, I would again 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!

PRAYER & WORSHIP - TUESDAY MASS: On Tuesday we came together to celebrate the start of our school year. The Mass was led by our staff and brought our focus as a school onto our school mission and how we can strengthen our relationship with God. This coming Tuesday, our Mass will be led by Year 6 pupils and the new Year 5 Chaplains will also be commissioned by Father Ged. **Please note, we have changed the start time of our Masses to 9.15 a.m.** This is in the hope that more parents will join their children to celebrate Holy Mass. Everyone is most welcome.

BABY NEWS! A big St. Edmund's congratulations to Mrs Culbert who welcomed her new baby girl last week! Baby weighed 6lb 4oz, arrived 3 weeks early but both mum and baby are doing very well. Please keep Mrs Culbert and her young family in your prayers.

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 send in £6 per child (£12 per family) each term: 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 send in your school fund each week or pay via Agora, our on-line cash free system.

RECEPTION OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA

Mrs Hughes and the children in Reception are very lucky to have had a fantastic outdoor learning area developed over the summer. We know just how much the children have wanted this in the past and here it is! Now, we'd really like to keep it in excellent condition and avoid any damage which would mean it would have to close until repaired. Therefore, if you are collecting your child from Reception, please avoid wearing shoes such as stilettos which will pierce and tear the very special safety surface which protects the children should they fall.

On a further note, this outdoor learning area is to be used under the supervision of staff only and so is not for use by children before or after school. If staff aren't supervising your children, we can't ensure their safety on the equipment. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

SNACK FUND: As you know, we provide milk and fruit as a mid-morning snack. Again, this is at a greatly reduced price, subsidised by school. This is only £5 for the whole year. If your child does not like milk, we will provide water. Please pay by 23rd September to help us with administration.

Agora Update: Good news!! Agora, the online payment system for parents, is now back up and running following our loss of internet connection before the summer holidays. Agora is the preferred method of payment in school and we have received very positive feedback from parents who are already using it. It should now be used to pay for dinner money, snack time milk and fruit, breakfast club, school fund and trips. Reminder letters have been sent out this week to parents who have not yet registered their child. Please can you make every effort to register before the activation code expires on 29th September. Staff are available every morning to help you in school - you just need to know your e-mail address and password. If you have any queries at all, please call into the school office or e-mail agora@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk **Very soon, this will be the only way to make payments so please, please get registered and start using it!**

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 Mrs Kennedy, our Mathematics Subject Leader.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Our After School clubs got underway this week for our children. Fit for Life will be led by Mr Fox and Mr Borg- Fenech. Homework club will be led by Mrs Williams and Mrs Turner. Please make sure you register your child before next Tuesday by returning the letters that were sent out. The club finishes at 4:15 p.m. prompt. Please be in the playground to collect your child at this time.

MANCHESTER FOOTBALL COACHING CLUB: Due to its success, this continues and commences on Monday 12th September. If you haven't tried this before, why not give it a go? Contact Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator) on 07846770250 for further details.

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

Mason Masterson	Taylor McAteer	Kirk Bradley	Evie Poole	Cabrel Pamba Semi
Ellie Dolan	Cameron Dale	Hilary Churchill	Amor Kolade-Newell	

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Mrs Mannion, the McIver family, baby Culbert & family, Anthony Hayes. We also pray for Sr. Anne who celebrated the anniversary of her vocation at the start of September - many congratulations.

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.