



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

19th October 2018 (545)

Tel: 0161-205-1700

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

Parish Website: stpatricksliveseyst.com

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 Jim after one of the Sunday Masses listed above.

Our next statement to live by is: 'I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you.'

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MATTERS! More fantastic news! Our whole school attendance target was met again last week-98.3%. Six classes smashed our target of 97% and were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes playtime this week. Congratulations to the pupils in Year 2 who managed an amazing 100%. The children celebrated with a non-uniform day on Thursday. Many thanks to all those parents who continue to follow our school policy and procedures when your child is going to be absent from school. It really helps to know that your child is safe. WELL DONE everyone!



Nursery: 94.8%	Reception: 99.3%	Year 1: 98.7%	Year 2: 100%
Year 3: 98.5%	Year 4: 96.9%	Year 5: 98.7%	Year 6: 98.8%

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Father Jim will be celebrating a Harvest Mass on Tuesday, 23rd October where we will thank and praise God for the food we have. Our newly appointed Chaplains will be leading the readings. As always, all parents and parishioners are welcome to join us. #ChaplainLeaders

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Thank you to the Year 3 parents for attending the parents' meeting on Tuesday. The Rite of Presentation Mass is this **Sunday, 21st October at 9:30 a.m.** at St. Patrick's Church. Families need to be at church for **9:15 a.m.** where they will be met by the teachers. Don't forget your baptismal candles and children can wear their Sunday best.

COLLECTING FOR HARVEST: A huge thank you to you all for your donations of tins and dried food today. The Charity Reps are busy sorting these into boxes ready for the Lalley Welcome Centre. Your donations will go a long way towards helping those less fortunate than ourselves in our local community. #ChildrenHelpingChildren #PupilLeaders #CaritasInAction

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: We will be holding our annual Remembrance service on Tuesday, 13th November at 9:30 a.m. in the school hall. On Monday your child will bring home a letter with details of the service. Please return the form with the name of a loved one to be remembered by **Friday, 26th October** and a candle will be lit in their memory.

'DAY OF THE DEAD': 'What?!' We hear you ask! This is something new we are introducing this year during November, the month of remembrance. Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) is a Mexican event where people remember and celebrate the lives of their loved ones by having a joyous and colourful festival. Staff at school have researched this and thought it would be something our children would enjoy. We're starting small this year but as the children and staff get to know more about this festival, we're hoping it will grow into something quite spectacular year on year. The children will be coming home and telling you all about it and it's something we're all really excited about! Please look out for the photos on facebook!

NON-UNIFORM DAY: In order to subsidise all the fantastic extra activities for the pupils like school trips, parties, crafts etc we use money from school fund. On Friday, 26th October children can come into school wearing their own clothes and are asked to make a donation of 50p (£1 per family) towards school fund. Parents get to put the uniforms in the wash a day early!

PARENTS' FORUM: Mrs Clinton is keen to start up a parents' forum so that we can meet regularly to discuss ways to improve our school. We will be sending out invites to our first parents' forum which will be held on Friday, 9th November @ 2.00 p.m. Please put the date in your diary.

DINNER MONEY: Dinner money up until half term will be £11.25 (1 week). All arrears must be cleared before half term, don't forget to pay on Agora. Many thanks for your co-operation.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL: The girls in Year 5 took part in the 2nd round of league matches on Monday evening. Yet again they played unbelievably well and WON ALL 3 GAMES! Miss Szoltysek and Miss Hussey reported that the standard of opposition has vastly improved....however, our girls still came out on top. Well done team!

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL: You may have noticed that Mrs Holt is away from her duties at the moment. In order to ensure the safety of all road users, parents are asked to be extra vigilant when using the zebra crossing both as drivers and as pedestrians.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: This is the month where we celebrate the achievements and contributions black people have made to our country. We celebrate them because so often in the past, these contributions were ignored or played down just because of the colour of their skin! Not at St. Edmund's! We celebrate all achievements! Next week, our children will be learning about some very significant black people who challenged and changed the world! #PROUD

APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL PLACES: Attention Year 6 parents! The deadline for applying for high school places is quickly approaching. Please ensure that you apply no later than **Wednesday, 31st October** 2018. Once you have done so, please inform Mrs Fox, the Year 6 teacher, so that she can tick your child off her list! You can do this online at www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions. If you need any help with the application process, please see Mrs Fox or a member of the admin team.

ST. MATTHEW'S: As most parents are aware, we are a feeder school to St. Matthew's R.C. High School and this is the school we continue to recommend for our pupils so that they can continue their Catholic education. We continue to have extremely strong links with St. Matthew's and have a comprehensive transition package to offer our pupils. Headteacher, Mrs Murden and school leaders are very keen to talk to our parents about the improvements they are implementing so if you'd like more information, please get in touch with the school.

SPORTS4ALL: The Year 5 and 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the National Squash Centre this afternoon for the National Taekwondo Grand Prix. What a fantastic event this was! Let's hope that our children are inspired to become top class athletes after meeting and observing the British team in action. #Taekwondo #fit4life

MATHLETE OF THE WEEK: This week's winners are: Reception: Elyon (4245 pts), Year 1 - Jessica (2410pts), Year 2 - Samuel (8680pts), Year 3 - Joshua (6052pts), Year 4 - Claudia (3340 pts), Year 5 - Sarah (4419 pts), and the whole school winner goes to.... Samuel (Year 6) with an amazing 37,207 points!!!! Well done Mathletes!! Every child from Reception-Year 6 has a login to use Mathletics. School have paid £4 per pupil for the year so please encourage your child to complete their activities set by their teacher or practice their fluency skills by going 'live'.

HOUSE POINT HEADQUARTERS: Our house point captains have been busy collecting all points accumulated this week. The winners this week are St. Luke with (173 points), 2nd- St John (153pts) 3rd -St Mark (152pts) 4th - St Matthew (102 pts).

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: Following the success of the parish quiz night in the summer, Father Jim is busy getting his questions together for the next quiz! This will be on Wednesday, 7th November at 7.00p.m. at church. Tickets are only £5 and include a hotpot supper. All proceeds will go to the Good Life Orphanage. We are hoping to take our GiFT (Chaplaincy & Caritas Ambassadors) team to this event. Come along - see how clever you are and have some fun!

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 and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Edmund's** and we should pop up!



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

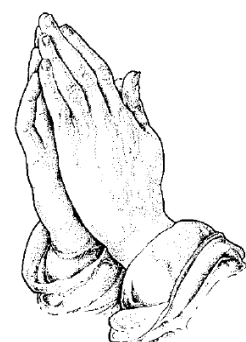
Morgan and William in Year 6	Kirk, Miley and Brierley-Mae in Year 5
Stacy, Kayden B and David in Year 4	Lacey, Mason and Glory in Year 3
Jordan and Zuriel in Year 2	Faye and Nathaniel in Year 1
Gabriella and Emmanuella in Reception	Uyioghosa and McKenna in Nursery

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: We will try our very best to make sure that you have important dates for your diary for each term so that you can make arrangements.

Date	Event
Sunday, 21 st October	Rite of Presentation Mass for children on the Sacramental Programme - 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church
Tuesday, 23 rd October	Whole School Harvest Mass at 9.15 a.m. - donations of tins and dried food needed for the Lalley Welcome Centre. All welcome.
Thursday, 25 th October	Black History Month Assembly - 2:30 p.m. in the school hall. Parents welcome.
Friday, 26 th October	Non-uniform day to raise money for school fund, 50p a child or £1.00 a family. School closes for half term at 3:15 p.m. (one week)
Wednesday, 31 st October	Year 6 parents - deadline for application for high schools.
Monday, 5 th November	School reopens 8:50 a.m. as usual
Tuesday, 6 th November	Year 5 and 6 Mass led by Year 6- all welcome
Friday, 9 th November	'Day of the Dead' Assembly - all welcome
Tuesday, 13 th November	Remembrance Service - 9:30 a.m. in the school hall - all welcome.

HALF TERM STARTS ON FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Mrs Leydon, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Lee, Angeline Holt, Sister Regina and Favour Abiodun. We also prayer for our Year 3 children and their families as they are presented in Church this weekend. Please let us know by informing the office if you would like us to include a member of your family in our prayers.



Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.