

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

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (595)

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](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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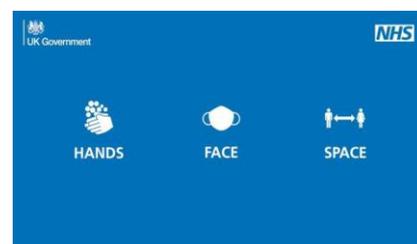
If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Jim after one of the weekend Masses listed above.

**Our Ten Ten statement next week is: 'Forgive and forget.'**

**WELCOME!** On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to extend an extremely warm welcome back to school to all of our children and their parents. We have missed all of your happy and smiling faces since schools first closed back in March and are so happy to see you all again. I would like to congratulate parents and thank you for sending your children into school looking so smart in their school uniforms. As always, 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. We would particularly like to welcome our new families, especially any children who have joined our Nursery or Reception classes. Don't they look so grown up in their new uniforms? We do hope your child will love coming to our school! A very warm welcome to 4 new members of staff this week: Miss Coogan (Reception), Miss Maymon (Year 1), Miss O'Hare (Year 3) and Miss Jones (Year 5) have joined the teaching staff. We have also welcomed back a familiar face in Mrs Gordon who will be teaching in Year 6. Miss Rabbitt (Deputy Headteacher), Mr Eaglestone (teacher) and Miss James (Admin) have joined us from St. Patrick's. Please keep them in your prayers as they become familiar with their new roles.



**COVID-19 RESPONSE:** A massive thank you to everyone in our school community for working with us so that we can implement the most recent government and local authority measures to help stop the spread of coronavirus. As you know, we are living in very different times and we all have to get used to a 'new normal' in order to keep our staff, our children and their families as safe as we possibly can. The most recent message from the government is very clear and it urges the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.



**LET'S ALL DO OUR BIT!** The staff at school recognise that putting all of these new measures into practice is a real challenge for all of us. We've seen some fantastic practice with social distancing from our parents during the staggered drop-off and pick-up times. From Monday, we will be slowing down the rate at which parents and pupils walk onto the premises in order to maintain that social distancing space. Now that we have all practiced dropping off and collecting, we are ready to introduce more measures to help with social distancing. To reduce congestion, we strongly encourage Key Stage 2 children (Years 3-6) to either walk to and from school or parents can simply see them onto the premises at the pupil entrance gate if they prefer. Parents can then watch as the children enter into school. We've seen how our parents use our car park to drive through the entrance and exit gates at 5mph. Thank you for this as being aware of other parents and children arriving at staggered times really does help to make everybody safe. **We continue to urge parents to refrain from parking on the corner of Upper Monsall Street & Monsall Road for everybody's safety.**



**PRAYER & WORSHIP:** The children from Years 1-6 participated in a very different 'Start of Year Mass' today as they joined other schools in the diocese via a live stream from Salford Cathedral. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop John who reflected upon the Beatitudes and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. For the foreseeable future, the children will still be participating in Masses on a rota basis and these will be streamed live from St. Patrick's Church celebrated by Father Jim. As soon as we have finalised the dates with Father Jim, a rota will be drawn up and passed onto parents.



**THE WEDNESDAY WORD:** Every week we'll be sharing a link with our school community called the Wednesday Word. This presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week inspired by the following Sunday's Gospel. Please take 10 minutes to read and reflect on the theme of this week's Gospel story about forgiveness by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=2.2>

**BABY NEWS:** I am delighted to share some fantastic news! Mrs Fox gave birth to a healthy baby boy at the end of July. Baby Arthur weighed in at a healthy 9lb 12oz and both mum and baby are doing well. Please keep Mrs Fox and her family in your prayers. You may even be lucky enough to see Mrs Fox and Arthur on the school grounds.

**BUILDING WORK:** I am delighted to announce the completion of the long awaited upstairs extension! The staff and children are thrilled to have 4 extra rooms that can be used for teaching small groups as well as 2 brand new toilet facilities. Staff and the contractors worked extremely hard over the summer to ensure the work was completed in time for us to return to school. Thank you!

**YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** The year 4 children will start their swimming lessons on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. Parents, please ensure that you have read the guidance (especially around jewellery and swimming costumes) from the swimming baths and have completed the consent form by clicking on the link on the Year 4 Class Dojo page. Please note that the children will be leaving school at the much earlier time of 9:05 a.m. Therefore, on Monday mornings, the children will assemble on the Year 4 playground where they will be registered and then head straight off to the baths.

**HOMEWORK:** This afternoon, your children should have brought home their book bags containing their reading and maths homework for the weekend. So many fantastic learning habits were established during lockdown and we know that the children are eager to get as many things back to normal as possible - homework being one of them! Please find the arrangements for all homework below:

SPELLING	Sent on a Monday and tested on a Friday.
ENGLISH	Sent on a Monday, returned to school on a Thursday.
MATHS	Sent on a Friday, returned to school on a Monday.
ONLINE RESOURCES	Remember to continue to use Mathletics, Times Table Rock Stars & Bug Club

**KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS:** Next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, children will be being sent home with their 'knowledge organisers' for Humanities (History or Geography) and Science. The knowledge organisers help children to 'kick start' their learning and get them ready to show off their knowledge in class! Please spend some time with your child looking at the work and encourage them to have a go with the work at home. Please share anything your child does via class dojo so that the teacher can share it with the other children! We can't wait to see what the children produce!

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER:** The photographer will be in school on **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September** to capture those wonderful back to school photographs! Unfortunately, we are unable to allow younger family members to join their older siblings due to the COVID restrictions in place. I know you'll make sure your children are sparkly clean and well practiced with their very best smiles ready for the photographer.

**MATHLETICS:** The children in Years Rec - 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. Doing 10 minutes a day will really help to catch up on the learning they have missed.

#### **ADMIN TEAM NOTICES**

**DINNER MONEY:** For those parents who pay for school meals, can we please remind you that dinner money needs to be paid by Monday morning on SIMS Pay. Dinner money for the week is £11.50. For those who wish to get ahead, dinner money for the remainder of this half term is £57.50. Thank you!

**COMMUNICATION:** We have a new email address if parents wish to contact the Admin Team. This is [communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk) Please make sure that our Admin Team have your very latest contact details (email and telephone number) to ensure that school can efficiently get in touch with you if needed.

**CLASS DOJO:** Both parents and teachers have found that Class Dojo has been an extremely successful way of communicating the variety of events that happen in school and especially within each individual year group. If any parent has not yet signed up, please contact our admin team on the email address above.

**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 Manchester** and we should pop up!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Mark Flynn RIP and the Flynn/Parker family, Eugene Rafferty RIP, Father Ged Murphy, Mrs Fox and family, our new families, new members of staff and any private intentions.



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