

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

18th September 2020 (596)

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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

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 focus for collective worship next week is: 'A Generous Kind of Love.'

COVID-19 RESPONSE: By now, you will be aware that some schools are closing bubbles when they have had a confirmed case of Covid-19. **If this happens** at St. Edmund's, we have a clear plan which we will share with parents if the time comes. This has not happened as yet. The measures that you are putting into place at home and the measures we have in place in and around our school are working to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in school.

YOU'RE ALL AMAZING - LET'S KEEP DOING OUR BIT!: Thank you so much for continuing to work with us to keep everyone safe when pupils are coming into school and leaving to go home. There may be times when we have to slightly change or tweak what we are doing but this is all to improve the measures in place for the safety of our staff & families - thank you for your patience and understanding!

We've seen some fantastic practice for keeping ourselves safe in school;

- 👍 Children washing their hands whilst either singing, 'Happy Birthday' or counting to 20!
- 👍 Children using hand gels sensibly
- 👍 Parents keeping their social distance from each other at drop off and pick up

To help with congestion, **Key Stage 2 children (Years 3-6) ONLY** will be allowed to walk to and from school. Alternatively, parents can simply drop off **these older children** at the pupil entrance gate and then move away so this area remains clear. 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 double yellow lines on Upper Monsall Street & Monsall Road for everybody's safety.**

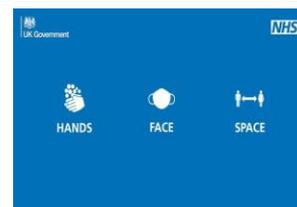
PRAYER & WORSHIP: We are looking forward to resuming class Masses very shortly where each class will take it in turns to attend Mass with Fr. Jim virtually! Talk about 21st Century! Children have enjoyed their return to collective worship as it enables them to focus, reflect and put the Word of God into practice. We have improved our resources this year and we will be sharing these with parents each week. Our theme for next week is, 'A Generous Kind of Love'. If you can, take a few minutes to discuss what a 'generous kind of love' looks and feels like.

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 God's generosity towards us by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/generous?pid=MTA101634&v=3.3>

So this week, we may like to reflect upon the following 2 questions as a family. What does this Sunday's Gospel say about the generosity of God? When have you experienced God's generosity, his kindness and forgiveness in your own life?

THE RECOVERY CURRICULUM: I am sure that the children have been sharing what they have been learning about in school. Each class has had a personalised return to school based on their thoughts and feelings around Covid 19, what it was like being during lockdown for them and if they wanted to know anything else about Covid 19. The response from the children has been amazing and they are very well informed about the outbreak of the virus, how it spreads and how to prevent the spread of infection. Children will be returning to our school's full curriculum on Monday, starting with assessment week! Assessment week is more important than ever as we find the gaps in each child's learning so that we can plan for all of our children to make great progress this year! Please ensure some early nights over the weekend and the next couple of weeks so that children are well prepared and eager to tackle their quizzes!



KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS: The 'Knowledge Organisers' for Humanities (History or Geography) and Science are now 'LIVE' on Class Dojo! The children are very excited about these! 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 complete the little challenges or **share any work via Class Dojo so that the teacher can share it in class with the other children!** We can't wait to see what the children produce!

HOMEWORK: We can tell just how ready the children are for learning by the response to the homework - wow! Well done everyone!! Please see the homework timetable below for your reference.

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 and Times Table Rock Stars

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 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 speak to Mr Usher, our Mathematics Subject Leader.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING: The year 4 children started their swimming lessons on Monday. Unfortunately, there was a terrible mix up between Schools Swimming and the coach company. Luckily, the children still received their lesson and the organisers of School Swimming send their most sincere apologies for the late return this week. They have assured us that things will be back to normal next Monday and the children will attend their lesson at the earlier time of 9:05a.m. Parents, if you haven't done so already - please ensure that you have read the guidance (especially around jewellery and swimming costumes) from the swimming baths.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER: The photographer will be in school on **Friday, 25th September** to capture those wonderful back to school photographs that we all have as children! We will have to arrange this as safely as possible therefore, only photographs of siblings attending the school can be taken this year. Photocards will be sent to school for each child to take home but ordering and payment can be made online. Parents can choose to have the photos delivered directly to their home if they pay the postage. Otherwise the photos will be delivered to school to distribute. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

BIRTHDAY TREATS: Due to Covid restrictions around what can and what cannot be brought between home and school, please do not send birthday treats into school as unfortunately, we can not give these out to other children to take to other households. Thank you for your understanding.

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 £46.00. 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 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 and any private intentions.

Stay with us Lord... on our journey.

