

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

25th September 2020 (597)

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

Facebook page: [St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary School](#)

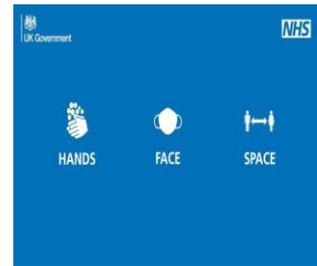
If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Jim after one of the weekend Masses listed above.



DIOCESE OF SALFORD

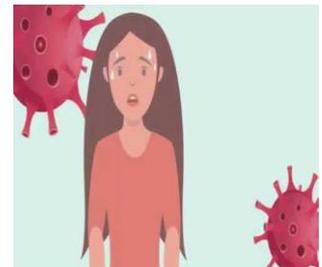
Our focus for collective worship next week is: 'A Tale of two brothers.'

COVID-19 RESPONSE: A massive thank you to everyone in our school community for continuing to work with us so that we can implement the most recent government and local authority measures to help stop the spread of coronavirus. The message from the government is very clear and it urges the public to **continue to wash their hands, cover their faces and make space** to control infection rates. 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. Thankfully, 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.



SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS: The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature (above 38 degrees Celcius)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means a loss of smell or taste, or things smell or taste different to normal. **(The most recent scientific advice states that this symptom is not common with primary aged children)**



As we approach autumn and winter, children will inevitably pick up sniffles and colds. As always, we urge parents to follow the usual procedures for reporting absence and keep their child off school until he/she is feeling better. Of course, we can all do our bit to prevent these winter bugs by wrapping up warm and cleaning our hands regularly.

LET'S KEEP DOING OUR BIT!: Just look at this fantastic social distancing at our pupil entrance this week!! 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. 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.**



THE WEDNESDAY WORD: Sometimes we may not always respond to God in the best way. However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again - God will be there for us. Please take 10 minutes to read and reflect on the theme of this week's Gospel story about God's calling for us to turn back to him and change our ways by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4>



ASSESSMENT WEEK: The children have returned to our school's full curriculum this week, and some of them will have started their assessments. The information provided to teachers during this time will really help them to find the gaps in each child's learning so that they can plan for all of our children to make great progress this year!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER: The photographer came into school today to capture those wonderful back to school photographs that we all have as children! Photocards will be sent to school for each child to take home but ordering and payment must 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. These photos make fantastic Christmas gifts for family members. Thank you for sending the children in looking extra sparkly and spotless today!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: We have had an extremely positive start to the new academic year as more and more children have returned to school. Our attendance target continues to be 97%+ and I am really pleased to say that attendance at St. Edmund's has been way above the average for Manchester. Six classes met our attendance target of 97%+. These classes were awarded an extra 5 minutes extra play this week. The Year 2 class achieved an amazing 100% and enjoyed a non-uniform day on Thursday. The competition is certainly hotting up as each class attempts to achieve the highest attendance for the month of September!! Thank you parents for your continued support with ensuring your children are in school and on time each day.



Nursery: 97.3%	Reception: 86.4%	Year 1: 97.9%	Year 2: 100%
Year 3: 92.3%	Year 4: 97.8%	Year 5: 98.4%	Year 6: 98.1%

ST. MATTHEW'S R.C. HIGH SCHOOL: Mrs Murdon, the headteacher at St. Matthew's, has shared a lovely photograph of some happy Year 7 pupils as they have successfully transitioned from St. Edmund's. Don't they all look very smart!



There is a virtual open day event on Wednesday, 29th September from 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. The teachers will ensure that the children will watch this in their respective classes. There will be a further open evening on Thursday, 8th October from 4:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. To book a place please contact the school by email: openevent@smrchs.com

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

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 £34.50 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 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.

PUPIL UPDATE FORMS: Each year, we have to collect personal data about your child. This is information that is only used in school and shared with the relevant agencies such as the DfE. These forms will be sent out electronically so please look out for the link next Friday.

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:

Cecilia Fitzpatrick, Sister Alphonsus (RIP), the Presentation Sisters and all other private intentions at this time.



Stay with us Lord... on our journey.