

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

2nd October 2020 (598)

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](https://www.facebook.com/St.EdmundsRomanCatholicPrimarySchool)

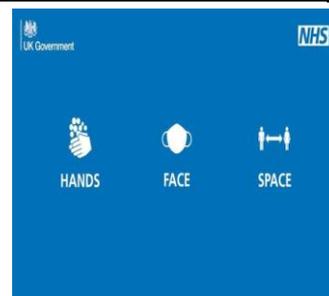


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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Jim after one of the weekend Masses listed above.

Our focus for collective worship next week is: 'The Peach Tree'

COVID-19 RESPONSE: We know that the most common form of transmitting Covid-19 is between adults - adult to adult contact! 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. **In the event of a confirmed case 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. Thank you and well done!



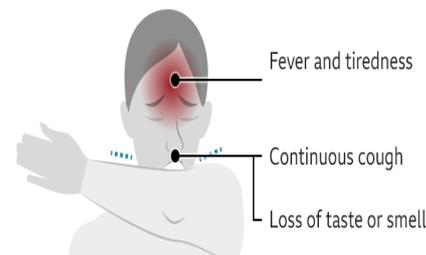
DROP OFF & COLLECTION: Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to ensure the safety of everyone. Nobody likes to be stood out in the rain and we can only sympathise as we stand there with you! As we all know, the weather is only going to get worse.

Our advice...children will need a warm waterproof coat with a hood! That's what we've advised the staff as well! **So many of you have offered words of support and encouragement and we really appreciate it, thank you!**



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.

LOCKDOWN LEARNING - WHAT WILL LEARNING LOOK LIKE AT HOME?: Schools are being asked to prepare for lockdowns - whether these will be individual class lockdowns or area lockdowns. Please note here though that we do not know when or if this is coming. Unlike lockdown before the summer, the Government and Local Authority have had time to plan what this will look like for pupils. We have received very strict guidance about learning being an expectation, not an option for pupils. In order to prepare for this, we have put a simple questionnaire together which all families must complete for each pupil please <https://forms.gle/aUr64Kv2F6o5oGmp9>. This will provide us with key information about how best to support our pupils and whether parents will need support to ensure that the expected work is completed. As we have been doing in school, please talk to your children about completing work at home and how this is an expectation and not an option when/if the time comes. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Thankfully, a little more normality is being restored next week when children return to Masses. For the time being, this will be virtually and we will be tuning in via the Parish link - why not join us too? Tuesday, 6th October at 9:30 a.m. <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/LIVE-STREAMING.php> St. Patrick's and St. Malachy's will also be joining us which we are really looking forward to! We can't wait to celebrate the start of the new school year.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD: This week we are called to be God's messengers. Why not read this Sunday's Gospel reading as a family. Ask your child what the word 'messenger' means to them. Who do they think are God's messengers today? Who brings the message of Jesus to them? Which of Jesus' messages does your child like best and which is your favourite? You may want to tell your child which messengers brought the good news about Jesus to you when you were younger (e.g. a family member, a teacher, a priest, a friend), through what they said and how they lived. Please click on the link to view this week's Wednesday Word:



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: As we enter the month of October, we remember our dedication to the Holy Rosary as we pray meditatively to God our Father, our Mother Mary and the Holy Spirit. Please support your child at home to pray the Rosary and think about the Mysteries of Jesus' life. We will be teaching the children how to pray the Rosary this month.



ST. MATTHEW'S R.C. HIGH SCHOOL: Our school is a feeder school to St. Matthew's High School and they are holding a virtual open evening on Thursday, 8th October from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. They will also be holding a 'virtual' question and answer session for the parents/carers of current year 6 students on Wednesday, 14th October. Please email the school at openevent@smrchs.com for an invitation.

PARENTS' EVENING: We really wish we could invite our parents in to come and see the wonderful work your children have been doing but unfortunately we just aren't allowed! However, this doesn't mean we can't speak to you over the phone. We have now finished all the assessments and preparations are underway for our telephone calls to start week commencing 12th October. Teachers will be able to fill you in on your child's return to school and how well they have all settled in! We have some great news to share with you! Please use class dojo to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or watch out for a 'No Caller ID' on your mobiles.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS: We continue to have had a positive start to the new academic year. Our attendance target continues to be 97%+ and we nearly met that last week with 95.7%. Two classes did meet our attendance target of 97%+ and they were awarded an extra 5 minutes extra play this week. The Year 2 class achieved an amazing 100% for the 2nd week in a row and enjoyed a non-uniform today as a reward. There'll be no surprises when the winning class for September is announced on Monday!! Anyone for ice-cream in Year 2? Now that we're into October, let's see if any classes can knock Year 2 off their perch! Thank you parents for your continued support with ensuring your children are in school and on time each day.



Nursery: 92.3%	Reception: 95.7%	Year 1: 93.2%	Year 2: 100%
Year 3: 96.0%	Year 4: 92.9%	Year 5: 98.4%	Year 6: 96.3%

PUPIL UPDATE FORMS: Please use this link <https://forms.gle/6qeYJfXusrnct3AK9> to update your child's personal details so that we have the most up to date information on medical conditions, emergency contact information amongst other things! As you can imagine, this is more important than ever during the current pandemic! Please complete the form by Friday, 9th October. Thank you!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER: Please check book bags for the proof school photograph - on this form will be all the details on how to order and pay online. There is no way to order through school any longer. Orders will be delivered to school however and put into childrens' book bags when they arrive.

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

YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED: We have been working hard with our kitchen team to ensure the return of hot dinners! You'll be pleased to know that after half term, from Monday, 2nd November, they're back! Mmmmmmm, can't wait!



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 £23.00 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. This will be our main platform to support your child with their learning when/if their class goes into lockdown. Your teachers have been messaging parents on here already and they will be uploading photographs of your child working in class. Please download the app and engage with our staff to learn more about your child's work and play in school.



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, Doris Lewis (RIP), the Lewis family, Brooke Bradley, Father Jim, the Presentation Sisters and all other private intentions at this time.



Stay with us Lord... on our journey.

'The Rosary is a school of prayer.

The Rosary is a school of Faith!'

(Pope Francis)

