

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

9th September 2022

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 Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our Statement to live by next week is: 'WE ARE ALL SPECIAL.'



QUEEN ELIZABETH II: The death of HM Queen Elizabeth II has shocked and saddened us all. We knew the time would soon come when she would be called home to The Father. Most of us have only ever known her as our Head of State. We remember our servant Elizabeth and pray for the King and the Royal Family at this time as a new reign begins. Our teachers will be adapting our curriculum to help our children learn about these historic events as they unfold.

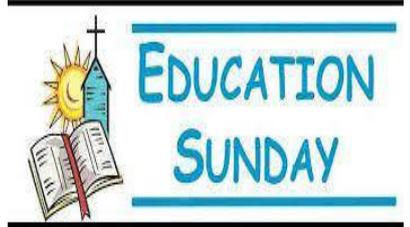
WELCOME BACK! On behalf of all of the staff and governors, I would like to extend an extremely warm welcome back to school to all of our children and their parents. We have missed all of your happy and smiling faces since we finished for the summer holiday back in July and it was lovely to greet you all at the school gates this week. Congratulations to our parents and thank you for sending your children back 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 you child's name is in their clothing so that if they are misplaced, we can give them back to the correct child. The school community 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 Banks (Year 4), Miss McEwan (Year 3), Mrs Da Silva and Miss Hackett (Lunchtime Organisers). We have also welcomed back 3 familiar faces in Mrs Betney (Year 1), Mrs Gordon (Year 2) and Miss Crowther (Year 4). Please keep them in your prayers as they become familiar with their new roles.



TAKE TIME TO CARE: During this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of 'The Lost Sheep.' He tells us this parable to show us that the Kingdom of God is accessible to all of us, even when we sin or have strayed from God's path. He uses the example of a shepherd (God) who has 100 sheep and one goes missing. The shepherd leaves the 99 others and searches high and low for the one lost sheep - the sinner. Jesus loves us and cares for us - just like a good shepherd cares for all the sheep - and His message is that He wants us to care for others and God's creation because we are **all** special in God's eyes. The images of seeking, finding and rejoicing act as symbols of God's care and unconditional love - the care we often experience through the actions of the people around us. A caring heart is a happy heart. We are all part of God's family and when we show care for others we are showing care for God too.

"Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need. Let us care for one another." (Pope Francis)

EDUCATION SUNDAY: This Sunday we celebrate 'Education Sunday': a national day of prayer when we especially remember all our teachers and all those involved in the education and the care of our children. Throughout the world, our catholic schools and parishes care for millions of children. We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain that God will always care for us. Please keep all those involved in education in your prayers this weekend.



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is...**ESTABLISH A READING ROUTINE:**- Every child in the school will have brought home their new reading book and reading record this week. Now that the holidays are over, encourage your child to make time to read regularly at some time during the evening. Research shows that 20 minutes reading each day will greatly enhance a child's progress.

COMMUNICATION: We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused by the phone lines being down this week. Parents may have noticed that there have been some school improvement building works during the summer break. Unfortunately, the main phone line was disconnected by mistake. Hopefully, we should be back up and running after the weekend! Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

At the start of each year, we ask that parents/carers provide the school with their most up to date contact details. This will include latest mobile phone numbers, work/home phone numbers and current email address. This update form will be sent home next week so please return it school as soon as possible. For the time being, the weekly newsletter will go home as a hard copy with each child on a Friday afternoon. Once all of the update forms have been collated on the school system, the weekly newsletter will be communicated to parents via email from the school email address: communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk

BREAKFAST CLUB: We are delighted to continue with our offer to support working parents again this year. Our daily Breakfast Club will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. to enable working parents that little bit extra time to get to work on time. A letter regarding registration and payment went home with the children on Thursday. Any parents that wish to register will need to return the registration form to the school office as soon as possible and make the weekly payment of £10 in advance via SIMS Pay360.



After School



Sport Clubs

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS: We are thrilled to be working with the coaches from Sports First Coaching again this year in order to provide the children with some high-quality P.E. provision in addition to the P.E. lessons taught during curriculum time. We are even more excited because this year we have been able to extend the provision to our Key Stage 1 pupils as well as our Key Stage 2 pupils! The sessions will start during the week commencing **Monday, 19th September.**

- Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 on a Monday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Parents who wish to register their child, please complete the form attached to the letter that went home on Thursday and return to your child's class teacher by **Monday, 12th September.**

YEAR 4 SWIMMING: Swimming lessons for Year 4 children will now take place on a Monday morning starting on **Monday, 12th September.** This is an important aspect of the National Curriculum and one in which Year 4 children must take part except for exceptional medical reasons. The children will be leaving school at 9:05 a.m. prompt in order to arrive at the swimming baths on time. Any parents who have not returned their form of consent will need to send this into school on Monday morning.





ST. MATTHEW'S VISIT TO YEAR 6: On Thursday, 15th September, we will be welcoming some staff and ex pupils from our feeder high school -St. Matthew's. They will be delivering a special lesson to our Year 6 pupils in the morning and the children will be bringing home some information about some Open Mornings/Evenings later in the half term.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS: The teachers are really looking forward to meeting the parents of the pupils in their respective classes. Therefore, parents will have the opportunity to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, 13th September** at either 3:30 p.m, 4:30 p.m or 5:30 p.m. Mrs Clinton will start each meeting in the school hall and then parents will be able to go to their child's classroom to meet the teacher. These meetings are really important as it gives the teachers the opportunity to discuss our partnership in teaching and nurturing our children as well as systems and routines within each individual class. There will be a further Parents' Evening on **Wednesday, 12th October 2022** when parents can book an individual appointment with their teacher to discuss progress so far this academic year. Please put this date in your diary!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER:The school photographer will be in school this **Wednesday 14th September** to take individual/family photographs. As usual, prints will be sent home in the coming weeks if parents wish to purchase a copy/copies. Please make sure that your child is looking especially smart on Wednesday and they have their pearly whites gleaming!! Parents of Nursery pupils who have not yet started with us are welcome to bring their child into school on Wednesday morning and stay with them whilst the photograph is taken.



FLU VACCINE: Children from Reception - Year 6 will be able to have a flu vaccination in school on Monday, 31st October and have been given a Flu Immunisation Consent Form and leaflet to take home this week. It is important that you sign and return this form by **Monday, 12th September** to let us know whether or not you wish your child to receive the vaccine.



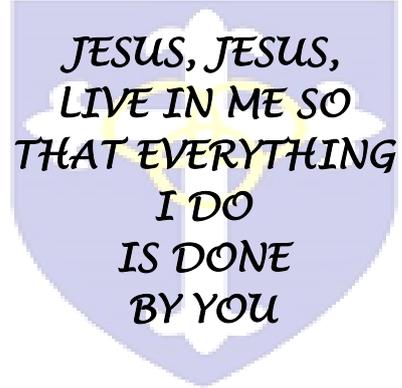
FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Edmund's Manchester** and we should pop up!



Father Paul will be spending the night sleeping out under the stars or the rain-clouds in Rusholme on Friday, 16th September as part of the Caritas Diocese of Salford Great Sleep out to raise money for its work to support the homeless. Please pray for the success of this fund-raising initiative. If you know anyone who would like to sponsor him, please direct them to the JustGiving Page **Paul Daly is fundraising for Caritas Diocese of Salford (justgiving.com)**

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II (RIP), King Charles III and the Royal family, Sophy Mitchell (RIP) family and friends, Anne Clarke, Rose Usher, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, the Presentation Sisters, Our children and staff and all those called to be involved in Education, and all other private intentions at this time.





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