



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

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (600)

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)

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 after half term is: 'Beautiful Attitudes.'**



**DROP OFF & COLLECTION:** Thank you so much for the amazing patience, resilience and determination that all of our children and their families have shown as we have returned to school over the course of the half term. We have won the first battle...St. Edmund's 1...Covid19 0!! We are delighted that our children have had an uninterrupted return to school and we know that this is down to the measures, systems and processes that we have in place to protect everyone and down to you, our families for supporting us in doing so!

**Please expect these measures to continue after the half term. We have made a slight adjustment to the arrangements for drop off and collection for our Year 1 and 2 pupils so parents please watch the explanation video sent out on Class Dojo this afternoon.**

We know and understand that the weather is changing and although we can not predict the weather each day, we ask that children remember their water proof coats, hats, scarves and gloves as we all continue to prevent the virus from spreading in school.

As we approach 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.

### **WHAT IF MY CHILD OR MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE DURING THE HALF TERM?**

Obviously, your child or someone in the household may develop symptoms over the half term. If this is the case, you must still get a test in order to prevent the virus spreading. We ask that if you, your child or someone you live with tests positive, or someone has had direct contact with someone who has received a positive test result, that you email school as soon as possible using this email address [communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk) We ask that you provide school with the name of the child affected, their class, the outcome of the test, the date the test was taken and how everyone else is feeling in the house. Thank you.

### **LOCKDOWN LEARNING-WHAT WILL LEARNING BE LIKE AT HOME?:**

Schools are being asked to prepare for lockdowns - whether these will be individual class lockdowns or area lockdowns. Please note 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. To help us prepare for this, we have put together a simple questionnaire <https://forms.gle/oETZ2qxdxC2cAab1A>. 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.

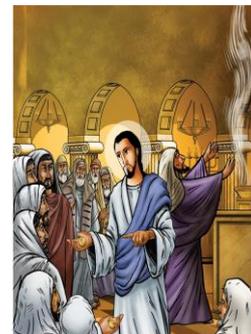


**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** On Tuesday, the children in year 6 joined other year 6 children from St. Patrick's and St. Malachy's for Mass. In this ever changing world, our understanding of the concept of 'community' is changing and the Church is moving along with this too - we can still feel a sense of community, even if it is virtually! The theme of the Mass was, 'Love One Another' which is related to their current theme in Religion in school!

The year 5 children will be joining the next virtual class Mass on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Why not join them by tuning in via the Parish link at 9:30 a.m.?

<https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/LIVE-STREAMING.php>

**THE WEDNESDAY WORD:** This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him - our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life. Ask your child what the word 'gratitude' means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word 'gratitude' means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really grateful to someone? How did they show their gratitude to that person? Each of you name one or two things (as well as your family) that you are most grateful to God for. Please click on the link to view this week's Wednesday Word. The link also provides the themes for the two weeks whilst we are away from school during half term.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holidayspecial?pid=MTA101634&v=7.7>

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** This beautiful feast day and holy day of obligation will be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> November whilst school is closed. At Mass, we will celebrate and commemorate all saints who dedicated their lives to spreading the word of God.

**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD):** This too is a beautiful day of celebration, one which originates in Mexico. Our children will be learning about how we can celebrate and remember the lives of those we love who have passed away. Learning about how other countries and cultures celebrate festivals, helps us to tolerate and understand other people and their traditions. It's going to be a fun first day back to school on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



**ART ATTACK:** It was lovely to see the children in Year 1 so excited about their art day as they came into school on Thursday morning! They have been exploring Kadinsky's circles and looking at primary and secondary colours! They have also been looking at how different colours make us feel and what they remind us of! They have worked so hard and we're so delighted with the work that they managed to complete. Miss Maymon has already posted lots of photographs onto the Year 1 story on Class Dojo as well as onto Facebook - enjoy!



**PARENTS' EVENING:** Thank you so much for being so patient as our teachers worked hard to contact you all and speak to you about how brilliantly all of the children have settled in! We consider ourselves to be so lucky to be serving our children and this community. Although it has been a little different, we hope you have enjoyed the telephone conversations and feedback on assessments and how your child has settled in. Remember, if you need any further information or have a question about teaching and learning, please message your child's class teacher on Dojo and they will respond as soon as possible/



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** There's a new and exciting virus spreading around our school! We call it the 'Attendancevirus!' For the past 4 weeks, the Year 2 children have really been full of this virus as they can't seem to stop coming into school! Now would you believe it...it seems that Attendancevirus has spread to Reception too!!! Both classes enjoyed a non-uniform day yesterday for achieving 100% attendance last week. Thank you parents for your continued support with ensuring your children are in school and on time each day. After half term, we'll be finding out which class has achieved the best attendance for the month of October.



Nursery: 92.3%	Reception: 100%	Year 1: 96.1%	Year 2: 100%
Year 3: 98.6%	Year 4: 98.5%	Year 5: 93.5%	Year 6: 98.4%

**WELCOME:** We will be welcoming a new teacher to our team after half term. Miss Daly will be our new Year 6 teacher. She has been in school this week, getting to know the class as well as preparing for next term's work. I am sure the children will give her our usual warm welcome and help her to settle in. Don't worry, Mrs Gordon, isn't going anywhere. She will be having a different role in school and will still be supporting the Year 6 class.

**PITTER PATTER OF TINY FEET:** You may have noticed that Miss Connor hasn't been in school this term. This is because she is in her final weeks of pregnancy, getting prepared for her new baby arriving and we wanted to keep her safe. She has been supporting any children who have had to work from home and we are really grateful for the teaching she has provided. Miss Connor only has a few weeks to go now so it's time for her to rest. We wish Miss Connor all the very best of luck and can't wait to hear her good news in a few weeks...watch this space!

**DEADLINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:** Calling all Year 6 parents, please remember to apply for a high school place for your child by Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November!

**SCHOOL FUND:** Thank you to everyone who has made their contributions to school fund today! Don't worry if you haven't already, you can still log into SIMS pay and donate your contribution there!

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> November, they're back! Mmmmmmm, can't wait!



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### **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 next half term is £80.50. For those who wish to pay weekly, this is £11.50.

**COMMUNICATION:** We have a new email address if parents wish to contact anyone at school. 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.

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**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: Miss Connor & family, Cecilia Fitzpatrick, Michael Crowther and the Crowther family, Rose Farragh (RIP), the Ganley family, Dorothy Lewis (RIP) the Beale & Lewis families and all other private intentions at this time.



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



**SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY FOR 2 WEEKS & RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER. STAY SAFE EVERYONE!**