



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

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (601)

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)

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.



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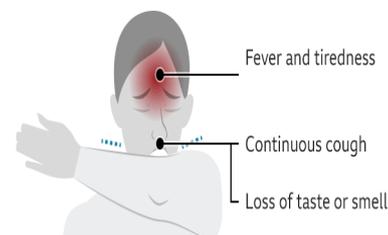
Our focus for collective worship next week is: 'Stay Awake.'



**WELCOME BACK:** As you would have all heard on the news recently, England went into a second lockdown yesterday due to rising infection levels of Covid-19. Unlike the first lockdown, the new national restrictions DO NOT apply to schools. **Therefore, school will remain open for all children.** This is fantastic news for everybody in our school community - especially our children. We are sure that you'll agree that being in school is vital for children's education as well as their mental health and wellbeing. We are delighted that our children continue to have had an uninterrupted return to school since September 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! Thank you so much. #Staysafe

**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)**



**WINTER WOOLLIES:** Winter is on the way so we have to dress accordingly. Children need their waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves for when they are playing outside or waiting for you to collect them at the end of the day.

**P.E. KITS:** Children can bring additional layers for their P.E. lessons this term. They can wear tracksuits rather than shorts & t-shirts.

**NEW STARTERS:** We welcomed the Bamforth family to our school community this week with children in various classes. We also welcomed Kyran into our Reception class. If you do happen to see the families around during pick up and drop off, please point them in the right direction if they are looking a bit lost!

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

Schools are being asked to prepare for lockdowns. 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/oETZ2gxdxC2cAab1A>. 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.



**REMEMBRANCE DURING NOVEMBER:** At this time of year, we usually hold a whole school remembrance service in our school hall. Due to the current restrictions, we will be adapting this year's service so that they can still take place but in each classroom. The classroom services will take place on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Gordon has sent a message on Class Dojo asking if any child would like to light a candle to remember a loved one during the service. Parents are invited to respond on Class Dojo giving the full name of the person that you would like us to remember and pray for.



**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Next Tuesday, the children in year 4 will be joining 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 will be 'Baptism' which is related to their current theme in Religion in school. 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:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of The Ten Bridesmaids. This reminds us about Wisdom and how it is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life. God loves us and sent Jesus to help us to grow in wisdom. Ask your child what the word 'wisdom' means to them. Who do they know to be a wise person? What makes a person wise? You may want to remind your child about a time when they made a wise choice - something which pleased you and made you proud of them. Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a powerful way to show that we are growing in wisdom. Please click on the link to view this week's Wednesday Word. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/wisdom?pid=MTA101634&v=8.8>



**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD):** On Monday, the whole school held a beautiful day of celebration, one which originated in Mexico. The children learnt about how we celebrate and remember the lives of those we love who have passed away. Learning about how other countries and cultures celebrate festivals, really helps us to tolerate and understand other people and their traditions. Check out our Facebook page to see how your child's class celebrated!



**ART ATTACK:** It was lovely to see the children in Year 4 so excited about their art day as they came into school yesterday morning! They have been exploring Egyptian artefacts in preparation for their next topic and will certainly be intrigued to learn more about the Ancient Egyptian civilization over 5000 years ago!! They have worked so hard and we're delighted with the work they managed to complete. Check out some of the photos on the Year 4 Class Dojo page. Next Thursday, it will be Year 5's Art Day so parents, as always, please send the children into school in clothes that you don't mind getting messy.



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** ...and don't our parents know it!!!! **71% of children in our school achieved 100% attendance** so far this term and that is absolutely fantastic!!! As you know, we had a fantastic start to the year with the majority of our children enjoying good health. Our teachers gave out rewards and prizes today for those children who met our target for last half term. We have loved seeing everyone back where they belong and the overwhelming feedback from the children is that they have loved being back with their friends. The evidence emerging also shows that there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions. Many thanks for your continued support in meeting our attendance target of 97%. #AttendanceMatters



**FLU VACCINATIONS:** The nasal flu vaccine team will be in school on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please click on the link to consent or decline for this year's nasal flu vaccinations.

<https://www.nhs.uk/FLU/information?Id=105527&Type=FLU>

The link will close on 18/11/20. If any parent/carer has any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team on 0333 358 3397. Thank you.

**YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** We are delighted to hear that swimming lessons are not affected by the recent national restrictions. School swimming will be the only activity taking place within leisure centres during this period until at least 2nd December and Covid operations within the leisure centre continue to be of a high standard. Therefore, please send the children into school with their swimming kits on Monday for their usual lesson.

**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.



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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 remainder of this half term is £69.00. 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, Michael Crowther (RIP), the Crowther family, Pauline Ryan (RIP), the Turner family, Mary Castell (RIP), the Castell family, Tony Boyd (RIP) and all other private intentions at this time.



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

