



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

13th November 2020 (602)

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)

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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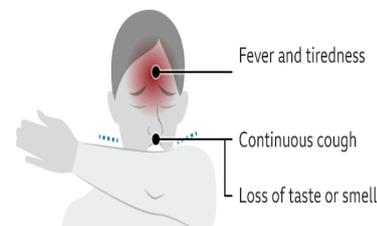
Our focus for collective worship next week celebrates of our Patron Saint-St.Edmund



BUBBLE CLOSURES: Following government guidance, school needed to close the Nursery and Year 2 bubbles this week. Although unfortunate, we were well prepared for this and there has been minimal disruption to the children's learning. Thank you to our Nursery and Year 2 parents for engaging with the teachers on Class Dojo to ensure continuity. The teachers of these 2 classes will be working from home and setting online lessons. They will also be completing welfare calls to check in on you all so please answer if you receive a call from a 'No caller ID.' Our Year 2 class are due to return to school on **Friday, 20th November** and Nursery will return on **Monday, 23rd November**. Thank you so much for your understanding and working with us for the benefit of our children. #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.



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

As you know, our preparations for lockdown learning were put to the test this week! 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.



JOHN SOYOYE (RIP): Our school community has been shocked and shaken to hear the devastating news that one of our own past pupils has been killed. Our thoughts and prayers are with John and his family at this time.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: On Wednesday morning, the children were impeccably behaved as they observed a 2 minutes silence to remember the service men and women who have sadly lost their life in all wars. During the afternoon, each class held a special remembrance service in their own classrooms. The children were given the opportunity to light a candle to remember and pray for a deceased loved one. As always, our children were extremely reverent and respectful during their respective class services. Thank you parents for passing on the names of loved ones to the teachers.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: On Tuesday, the children in year 4 joined children from St. Patrick's and St. Malachy's for an online Mass. The theme of the Mass was 'Celebrating our Baptism' and Father Jim reminded the children that God called them and chose them to live as his children, in goodness and friendship. Next Tuesday, the children in Year 3 will be celebrating Mass with the theme being 'Celebrating our Gifts and Talents.' 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 reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' he was speaking about was a sum of money - a weight of silver or gold. In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have. Why not ask your child what the word 'talent' means to them. Everybody has some God-given gifts or talents. They might not be as obvious as being good at sport, or acting, or singing, but they are just as valuable and please God greatly (e.g. helping out someone who is new to school, being able to cheer people up, or simply being a patient listener or a good friend). As a family, name each other's special talents. Each of you take it in turns to say which talent you are especially grateful to God for. Please click on the link to view this week's Wednesday Word. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/talent?pid=MTA101634&v=9.9>



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the children will be completing work around how we should all be 'united against bullying.' To show that we are united, we are asking all of our children, parents and staff to wear their oddest socks on **Monday, 16th November and Friday, 20th November.** The odder the better!!



ART ATTACK: The children in Year 5 were so excited about their art day as they came into school on Thursday morning! They have been using paints to explore how they can express emotions with different tints and tones of colour to create Antarctic landscapes. Mrs Phillips was really pleased with the work that the children managed to complete. Check out some of the photos on the Year 5 Class Dojo page. Next Thursday, it will be Year 6's Art Day so parents, as always, please send the children into school in clothes that you don't mind getting messy.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Our attendance target continues to be 97% and unfortunately, we fell short of that last week with 95.4%. Congratulations to the Nursery class who achieved an outstanding 100% last week and they will enjoy a non-uniform day on Friday, 27th November. A polite reminder to all parents to telephone the school office by 8:50 a.m. if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. Sometimes, messages sent to teachers on Class Dojo are not picked up until the end of the school day and unfortunately, this is too late as registers will already be closed. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Nursery: 100%	Reception: 94.1%	Year 1: 96.4%	Year 2: 95.7%
Year 3: 95.4%	Year 4: 94.9%	Year 5: 93.5%	Year 6: 95%

FLU VACCINATIONS: The nasal flu vaccine team will be in school on Wednesday, 25th 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.

NEW ONLINE MUSIC CLUB: Band on the Wall in Manchester have started a new online music club starting on Saturday, 14th November from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The club will be running for the next 5 weeks and the cost is £15.00. There are full bursaries available. At their new online World of Music Journeys, children can take a musical tour of the world from their own home! They'll meet superstar musicians from different countries and be the audience at private concerts! They'll receive a tin whistle in their welcome pack which they'll learn to play, along with any other instruments they have in their home! And they'll complete the Arts Award Discover programme and receive a certificate! **No previous music skills are needed.** Email learning@bandonthewall.org for further information and to register.

BLUE PETER ON YOUTUBE: Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and they are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about their incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. If interested, parents can subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30 p.m. every week, or on BBC iPlayer.



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.



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 £57.50. 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. 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.

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: John Soyoye (RIP) and the Soyoye family, Miss Connor & family, Michael Crowther (RIP), the Crowther family, Pauline Ryan (RIP), the Turner family, Mary Castell (RIP), the Castell family, Tony Boyd (RIP), the faithful departed (RIP) and all other private intentions at this time.



John Soyoye-Rest in Peace

Stay with us Lord... on our journey.