



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

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (603)

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)



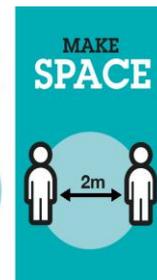
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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Jim after one of the weekend Masses listed above.

**Our focus for collective worship next week is: 'God guides us.'**

**NATIONAL LOCKDOWN:** As you all know, we are now half way through 'Lockdown 2' and strict restrictions apply.

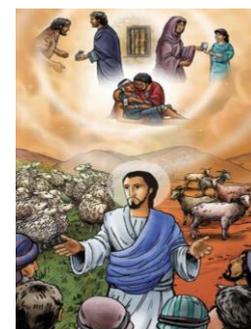
- We must stay at home
- We must only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work
- We must work from home if we can
- We must avoid travel unless essential



**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL:** We were delighted to welcome back our Year 2 class today after their period of self-isolation. Miss Green reports that the children are really happy to be back in the classroom, learning with all of their friends. Thank you parents and carers for supporting your children at home with their online learning and engaging with us as we completed welfare calls to you and your child. Next **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, we will be welcoming back the Nursery class as they too will have completed their period of self-isolation.

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** On Tuesday, the children in year 3 joined children from St. Patrick's and St. Malachy's for an online Mass. The theme of the Mass was 'Talents' and Father Jim reminded the children that God gave each of us talents when we were born. During his sermon, he encouraged the children to use their talents wisely for their own good and the good of others. Next Tuesday, the children in Year 2 will be celebrating Mass. 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 is the last in the Church's year and is the day that we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to Him, and we will be rewarded when he comes again at the end of time. Why not sit down together as a family this weekend and ask your child what the word 'kindness' means to them. To be kind is to be considerate and helpful - to have concern for others. Perhaps each of you speak about a kind person: at school, at work, or in the community. How do they show their kindness? Who has been especially kind to me? Have I done anything especially kind recently? Please click on the link to view this week's Wednesday Word. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/kindness?pid=MTA101634&v=10.10>



**ALL CHANGE IN EARLY YEARS:** From **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, the Nursery and Reception classes will be swapping classrooms. This will mean there are new drop off and pick up points for our Nursery and Reception children. Staff will be around next week to point you in the right direction! Please read the letter sent on Class Dojo & email for further details.



**FLU VACCINATIONS:** The nasal flu vaccine team will be in school on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. The link to accept or decline has now closed. However 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.



**HOLY COMMUNION:** Many Y4 parents have been asking when the children will make their First Holy Communion. Plans are now being put in place for this to happen in January. Parents will receive more details of this very shortly.

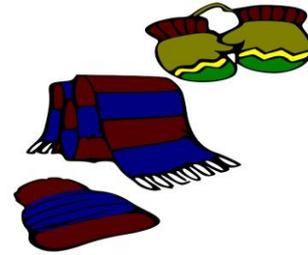


**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** Our attendance target continues to be 97% and unfortunately, we fell short of that last week with 95.6%. Congratulations to the two classes that did manage to achieve 97%+, they were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes playtime this week. The Nursery class will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November** for their 100% attendance the week before last. The competition is certainly hotting up for which class will win the highest attendance for the month of November. Remember, the winning class will be rewarded with an ice-cream party!! 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 cooperation with this.

Nursery: 100%	Reception: 96.4%	Year 1: 95%	Year 2: 83.9%
Year 3: 94.2%	Year 4: 97.5%	Year 5: 93.5%	Year 6: 99%

**KEEPING WARM:** The weather has been typically Mancunian recently with lots of wet weather especially at drop off and pick up times! Children will 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. It's only going to get colder from now up until Christmas so let's work together to try to keep those winter sniffles and colds at bay because, as we all know, it's certainly no fun feeling poorly! You might notice the classes doing 'on the spot' exercises whilst they wait in the playground - this is to help keep them warm and it's a bit of fun!



**P.E. KITS:** Whilst in the winter months, children can bring additional layers for their P.E. lessons. They can wear tracksuits rather than shorts & t-shirts. This will help keep them warm as they have their lessons outdoors.

**LEARNING AT HOME:** As you know, 2 classes were learning from home this past fortnight! Luckily, we've not needed to close any bubbles this week but if we do in the future, we are well prepared. To help, we have put together a simple questionnaire <https://forms.gle/ohpDPXQRCWdsJi5y9>. 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.



**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK:** This week was Anti-Bullying Week and it was lovely to see so many children and staff wearing their oddest socks on Monday and today to show that they are 'United Against Bullying.' All of the children had the opportunity to review our child friendly anti-bullying policy as well as participate in specially prepared lessons organised by their teachers. During their music lessons, the children learnt a brilliant anti-bullying rap to express their understanding of the many different types of bullying. Check out our Facebook page and Class Dojo to see what your child's class have been up to!



**ART ATTACK:** The children in Year 6 were so excited about their art day as they came into school on Thursday morning! They have been exploring Mancunian urban art and experimenting with mixing colours to create their very own urban masterpiece in the style of local Mancunian artists! Mrs Phillips was overjoyed with the work that the children completed and there were some truly wonderful masterpieces to put on display. Check out some of the photos on the Year 6 Class Dojo page. Next Thursday, it will be Year 2's Art Day so parents, as always, please send the children into school in clothes that you don't mind getting messy.

**WORLD FAITH WEEK:** Next week we will be celebrating World Faith Week in school. The focus this year will be on Sikhism. Sikhism is one of the world's youngest religions being founded just over 500 years ago. Despite being so young, it is the fifth largest religion in the world with over 20 million followers. The teachers are busy preparing informative and exciting lessons where the children will learn similarities and differences between beliefs and traditions associated to their own faith as well as Sikhism. Next week, please ask your child what they have learnt about Sikhism and as always, check out our Facebook and Class Dojo pages to see some of the fun learning taking place.



**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.



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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 £46.00 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.

**PARENTAL CONSENT UPDATE:** Please note that a link will be sent to parents on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November to update consent preferences for photographs in school. Please complete the link as soon as possible so that we can continue to share photos of your child and their learning in school. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY LUNCH:** Yes, it's that time of year already! If your child has packed lunches, please watch out for an email from school next week with a link to choose whether you would like your child to participate in the festivities and have a Christmas lunch on Tuesday, 15th December and a party lunch on Wednesday, 16th December.



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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: Kathleen Clarke (RIP), Father Jim Clarke & family, Miss Connor & family, Michael Crowther (RIP), the Crowther family, Pauline Ryan (RIP), the Turner family, Mary Castell (RIP), the Castell family, the faithful departed (RIP), and all other private intentions at this time.



*“How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each one of us could say: ‘Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!’” Pope Francis*

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