



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

23rd June 2023

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

Our statement to live by next week is:

"I KNOW WHAT HUMAN DIGNITY MEANS AND I SHOW THAT I RESPECT OTHERS."

Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who have embraced the revised arrangements for drop off and collection at the start and end of the school day. We will continue to practise and work together this half term to ensure the arrangements are embedded in readiness for September. As a reminder, the school gates will open for drop off at 8:40 a.m. and close at 8:50 a.m. for **all pupils**. Any latecomers must report to the school office to have their child signed in. At home time, the gates will open at 3:15 p.m. for collection of **all pupils**.



SHOW COURAGE: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is sending out his disciples to heal and to preach the good news. Even if they are met with hostility and persecution, they must be true to Jesus. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming truth and exposing falsehood. Now his disciples must courageously do the same.

Most of us require courage at some time in our lives, so it's good and helpful to nurture courage in our children. As our children mature, it's essential for them to be brave and have the courage to say 'no' when necessary, even if it means going against the crowd or speaking up for truth. It takes courage to stand up for the truth.

This Gospel reminds us not to be afraid to speak out for what is right and true. Courage helps us to do many great things: to resist temptations, to overcome obstacles and to face our fears when we have followed what is good.

"Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that Jesus never fails to give his support." (Pope Francis)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: We look forward to gathering together as a school and parish community this Sunday to celebrate with the Year 3 children as they receive their First Holy Communion. As a reminder, Mass will start at 9:30 a.m. so families are encouraged to take their seats by 9:15 a.m. as the church will be very busy! We wish our children the very best and we hope they have a lovely celebration after the Mass with their families. Sister Anne and the team of Catechists very kindly invite families upstairs after Mass for refreshments. Please make sure you thank them for this. On **Wednesday, 28th June**, there will be a another celebration Mass with the whole school in the hall at 9:15 a.m. The children will then have their photographs taken in their Communion outfits before getting changed into their party clothes and enjoying a party day with their friends. Such memorable times!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Thursday, 29th June is the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and so we will be celebrating Mass in the school hall at 9:15 a.m.. As always, parents/carers are welcome to along.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. Well done to our Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 classes for surpassing our whole school attendance target of 97%. The children in these classes were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes leisure time this week. We're already entering the last week of June and the competition is very close to see which class will be the ice-cream party winners this month! Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school and continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.

Nursery: 94%	Reception: 90.7%	Year 1: 94.4%	Year 2: 98%
Year 3: 95%	Year 4: 98.7%	Year 5: 91.9%	Year 6: 97.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95%			

CHANGES TO OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY: To bring us in line with other Manchester schools, any families who take holidays during term time will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £60.00. Both parents will receive a fine for each child in school. This change in policy will be from September.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: 'RECORD YOUR CHILD READING AND PLAY IT BACK TO THEM!' This is a really good way to ensure that your child improves with skills like intonation and expression. Perhaps choose just one page from their reading book where an exclamation mark, question mark and/or speech mark is used by the author. Ask them to practise how the pitch of their voice changes to reflect the specific punctuation used on the page. Then, record your child on a device and play it back to them to see where improvements can be made. Try it... it's really fun and children just love watching themselves read aloud!



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Manchester City Council have set up a cost of living advice line for anybody who is struggling with the increases in food and energy bills or who is generally struggling financially. The free telephone line offers support with:

- Benefits and help with your rent
- Advice about debt and paying bills
- Food support - help to find community food provision near you
- Help to get online - support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data.

You can also access their cost of living advice line by calling 0800 023 2692. The line is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) have released details of their [water safety campaign](#) launched last week. The campaign warns people of the dangers of open water, whilst letting them know what to do if they get into trouble (float to live) or see someone else in trouble (call, tell, throw). Further information including a social media toolkit is available [on their website](#).





END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS: Everyone is getting very excited for the end of year school trips! Parents will be aware that all trips have been heavily subsidised by school and for budgeting purposes, the governors have decided that a reduced cost of £10 will be the cap for every pupil in Years 1-5. The deadline for payments has already passed and for those that still need to make payment, they can do so on Pay360. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the staff in school with our 'Trip'le A challenge. The trips promise to be memorable occasions for all of our pupils so do look out on our Facebook page for lots of children having some well deserved fun and laughter!

YEAR 6 CAMPING TRIP TO NORTH WALES: Most families of pupils in Year 6 have already started with their payment plan but if any parent/carer is struggling to budget, please call in at the school office and a member of our admin team will help you to set up a payment plan. The next meeting for Year 6 parents will be on **Monday, 26th June** at 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Attendance at this meeting is vital and parents will need to bring up to date medical records for their child as well as their latest emergency contact details.



CURRICULUM NEWS: Wow, such a busy week in many areas of the curriculum! The Year 3 children had an amazing time in Wrexham on Thursday as they went back in time to discover what life was like for the Romans who settled in Britain nearly 2000 years ago. They visited a Roman fort and became Roman soldiers learning to battle in formation! The Reception class have been learning about healthy eating and Miss Cox was told off by the children for bringing an unhealthy lunch into school that contained a fizzy drink, sweets, cake and chocolate! The children soon put her right and let her know what she should be bring into school for her lunch in future! The Nursery children have continued with their theme of the 3 little pigs and have been exploring why bricks were a good material to build a house for protection from the Big Bad Wolf! There's lots more to see on our school Facebook page so why not check in and give your child's class a 'like'!

DINNER MONEY: For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance by **Monday morning** on Pay360. Dinner money for the remainder of the term is £47.00 Thank you!

CONSULTATION: At this time of year, our governors like to evaluate and review how well our school is doing and what we need to do to improve. They want to hear from parents, children and staff. Therefore, next week, we will provide a link to a questionnaire for parents to respond to.

ITALIAN WALKS: The annual Italian Walks will take place on **Sunday, 2nd July** and St. Patrick's Parish will be joining the procession. Traditionally, children who have recently made their First Holy Communion, get dressed into their communion outfits and join the procession with their parents. For any family that would like to participate, the procession will be departing from St. Michael's, Ancoats at 1:15 p.m.



INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION Parents will receive a letter via email today giving further details of the classes affected by strike action being taken by teachers who are members of the NEU union.

WEDNESDAY 5th JULY 2023:

The following classes **will be CLOSED** to pupils: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. The following class **will be open** to pupils: Year 3.

FRIDAY 7th JULY 2023:

The following classes **will be CLOSED** to pupils: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 3.

The following class **will be open** to pupils: Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 (camping).

DIARY DATES: As you know, we have an extremely busy term. At the end of this newsletter there is an updated list of significant dates so that parents/carers are aware of all that is going on and can plan and prepare.

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!



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Janet Turigye, Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, Anne and Tony Clarke, Mrs Monowara Begum, our Year 3 children and families on the Sacramental Programme, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families from Sudan and Ukraine and others seeking asylum from war torn countries, all fathers, Canon Paul Daly, Father Moses, Deacon Stephen, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



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