

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

30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk)

Facebook page: [St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/St.EdmundsRomanCatholicPrimarySchool)



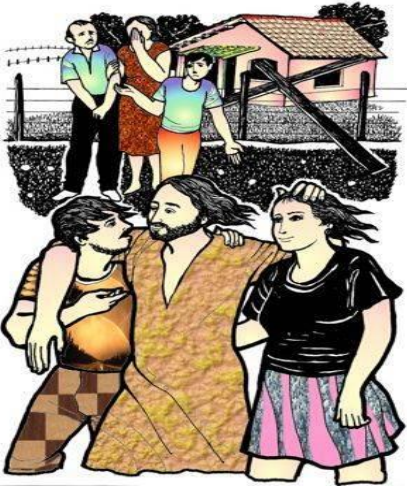
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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

Our statement to live by next week is:

**"I STAND UP FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY."**

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**.



**BE SELFLESS:** In this Sunday's Gospel, like teachers of that time, Jesus uses blunt language to grab his disciples' attention and promises unlimited rewards for even the smallest act of kindness, like giving someone a cup of water. However, following Jesus would certainly have meant making some very difficult decisions for his disciples at that time. Through this Gospel, Jesus is encouraging his disciples to be selfless - to give him first place in their lives. They are to forget about themselves and to put others' needs before their own - to be selfless.

This message is for each one of us today. Selflessness is part of everyday life. We prove our love by our actions - it is selflessness which makes people truly great, warmly remembered and deeply loved. The happiest people are actually those who are selfless and serve others. St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) reminds us:

*"We will be the happiest people in the world if we belong to God, if we place ourselves at his disposal, if we let him use us as he pleases."*

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** What a lovely week of celebrations for our Year 3 children who took another important step on their journey of faith. The week began with a beautiful First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday and it was wonderful to see the children looking so radiant in their outfits. Thank you to all the families who came along to join the celebration and for supporting the children. We celebrated as a whole school community on Wednesday with another Mass and the children enjoyed an afternoon of party games and fun with their classmates. A week that the children will never forget!



**PRAYER & WORSHIP:** Thank you to the parents and carers that joined us at Mass on Thursday to celebrate the solemnity of the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. Our next Mass will be on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July** and it will be our final Mass of the school year. This will be led by our Year 6 leavers and all parents/carers are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9:15 a.m.



**ITALIAN WALKS:** The annual Italian Walks will take place this **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 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. 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 (**H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.



Nursery: 95%	Reception: 94.7%	Year 1: 99.3%	Year 2: 96.3%
Year 3: 97.7%	Year 4: 99%	Year 5: 98.1%	Year 6: 91.4%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.3%			

**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:** Be a good role-model to your child and make regular reading part of your daily routine. We all know that the children look up to their parents and see them as positive role-models. So why not take time out of a very busy day to turn off the T.V, mobile phone and other digital devices and immerse yourself in a good book.



**GREAT NEWS:** We are very proud to have been awarded the National Nurturing Schools award this week. The award is in recognition that the school can evidence success in implementing and embedding a nurturing culture that responds to the social, emotional and mental health needs of its pupils, alongside their academic studies. Congratulations to our Nurture Team and Nurture Champions who have worked towards the school being awarded this prestigious status.

**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.







**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (known as the SVP) in our parish is launching a scheme to gather food supplies for people who find themselves in difficulty during the cost of living crisis.

Their aim is to provide short term help so that people have space to get back on track.

If you can spare any non perishable items they will be greatly appreciated - Tins, rice, pasta, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc. There is a collection station at St. Patrick's Church.

The SVP operates on a referral basis, so if you know of someone in our community, who find themselves struggling, please let them know that they can:

- Contact the SVP on 07803 507018
- Describe the situation they find themselves in
- Give the SVP an idea of how much food they might need

Volunteers at the SVP will do their best to match their needs. What a fantastic charity!

**GREASE LIGHTNING!:** St. Matthew's R. C. High School and their Performing Arts Faculty are putting on a performance of the well known musical 'Grease'. Performances will be on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> of July commencing at 6:00p.m. Tickets cost £4.50 for adults or there is a concession of £3.50. Please contact the school for further details on how to purchase a ticket.

**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:** Thank you to the parents who attended the final preparation meeting on Monday evening. If any parent hasn't yet provided an up to date medical form or emergency contact form, please see Mrs Fox before the trip on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.



**CURRICULUM NEWS:** Yet again... a very busy week in the curriculum and the enrichment of the curriculum we have to offer at St. Edmund's. The Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils were treated to a question and answer session with some real life judges who visited the school on Monday. The Urban Crew were out and about at Sharston Recycling Centre on Wednesday and they were given a greater insight into where our recycling products go before they are processed. The Reception class started their topic about friendship and focussed upon how saying sorry and forgiving others forms stronger bonds and friendships that last forever!

**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 £35.25 Thank you!

**CHANGE IS ON THE WAY!!:** Unfortunately Pay360, our online payment system, is being withdrawn by the company at the end of July. This means that we will have to move over to a new payment system before the end of term in order to be ready for September. More information about how to register will be sent out shortly. Please keep an eye out and register as soon as possible so that you are ready for the start of the new school year.

**PRICE INCREASE:** From September, the price of a school meal will be £2.45 per day, £12.25 per week. The menus for September are attached. Please note that there is also a choice of sandwiches or jacket potatoes available each day. If you wish your child to move from packed lunch to school meals, or vice versa, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

**UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** As you are aware, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a free school meal each day as part of the government's Universal Free School Meals initiative.

This means that children who are currently in the Nursery 2 class will no longer pay for meals when they move to the Reception class in September. Please can you make sure that any dinner money arrears are cleared before the end of term.

This also means that children who are currently in Year 2 will need to pay for their meals from September when they move into Year 3.

**FSM VOUCHERS:** The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for the Summer break to help with the financial pressures placed on many of our families at this time. This will be a one off payment of £55.00 issued to parents in the last week of term. This can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Please contact the school office before the break if you have any problems accessing the voucher.

**CONSULTATIONS:** 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, please take this opportunity to click on the link and be part of our evaluation. It shouldn't take you more than 10 minutes! <https://forms.gle/4w9DK4pWzEvsQp359>

**READING BOOKS:** In order for the teaching staff to allocate your child to the correct reading book band in September, reading books will be collected in from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION:** You will have received a letter via email last week giving details of the classes affected by strike action being taken by teachers who are members of the NEU union.

#### **WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

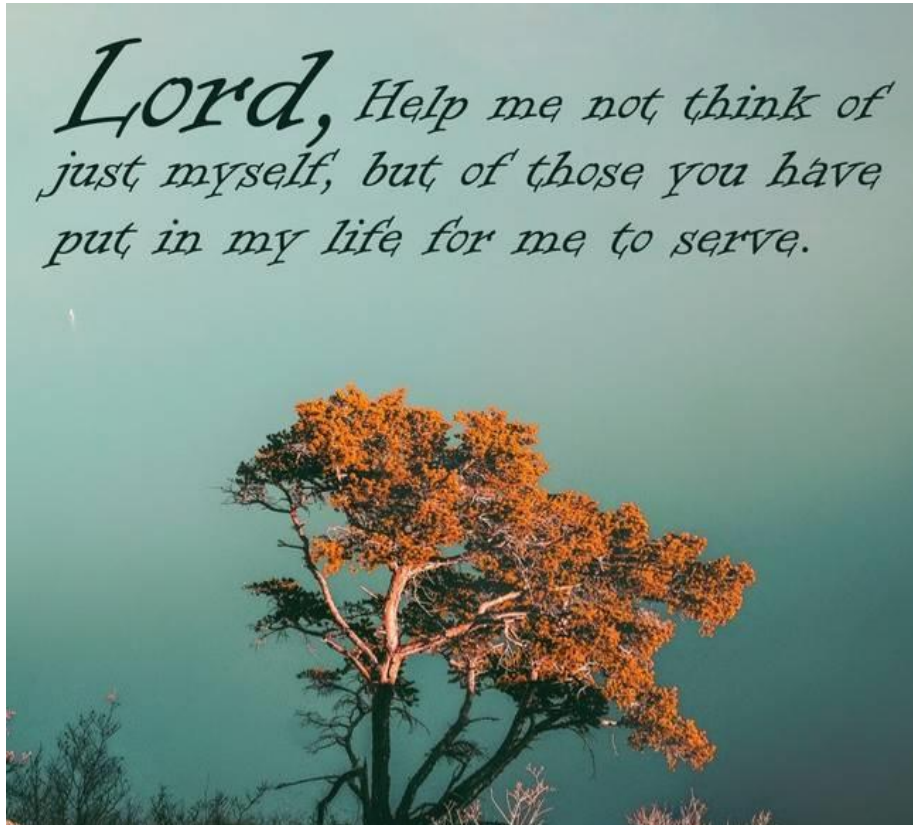
**DIARY DATES:** As you know, we have an extremely busy term. At the end of this newsletter there is an updated list of significant dates so that parents/carers are aware of all that is going on and can plan and prepare.

**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 First Communicants, 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.*