



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

21<sup>st</sup> July 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)

## **THIS IS OUR FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2023**

### CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES....COME ON, LET'S CELEBRATE!

Our year came to an end this morning with our final celebration assembly and we had much to celebrate! Every child who participated in our sports day received a certificate and the winning house this year was....St. Matthew!! 23 children were rewarded for having 100% attendance for this year which is a fantastic achievement! Not only that, 3 children managed 2 consecutive years of 100% and 1 child has even managed 3 years of 100% consecutively! Other children received certificates for using our Gospel Values or remembering our essential life skills as well as children being rewarded for outstanding efforts in class.

In fact, the final few weeks of this term has been all about celebrating and enjoying the end of what has been a truly successful year for our children. We've had sports day, a music festival, a visit from a mobile farm, the Y6 residential and every year group has had a celebratory trip out! Parents/Guardians, you've received your child's end of year reports along with your child's school books. We hope you're as proud as we are of all the children. We know just how hard they work in lessons and the amount of effort they put into their work. We know they try their very best to live out our challenging Gospel Values and this shows in their exemplary behaviour. The staff in school are really proud and this is why we wanted to reward them with a really special finale for the end of the year. WELL DONE CHILDREN!

### GRADUATES

We're delighted to hear that a number of our parents and past pupils have been graduating this month! Our congratulations to you all - what an inspiration you are to our children! We wish you every success with your qualifications!

### THANK YOU!

On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank our staff for all their hard work. All of the above events don't happen by magic - they take a lot of co-ordinating, organising, planning and preparation. Lots of staff give additional time so that all of the above can go ahead. I know that parents/guardians appreciate this.

I would also like to thank you, our parents/guardians for everything that you do to support our staff in school. For all the times you hear your child read, help them complete homework, run after them with their P.E. kit when you could be doing 100 other things. Because all of you are investing your time, love and money into your children, they are able to shine and flourish like they do! Thank you! We appreciate your support and enjoy working in partnership with you.

## SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WEIDERSEIN, GOOD-BYE!

We say good-bye to our Y6 children today (Class of 2023) and thank them for their leadership and support over this year. They really did step up to the responsibilities they were given and have been fantastic ambassadors and role models for our school. We wish them all the very best for the next chapter in their lives as they transition to high school and we look forward to them visiting when they come to show off their new uniforms!

We also say good-bye to some of our children: Andria-Luka in Year 4 is off to Chethams Music School due to his fantastic music abilities! Congratulations to him! The Ibizugbe/Asemota family are moving out of the area so we wish them well as they settle into a new home town and school. We also say good-bye to two of our youngest pupils, Raife and Ben as they'll be starting Reception in schools nearer to their homes. We wish all of these children lots of luck in their new schools.

Unfortunately, we'll be saying good-bye to some of our staff today as well. Mrs Gordon is very close to having her new baby and we wish her and her young family all the very best as they welcome their latest addition! We say thank you and good-bye to Miss Walsh who has done a superb job of looking after our Year 1 class whilst Mrs Betney has been absent. We also say thank you and good-bye to Mr Hughes, Miss Clarke, Miss McCormick, Miss McEwan and Miss Crowther. We wish them all the very best in their next adventures and hope they take fond memories of St. Edmund's with them.

## TRANSITION

Most children had the opportunity to meet their new teachers for September and this will help them to get excited about 'moving on up'. Early on in September, parents will be invited into school to meet and greet your new teachers and you'll have the chance to find out exactly what will be happening for your child. ***Please look out for a letter from me via email just before the term starts with some further updates and relevant information for the start of the year.***

## CHANGES TO FINANCIAL MATTERS

**SCHOOL GATEWAY:** As you are aware, Pay360, our online payment system, is being withdrawn by the company. This means that we are moving over to School Gateway and ask that you register before the end of term in order to be ready for September. More information has already been sent out this week so please check your emails and register as soon as possible so that you are ready for the start of the new school year.

It probably won't come as a surprise to you that unfortunately, we too, are having to raise our charges for certain services despite still subsidising them.

**Breakfast club:** this will increase to £15.00 a week.

**School meals:** these will increase to £2.45 per day, £12.25 per week.

**After school club:** NO CHARGE, completely funded by school so please make the most of this.

**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.

# Free school meal VOUCHERS

**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 is a one off payment of £55.00 issued to parents this week. 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.

**DREADING THE 6 WEEK HOLIDAYS?!** The Summer holidays are fast approaching. MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of **FREE** places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activities will range from Sport and Physical Activities, Arts and Crafts and much more. In addition to the activities, their booked place will include a **FREE** meal during the day.

**For more information & to book your child's space\*:**

You will need to sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcractive.com/> (sign in) to book free Summer Holiday activities. Once signed up, log into your account - [Find Activities](#) - Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' - **Use code: 64894** to book free eligible activities. You can also visit <https://loadstodo.co.uk/> to view additional FREE holiday activities and other opportunities taking place across the city.

**Please note that the system will only show sessions 6 weeks in advance, so you may need to log back in at a later date to make further bookings.**

\*Please only book your child onto a holiday camp if they will be attending. Spaces at each camp are limited. If you book a space and your child can no longer attend, please cancel your space as far in advance as possible, to allow the opportunity for another child to take their space at the activity and free meal.

**ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS:** Parents of children in our current Y5 class, the window for Y7 applications is now open.

Parents can make their online application through the portal on the Council's website: <https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

*The majority of high schools have open evenings early on in the Autumn term.*



**SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY AT 1.00 P.M. AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

*On behalf of all the staff, we hope that all of our families have an enjoyable and restful summer holiday full of fun and laughter. We look forward to seeing you all back in one piece, fully fit and raring to go in September.*

We close our year in prayer....

*Jesus, Jesus, live in me so that everything I do is done by you.*

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