



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

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### WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

Saturday: Vigil Mass -6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

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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 Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father 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 UNDERSTAND THAT RIGHTS MATCH RESPONSIBILITY.'**



**BE HUMBLE:** This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that God will reward those who are humble. God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God. There are many blessings in life - let's not just take them for granted. How can we grow in humility in the coming weeks? Perhaps we can: avoid boasting; recognise and praise other peoples' gifts; be happy about other peoples' achievements; say sorry to each other when we know we're wrong; say sorry to God if we have done wrong; remember to thank God for the many blessings in our lives.

*"Being humble helps us share the problems of others. When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things."  
(Pope Francis)*

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:** Today, we gathered together in the hall for our Attendance Assembly. This is when we celebrate those children who managed to achieve our whole school target of 97% for the first half term of the Autumn Term. We had 156 pupils who managed to meet our whole school attendance target which is really fantastic. Of these 156, 117 pupils managed to achieve an incredible 100% attendance! Special prizes and stickers were awarded to all those celebrating hitting the target and we must thank our Attendance Ambassadors from Y6 for helping promote good attendance at school. It was a double celebration for Year 4 who were the winning class for October's Ice Cream Party!! Well done children and thank you parents/carers for your continued support and encouragement of your children to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Please remember, it is parents responsibility to inform school when your child is absent.

**Attendance  
Assembly**

**THANK YOU!** The Non-Uniform Day on the last Friday of half term raised £102.47 for School Fund. Thank you so much for your continued support and generous donations.

**REMEMBRANCE LITURGY:** On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a Remembrance Liturgy for Years 1-6 in the school hall at 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for all members of our school community to come together, light a candle and pray for the repose of the soul of a loved one that has gone before us. You should have received a letter recently asking for the names of loved ones that families would like to remember. Please send the form back into school to your child's class teacher by **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November**.



**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** The whole school gathered together in the hall on Wednesday morning to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Thank you to those parents/carers and parishioners who joined the staff and children to remember all of the saints known and unknown who are enjoying eternal happiness in heaven. Our next Mass will be on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November** and this will be the feast day of our patron saint-St. Edmund! Mass will commence at 9:15 a.m. and as always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us in the school hall.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Attention Year 3 parents!! The children will begin their Sacramental Programme shortly and here are some dates for your diary:

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023** - Parents' and pupil meeting to prepare for the Rite of Presentation. (3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023** - Rite of Presentation Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024** - First Forgiveness at St. Patrick's Church (7:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024** - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)



**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **TAKE BREAKS WHILST READING.** Your child doesn't have to read an entire book in one go! Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it's just a couple of minutes at a time. If they have to close the book early because it's time for tea, or they're just losing interest, that's okay. Reading can take a lot of mental energy and taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.

**ATTENTION YEAR 1 AND 2 PARENTS AND CARERS!:** As you know, being successful at reading at an early age is the key to success in other subject areas as your child develops academically. During the Parents' Evening last half term, parents were given information about the importance of this and what the expectations are for children by the end of Key Stage 1. The teachers would love to share some really handy tips with you about how to support your child with phonics and early reading at home. Why not come along to an additional meeting about all things to do with reading at this vital age on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November** at either 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m? We look forward to seeing you then!

## Reading Meeting for Parents



## Cost of Living SUPPORT



**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** Are you currently struggling with your family finances? You may qualify for help through Discretionary Housing and council tax payments. In a financial crisis, you can also apply for fuel and cash grants. Visit <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/financialsupport> for more details.

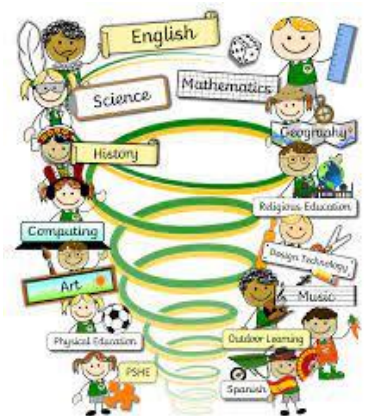
**E-SAFETY TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **CREATE A FAMILY MEDIA AGREEMENT.** Create your own internet/device rules for your household and have your child agree to adhere to them. We posted an example of an agreement on our school Facebook page this week so please feel free to use it and adapt it to suit your own family. A media agreement can have more impact when children contribute their own ideas. This agreement might include designated tech-free zones such as cars, meals, and bedrooms. Many experts recommend these three areas as key places to avoid using devices. Keeping devices "in view" in common household areas is an essential internet safety strategy for many families.



**ATTENTION NURSERY AND RECEPTION PARENTS AND CARERS:** On **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November**, we'll be having another stay and play session from 8:40-10:00 a.m. You're all very welcome to join us and we know the children and staff will just love to see you there!

**THE INCREDIBLE YEARS!** Do you sometimes wonder who is in charge in your house?! Did anyone give you any training for the most challenging job which is 24/7, 12 months of the year?! We have just the answer... there is a new course for 'Parents as Partners' to support parents to build positive relationships with their children. It is to suit all parents of children of Primary School age and can really help you to raise your children with confidence! It's every Thursday at the Lally Centre, Collyhurst. It starts at 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Why not go along and see if it's for you? To find out more and to book a place, please call Lorraine Cumbo on 205-3754 or 07949 228910. Alternatively, call the school office.

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** The teachers and children have really hit the ground running this week and they've come back to school refreshed and ready to go! The Year 6 class had special visitors for their PSHE lesson this week. Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service gave a really informative presentation about bonfire and firework safety as well as anti-social behaviour. The Year 3 class have started their new Science topic all about nutrition and diet. They learnt about the 5 food groups and what makes a balanced diet. The Nursery children were out and about in the school grounds as they investigated the world around themselves. They explored falling leaves and then took them inside to sort them by colour during Maths! Why not visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?



**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB:** Now that the nights are drawing in, our after school club will finish at 4.15 p.m. This will give chance for families who are walking or getting the bus home, to get home safely before it gets dark. Our club is over-subscribed so unfortunately, children can't just attend one week and not the next. If a child doesn't attend, their place will be given to another child on the waiting list. Please ensure you collect your child promptly at 4.15 p.m. otherwise again, unfortunately your child won't be able to stay.



**YEAR 3 STONE AGE WORKSHOP:** The Year 3 children are getting very excited about an educational workshop that has been arranged for them on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November! The workshop is all about their current History topic- The Stone Age! The good news is that the people organising workshop will be visiting us right here in school so we don't have to go anywhere! Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see how the children got on!

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** 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. can be dropped off at the back of St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's Church. Thank you for your support.







**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: All the Holy Souls, the Saints in Heaven, Katie Briars (RIP), Wilfrid Usher (RIP), Oliver O'Leary, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, CAFOD, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.

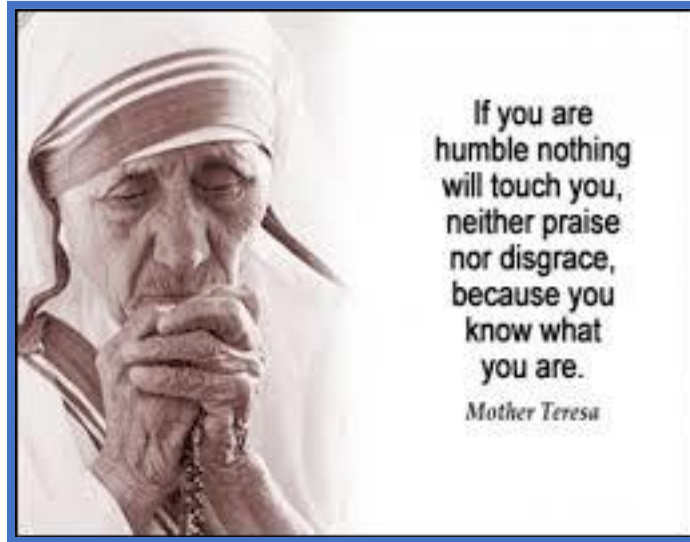


**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**



Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Reading Meeting for Year 1 and 2 parents
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	2:00 p.m. Remembrance service in the school hall- parents/carers welcome
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	8:40 a.m.-10:00 a.m Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception parents
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment Week for Years 2-6
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying and Parliament Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> + Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	 Odd Socks Days- to raise awareness of being an anti-bullying school
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15 a.m. Whole School Mass-Feast of St. Edmund
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Staff Training Day- School closed to children
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non Uniform Day for Parish Christmas Fair-Donations of chocolate, bottles, raffle prizes, toys, please
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Parish Christmas Fair at St. Patrick's Church-all welcome
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS + KS1 Panto in school
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30 p.m. KS2 Panto in Bolton Y3-6 £10.00 a ticket
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	 1:00 p.m. KS1 Nativity in the hall-Parents welcome
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco after school £5.00 a ticket. More information to come soon!
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Party Day! Children come into school in their party clothes
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15 a.m. Whole school Advent Mass led by Year 5-Parents welcome
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9:15 a.m. Carols around the Crib in the hall - Parents welcome
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes at 1:00 p.m. for the Christmas holiday





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