



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

**Our Statement to live by next week is:
'I KNOW WHAT TO DO IF I SEE ANYONE BEING HURT.'**



SHOW WISDOM: Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life. In this Sunday's Gospel, five bridesmaids were sensible and wise. The other five were foolish - they were unprepared. The wise bridesmaids' brightly lit lamps - filled with oil - can remind us of the light the bridesmaids brought into the world through their faith and good works. The bridegroom represents Jesus and the wedding feast represents the kingdom of heaven. Because of their wisdom, the five sensible bridesmaids prepared well for the wedding and experienced all the joys of the wedding feast, that is, the joys of the kingdom of heaven.

"Wisdom is kind and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good." (St James)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER: The attendance for last week can be seen in the table below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. Therefore Y4 and Y5 were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week... so well done to them! Thank you parents and carers for supporting the school to encourage each and every child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time). Please remember, it is parents responsibility to inform school when your child is absent.



Nursery: 94.1%	Reception: 93.9%	Year 1: 92.7%	Year 2: 96.4%
Year 3: 96.3%	Year 4: 98.8%	Year 5: 98.2%	Year 6: 93.9%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.5%			

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Our annual Remembrance Service in the school hall on Wednesday afternoon was respectfully observed by all of our children in Years 1-6. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us. Although our loved ones have passed on before us, we remember them with fondness and a sense of peace in the knowledge that they are enjoying eternal happiness in heaven. May they rest in peace.



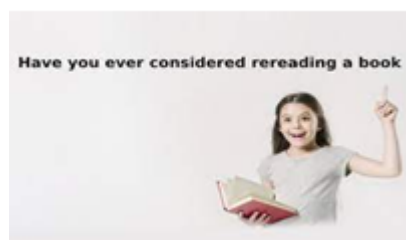
PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on **Thursday, 16th November** and this will be the feast day of our patron saint-St. Edmund! Mass will commence at 9:15 a.m. and as always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us in the school hall.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Thank you to those parents in Year 3 who attended the sacramental meeting on Monday evening. We look forward to seeing you all this **Sunday, 12th November at 9:15 a.m.** for the Rite of Presentation Mass at St. Patrick's Church. Other dates for the remainder of the programme are:



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

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



READING TOP TIP: This week's reading top tip is: 'Re-read a favourite book or poem.' Encouraging your child to re-read the books and poems that they love really helps them to build fluency and confidence. At times, the children tell us that they have been reading but we don't see any evidence of this in their Reading Record!! Please help us to celebrate with the children because 'If you don't record, we can't reward!'

THANK YOU YEAR 1 AND 2 PARENTS AND CARERS!: THANK YOU to the parents of those pupils in Years 1 and 2 for your attendance at the reading meeting on Tuesday afternoon. There was a fabulous turnout and we hope that you found the information given by Mrs Betney to be useful as you support your child with early reading at home.

Reading Meeting
for Parents



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: It's starting to get really cold and wet outside at the moment. Do you need somewhere warm and dry to go? Your local library is free, warm and welcoming and you can stay for as long as you need to. Visit <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries> for more details.

E-SAFETY TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN ABOUT PRIVACY.** Teach your child to keep personal information private online. YAPPY is a useful acronym to remind children of some of the personal information they should not share on public online spaces (blogs, forums, social media, etc.). YAPPY stands for: **Y**our full name, **A**ddress, **P**hone number, **P**asswords, **Y**our plans.



STAY AND PLAY IN EYFS! What a wonderful stay and play session we had yesterday!! A huge thank you to all of the parents in Nursery and Reception who attended! It was such a joy to see the smiles on everyone's faces (staff included!) We are looking forward to welcoming you all back again on **Friday, 17th November 8:40-10:00 a.m.** for our next stay and play session.

CURRICULUM NEWS: Mrs Taylor and the Nursery class have been making pumpkin soup this week. They have used all of their senses to explore the ingredients before chopping, scraping, mixing, mashing and stirring the delicious soup! Miss Chan and Year 4 have designed and built their own Ancient Egyptian pyramid! They have used measuring, cutting and assembling skills during the process and were very proud of their creations. Miss Campbell and the Year 3 children have been learning about how people in the Stone Age painted! They used natural materials such as berries, leaves, grass and rocks to create colours and make some of their very own cave paintings! Why not visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?



We have a very busy week in school next week....



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Firstly...Anti-Bullying Week will take place next week and it has the theme 'Let's make a noise about bullying.' The week will begin (Monday) and end (Friday) with **Odd Socks Day**. This year, teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. The children will be learning about how it doesn't have to be this way and how they can make a noise to help it stop.

PARLIAMENT WEEK: As well as that, we have Parliament Week in the UK. The children will be getting involved in lots of fun activities designed to engage and inform them about the importance of Parliament in the UK and why it is important to live in a democratic society where everyone has an opportunity to express their opinions. The KS2 classes will be putting democracy into practise as they elect 2 members of their class to represent their voices as part of the JLT (Junior Leadership Team).



ASSESSMENT WEEK: And to top it all off... all of the children in Year 2-6 will complete their start of year assessments next week and these will provide the teachers with further information to support them with planning future lessons. Please continue to encourage your child at home with their homework, weekly spellings, Mathletics, TTRS, Numbots and of course reading on a daily basis for at least 15 minutes. The Christmas holiday is still a good way off and there's still lots of work to do!! Thank you for your continued support as we strive for excellence together in partnership.

KEY STAGE 2 PANTOMIME: On Thursday, 7th December, the children in Years 3-6 will be travelling by coach to The Victoria Hall in Bolton to watch Cinderella! Tickets are £10. Please pay this via School Gateway as soon as possible. Children have been given a very clear message from Mrs Clinton - this Christmas treat is by invitation. Only the children who have been showing their best behaviour in school and lessons will be invited to go. Oh yes they will!!!

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: The parish Christmas Fair will take place at the back of church after 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 26th November. As always, the school will be supporting the Christmas Fair so we'll be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday, 23rd November and asking for donations of either chocolate for the chocolate tombola or bottles for the bottle tombola. Thank you in advance for your generous donations and supporting our wonderful parish. Not only do we need your donations, we need you to come along and support the fun!



PARISH RAFFLE: The oldest child in each family will come home with a book of raffle tickets today. Please support our parish by purchasing the tickets and if possible, selling them to family and friends. There are some fabulous prizes to be won. We have plenty more books at the school office for families who would like more tickets.







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), Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, our Armed forces, veterans and their families, 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:



W/C 13 th November	Assessment Week for Years 2-6	
W/C 13 th November	Anti-Bullying and Parliament Week	
Monday 13 th + Friday 17 th November	 Odd Socks Days- to raise awareness of being an anti-bullying school	
Monday, 13 th November	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop	
Thursday, 16 th November	9:15 a.m. Whole School Mass-Feast of St. Edmund	
Friday, 17 th November	8:40 a.m-10:00 a.m Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception parents	
Thursday, 23 rd November	Non Uniform Day for Parish Christmas Fair-Donations of chocolate and bottles please for the tombola	
Friday, 24 th November	Staff Training Day- School closed to children	
Sunday, 26 th November	Parish Christmas Fair at St. Patrick's Church-all welcome	
Wednesday, 6 th December	EYFS + KS1 Panto in school	
Thursday, 7 th December	1:30 p.m. KS2 Panto in Bolton Y3-6 £10.00 a ticket	
Friday, 15 th December	 1:00 p.m. KS1 Nativity in the hall-Parents welcome	
Tuesday, 19 th December	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day	
Tuesday, 19 th December	Christmas Disco after school £5.00 a ticket. More information to come soon!	
Wednesday, 20 th December	Party Day! Children come into school in their party clothes	
Wednesday, 20 th December	9:15 a.m. Whole school Advent Mass led by Year 5-Parents welcome	
Thursday, 21 st December	9:15 a.m. Carols around the Crib in the hall - Parents welcome	
Thursday, 21 st December	School closes at 1:00 p.m. for the Christmas holiday	
Tuesday, 9 th January 2024	School reopens at 8:40 a.m.	





“lest we forget”

*“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them”*

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