

## 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 next week is: 'In Lent, I understand the importance of peace.'



1<sup>st</sup> March and Dydd Gwl Dewy Sant! (Happy St. David's day!) to anyone in our community who is of Welsh heritage. The rise of the daffodils is such a promising sight for us all that Spring is in the air!

**ENTHUSIAM:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had actually lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change. Lent is a time to renew our own relationship with God and to be filled with a new enthusiasm for God and for life in all its fullness. Enjoy your weekend together and help spread God's love - with ENTHUSIASM!

*"Dear young people, may you always live the faith with enthusiasm."  
(Pope Francis)*



**LENT:** Lent is well underway and it's very evident in school. As always our children are embracing this liturgical season with the enthusiasm we'd expect. They're participating in prayer, many are abstaining from their favourite treats and all are donating to our diocesan charity, St. Joseph's Penny. We had a fantastic turnout at our early-bird Lenten Mass (8.15 a.m. on Tuesday). Next week, there will be hot chocolate and biscuits for a post Mass treat! All are very welcome!

**CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE HEROES:** Our Attendance Ambassadors led our celebratory assembly this morning and we had so many rewards to give out! 18 children received a silver award for meeting our school target of 97% and a staggering 128 children received a gold award for achieving 100% - not a single day off school last half term. Well done to all of these attendance heroes! On Monday, the children will find out who was the winning class for February and they can look forward to an ice-cream party next Friday!



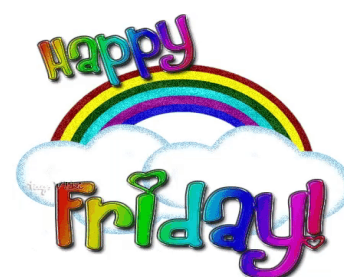
**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **CHANGE YOUR VOICE FOR EACH CHARACTER.** When reading a book aloud with your child, try becoming some or all of the characters in the story! Change your voice for the characters. You can speak in a whisper for a shy mouse. You can speak angrily. You can speak in a loud silly voice. You can speak in a quiet voice. Even when you have only one character, have fun changing your voice. This will make the story more entertaining and help your child understand which characters are talking. As a bonus, you will be helping your child learn new words, such as shyly, angrily, happily, and sadly, because children will match your tone of voice to the words in the book and to the pictures on the pages.

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** We've only been back a week but the classes have hit the ground running! Here's a taste of what's been happening: Year 5 went all the way over to York for a fantastic start to their History topic on the Vikings; the girls football team excelled at yet another football festival to start the week off; great excitement in Early Years as the children witness the miracle of birth - 8 baby chicks have hatched, up in Y6 they had a visit from Manchester Museum and the children became time travellers and Year 3 made pyramids in Design Technology! Check out our facebook page to watch your children at work and play.



**PUPIL LEADERSHIP:** Two of our leadership teams came together this week to discuss ways of working together to lead our community during Lent and in the lead up to Easter during Holy Week. Watch this space...

**RAINBOW FRIDAY:** Our Charity Reps did a superb job at reminding us all that it was Rainbow Friday today. Thank you so much for all of your donations and for children coming in such colourful clothing! We'll be keeping a total of how much money we are raising each week for Lent. The Charity Reps have set us an aspirational target of £800! #almsgiving#havingfuninLENT



**#PROUD:** The invitations have been sent out and we are all ready for the annual celebration evening. This year it will be held at St. Patrick's School at 4.00 p.m. Governors and staff look forward to welcoming the VIP guest pupils and their parents to come and showcase their work! See those families on Wednesday!

**Year 7 High School places:** Pupils in Y6 should have received their offer of high school today. If parents haven't made their application, please get in touch at the school office so that we can support you with next steps.



**REMINDER - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Families who are on the Sacramental Programme...2 things:



1. The next meeting will take place on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 3.30 p.m. or 5.00 p.m. This is to prepare us for the next Sacrament which is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This celebration will take place on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Please put these dates in your diaries.
2. Father Paul and Father Moses are really keen to get to know our families better and ask if they could carry out a short visit to your home over this year. It wouldn't be a long a visit and your children would love to welcome them. We will be calling parents to get consent to pass on your contact details to the priests.

**SCHOOL GATEWAY:** Thank you to all the parents who have registered so far. If you are struggling to register or download the app please come and speak to the office staff who can help. This new app is a way for parents to keep up to date with what is happening in school and to pay for dinner money, breakfast club, any trips or other monies that are owed.

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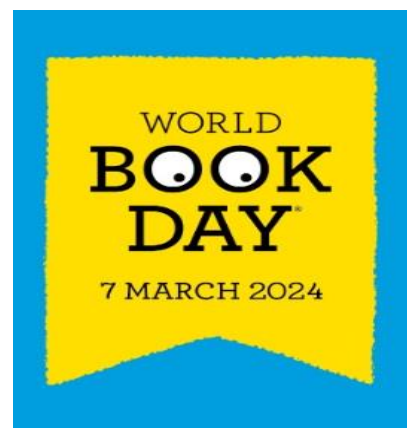
**SCHOOL HEALTH - MEASLES:** Measles is circulating and The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident. Please click on this link to learn more about what you need to do.

<https://www.manchesterlco.org/measles>



**NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth between 01.09.2020 and 31.08.2021? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in September! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2024:** World Book Day will be on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March** this year and we know how much our community embraces this annual celebration. Our theme for this year is going to be, 'come as a word' and we'd like children to link it to their learning in class. There are loads of ideas all over the internet so get your creative caps on over half term. As you know, we ask children NOT to spend any money on their outfits for the day but rather, root around in drawers and wardrobes. Obviously, the aim for the day is to enjoy ourselves and highlight the pleasure we have from reading. It's a great hobby to have!

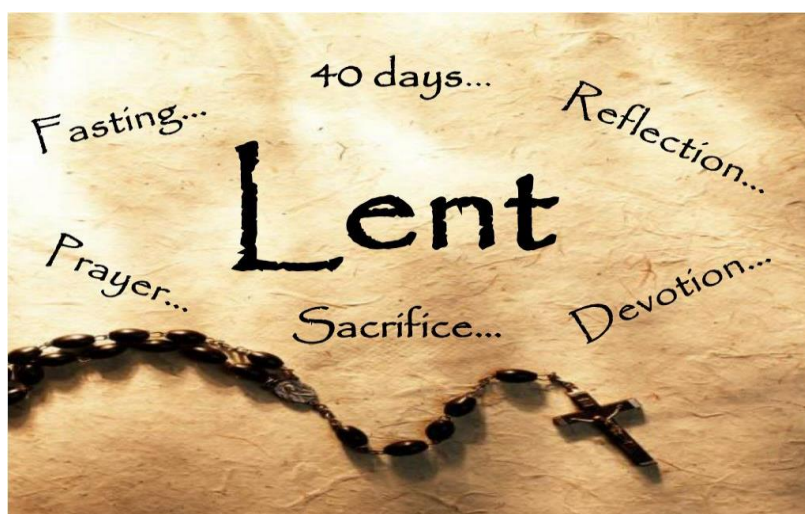


**FACEBOOK:** If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Edmund's Manchester** and we should pop up!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Theresa Cusick (RIP) & the Cusick family, Bobby Power (RIP) and the Eadsforth family, Moira Thompson, Angeline Holt, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, 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, the homeless & rough sleepers, CAFOD, Caritas, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.



**2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER:** Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer. Here is a bedtime prayer for you to say with your children this week: *Dear Lord Jesus, please fill us with enthusiasm to love you, to serve you and to help others to know you too. Amen*



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