



**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

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. at St. Malachy's

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 remember to say my prayers.'**

**FOLLOW:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the grain of wheat, which dies to produce a rich crop, to show us that his death was necessary if many were to receive eternal life. Through this Gospel Jesus is also encouraging his disciples to follow him - to give him first place in their lives. This message is for each one of us too. Jesus wants us to make following him our most important priority. Choosing to follow Jesus is not always easy; it demands commitment. But it helps our families to keep growing in love and leads us to happiness in this life, and in the life to come. Enjoy a very special time together this weekend, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this weekend's word, which is FOLLOW.

*"Lent is a journey in which the Lord asks us to follow three steps, almsgiving, fasting and praying." (Pope Francis)*



**LENT:** Our focus this week has been about making mistakes. We all make mistakes and we have learnt about what to do afterwards. We want to be sorry and we should know that God will forgive us. We should forgive ourselves and we should forgive other people who hurt us. Children are enjoying their prayer & worship and responding very well in their Religion lessons. For Rainbow Friday last week, we collected a very promising £73.54 which is a superb effort! Again, We had a great turnout for our early-bird Lenten Mass (8.15 a.m. on Tuesday). All are very welcome!

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** Thank you to our families who were here every day and on time last week. Our overall attendance was 93.1% so a disappointing week all round. Our Nursery class were soooooo close to hitting our school target! Who is going to be an attendance HERO next week? (Here Everyday Ready On time) The results for last week are here below.



Nursery - 96.7%	Reception - 87.5%	Year 1 - 88.6%	Year 2 - 94.7%
Year 3 - 93.3%	Year 4 94.5%	Year 5 - 91.7%	Year 6 - 94.8%
Overall total 93.1%			



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FIRST FORGIVENESS:** Huge congratulations to our children who made their First Forgiveness earlier this week. It was a wonderful parish celebration and the children brought great joy with their uplifting singing. We were all so proud of them. Many thanks to our parents for all your support in preparing the children so that they were courageous and brave on the night!

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** We started the week with a boom!! We welcomed a Scientist who put on a display of investigations to get the children in the mood for Science week! Year 1 enjoyed designing and creating their own hats, Year 3 had the chance to explore Egyptian patterns & hieroglyphics and then designed their own ink patterns. They had to remember their life skills & gospel values - great patience and perseverance was needed! Year 2 enjoyed a trip out to the famous Quarry Bank Mill yesterday and there are lots of photographs on facebook. During our weekly prayer and worship, children have been praying for all of us to remember our British Values during the Lenten season.



*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL:** The Year 6 children performed at the Irish Day festival today in Cheetham Hill and were joined by other local schools. They got the chance to learn some Irish dancing, sing some Irish songs as well as learning to play some traditional Irish instruments. They performed their song for a huge audience as well as some important dignitaries! As always, they were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we are extremely proud of them.



**CAR PARK ETIQUETTE:** Parents will have noticed that we have managed to free up a number of car parking spaces to help with drop-off and collection times. We have a one way system which all drivers are expected to adhere to and when possible, staff will be on duty in the car park to support everyone. **Governors will not tolerate drivers who are rude or abusive to staff or other drivers.** If drivers can't be patient and polite to others they will be banned from the premises and police will be informed.

**ANYONE FOR TENNIS?:** Two weeks can be a long time when you're trying to occupy youngsters! Parents/Guardians, you'll be pleased to hear that there is an Easter tennis and football camp from 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Ages 5-10 beginners very welcome, all equipment provided. Please book online through the Better UK app or website: <https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>



**SINGAROUNDS:** The annual Manchester Singarounds are taking place in the final week of term for years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Letters were sent via email this week and we are asking for a donation of £5.00 per pupil to help cover the astronomical price of the coach! Payment and consent should be made via School Gateway by **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

**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.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>





**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.

**FSM VOUCHERS:** Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the Easter break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £30.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.

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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>

**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 (RIP), Angeline Holt, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, the children who have been kidnapped from schools in Nigeria, 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, thank you for giving your life for us and for calling us to follow you so that our world can become a better place. Amen***



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