

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 next week is: 'In Lent, we prepare for Easter.'

PRAISE: In this Sunday's Gospel, the people praised Jesus on Palm Sunday. There are many things for which we can praise God (e.g. a loving family, good friends, caring teachers and for always having a good friend - Jesus - who loves us and never forgets us). Praising God brings happiness; it's what we were made for. How can we praise God this week? Perhaps we can: think of all the good things that we have received from God (like the beauty of nature and all creation, for our homes and for each other) and say a quiet prayer of thanks and praise; regularly pray the 'Glory Be' - a simple prayer of praise.



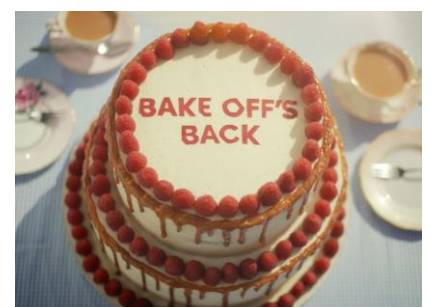
"God is full of love, to Him be praise forever!" (Pope Francis)



LENT: Our focus this week has been on prayer and of course there has been an increased focus on this in classes. Children continued to collect for St. Joseph's Penny and we raised a fantastic £68.57. Our total moving into the final week is.... £243.42 which is just amazing! Again, We had a great turnout for our early-bird Lenten Mass on Tuesday and children remembered yet again to wear their Rainbow clothes. Thank you everyone for your donations! Children will of course be learning all about the significant events during Holy Week and we will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday at 11.00 a.m. in the school hall. Everyone is welcome!

BAKE OFF IS BACK! Much to the horror of the staff but delight of the children, the annual bake off is back! All you have to do children is...bake a cake this weekend (or biscuits) and bring them in on Tuesday.

These will go on display for a panel of three adjudicators to judge the best ones!! Bring 50p and you choose your favourite cakes to take home to taste for yourself!! All money raised will go to St. Joseph's Penny!

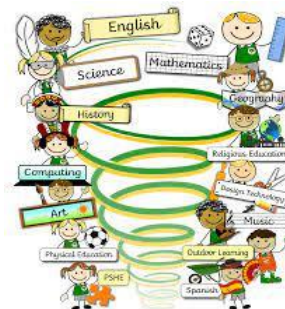


ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Thank you to our families who were here every day and on time last week. Our overall attendance was 95.6% and we had 4 classes exceeding our target! These classes were rewarded with extra playtimes! Who is going to be an attendance HERO next week? (Here Everyday Ready On time) The results for last week are here below.



Nursery - 91.8%	Reception - 94.6%	Year 1 - 90%	Year 2 - 96.3%
Year 3 - 98%	Year 4 98.2%	Year 5 - 98.6%	Year 6 - 97.3%
Overall total 95.6%			

CURRICULUM NEWS: Many of the classes have been rehearsing the songs they've been learning this week to build up to performing them to others. This is a big deal and it won't be long before children will be preparing to perform in the Edmundsbury Festival later in the summer term! Year 4 have been building Roman chariots in their DT lessons, Year 1 have been counting in 2s and rumour has it that Y6 were dissecting sheep hearts!!! Take a look on our Facebook page to see what your child has been up to this week.



PUPIL LEADERSHIP: Children are really taking ownership of their leadership roles in school. Our Science Ambassadors have been supporting younger children in Year 3 to investigate the length of shadows, our reading leaders are giving up their lunchtimes and have started a book club for Year 2 whilst our Y5 buddies are practically running operations in the dining hall! Thank you children for working on your citizenship skills.

STAFF UPDATE: Miss Chan, who has been our Year 4 teacher since September will be leaving us next week and we thank her for all she has done for our children whilst she's been with us.

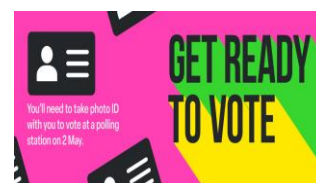
SING AROUNDS: 4 classes will be attending a massive sing-around with other schools across Manchester next week which is going to be great fun! Parents, please ensure you've paid your donation of £5.00 on School Gateway by Monday.

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. 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>



FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: We know many of our families benefit from the free activities put on by the local authority over school holidays. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to make new friends as well as keeping active and having great fun! We will upload this to our facebook page and parents will be able to click on the link to register.

LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 2ND MAY: We've been asked to remind parents/carers that when voting, you'll need to take your photo ID. Please pass this message on to family and friends.



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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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, 26th March. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.

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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, Carole Donovan, 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, as Holy Week approaches we thank you and praise you for giving your life for us so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven. Amen*



Holy Week

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