



St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

23rd June 2023

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

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

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksiveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk

Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksRomanCatholicPrimarySchoolManchester)



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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 Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our statement to live by next week is:

"I KNOW WHAT HUMAN DIGNITY MEANS AND I SHOW THAT I RESPECT OTHERS."

Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who have embraced the revised arrangements for drop off and collection at the start and end of the school day. We will continue to practise and work together this half term to ensure the arrangements are embedded in readiness for September. As a reminder, the school gates will open for drop off at 8:40 a.m. and close at 8:50 a.m. for **all pupils**. Any latecomers must report to the school office to have their child signed in. At home time, the gates will open at 3:15 p.m. for collection of **all pupils**.



SHOW COURAGE: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is sending out his disciples to heal and to preach the good news. Even if they are met with hostility and persecution, they must be true to Jesus. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming truth and exposing falsehood. Now his disciples must courageously do the same.

Most of us require courage at some time in our lives, so it's good and helpful to nurture courage in our children. As our children mature, it's essential for them to be brave and have the courage to say 'no' when necessary, even if it means going against the crowd or speaking up for truth. It takes courage to stand up for the truth.

This Gospel reminds us not to be afraid to speak out for what is right and true. Courage helps us to do many great things: to resist temptations, to overcome obstacles and to face our fears when we have followed what is good.

"Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that Jesus never fails to give his support." (Pope Francis)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: What a lovely week of celebrations for our Year 3 children who took another important step on their journey of faith. The week began with a beautiful First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday and it was wonderful to see the children looking so radiant in their outfits. Thank you to all the families who came along to join the celebration and for supporting the children. We celebrated as a whole school community on Wednesday with another Mass and the children enjoyed an afternoon of party games and fun with their classmates. A week that the children will never forget!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Thursday, 29th June is the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. This is a holy day of obligation and so we will be joining the parish community for Mass in church at 9:15 a.m. As always, parents/carers are welcome to along.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. We're already entering the last week of June and the competition is very close to see which class will be the ice-cream party winners this month! Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school and continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.

Nursery: 94.6%	Reception: 92.4%	Year 1: 89%	Year 2: 90.3%
Year 3: 94.4%	Year 4: 92.1%	Year 5: 93.3%	Year 6: 91.9%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 92.3%			

CHANGES TO OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY: To bring us in line with other Manchester schools, any families who take holidays during term time will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £60.00. Both parents will receive a fine for each child in school. This change in policy will be from September.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: 'RECORD YOUR CHILD READING AND PLAY IT BACK TO THEM!' This is a really good way to ensure that your child improves with skills like intonation and expression. Perhaps choose just one page from their reading book where an exclamation mark, question mark and/or speech mark is used by the author. Ask them to practise how the pitch of their voice changes to reflect the specific punctuation used on the page. Then, record your child on a device and play it back to them to see where improvements can be made. Try it... it's really fun and children just love watching themselves read aloud!



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Manchester City Council have set up a cost of living advice line for anybody who is struggling with the increases in food and energy bills or who is generally struggling financially. The free telephone line offers support with:

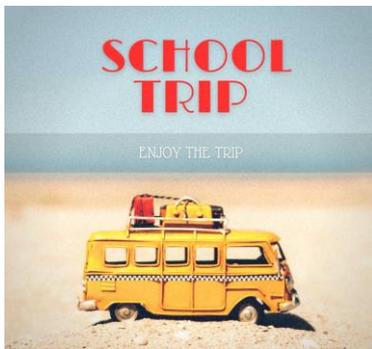
- Benefits and help with your rent
- Advice about debt and paying bills
- Food support - help to find community food provision near you
- Help to get online - support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data.

You can also access their cost of living advice line by calling 0800 023 2692. The line is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) have released details of their [water safety campaign](#) launched last week. The campaign warns people of the dangers of open water, whilst letting them know what to do if they get into trouble (float to live) or see someone else in trouble (call, tell, throw). Further information including a social media toolkit is available [on their website](#).

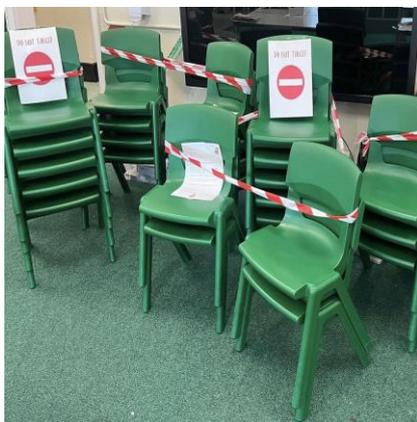


DINNER MONEY: For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance by **Monday morning** on Pay360. Dinner money for the remainder of the term is £47.00 Thank you!



END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS: Everyone is getting very excited for the end of year school trips! Parents will be aware that all trips have been heavily subsidised by school and for budgeting purposes, the governors have decided that a reduced cost of £10 will be the cap for every pupil in Years 1-5. The deadline for payments has already passed and for those that still need to make payment, they can do so on Pay360. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the staff in school with our 'Trip'le A challenge. The trips promise to be memorable occasions for all of our pupils so do look out on our Facebook page for lots of children having some well deserved fun and laughter!

YEAR 6 CAMPING TRIP TO NORTH WALES: Most families of pupils in Year 6 have already started with their payment plan but if any parent/carer is struggling to budget, please call in at the school office and a member of our admin team will help you to set up a payment plan. The next meeting for Year 6 parents will be on **Monday, 26th June** at 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Attendance at this meeting is vital and parents will need to bring up to date medical records for their child as well as their latest emergency contact details.



CURRICULUM NEWS: Wow, such a busy week in many areas of the curriculum! The Year 3 children had an amazing time in Wrexham on Thursday as they went back in time to discover what life was like for the Romans who settled in Britain nearly 2000 years ago. They visited a Roman fort and became Roman soldiers learning to battle in formation! The Year 1 class listened to the Three Billy Goats Gruff story and worked as a group to act the story out whilst remembering to be in character. In Year 2.... Well have you heard about the day the chairs quit!? Take a look on Facebook to see the reasons why and whether the chairs were returned to the class!! There's lots more to see on our school Facebook page so why not check in and give your child's class a 'like!'

MOVING ON UP! Calling all Y6 children and parents who are moving on up to Our Lady's RC High School, please don't forget, 2 significant events:

1. An information evening for all parents and carers of future Y7 students will be held on the 29th June 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
2. Our Moving Up Day is on the 3rd July from 9.30 a.m. - 2.15 p.m. Pupils are expected to attend in their primary school uniform.

Consent for Monday, 3rd July is given by a google form using the link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_V9vYfBwmTEM76LRTG3IsMKD_NEXerz1-ZXdgcE5jPE/edit



CONSULTATION: At this time of year, our governors like to evaluate and review how well our school is doing and what we need to do to improve. They want to hear from parents, children and staff. Therefore, next week, we will provide a link to a questionnaire for parents to respond to.

ITALIAN WALKS: The annual Italian Walks will take place on **Sunday, 2nd July** and St. Patrick's Parish will be joining the procession. Traditionally, children who have recently made their First Holy Communion, get dressed into their communion outfits and join the procession with their parents. For any family that is interested, the procession will be departing from St. Michael's, Ancoats at 1:15 p.m.



INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION Parents should have received a letter via email today giving further details of the classes affected by strike action being taken by teachers who are members of the NEU union.

WEDNESDAY 5th JULY 2023:

The following class **will be CLOSED** to pupils: Year 2 and Year 4.

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FRIDAY 7th JULY 2023:

The following class **will be CLOSED** to pupils: Year 2 and Year 4.

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DIARY DATES: As you might expect, we have an extremely busy term. At the end of this newsletter there is an updated list of significant dates so that parents/carers are aware of all that will be going on and can plan and prepare.

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. Patrick's Manchester** and we should pop up!



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Josephine Ekuase, Michaela Holubova, Mrs Monowara Begum, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, Anne and Tony Clarke all involved with caring for the sick of our community, our First Communicants, those families from Sudan and Ukraine and others seeking asylum from war torn countries, all fathers, Canon Paul Daly, Father Moses, Deacon Stephen, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



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