



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

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Tel: 0161-834-9004

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://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: [www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk)

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



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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](mailto:Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Our Statement to live by next week is: 'I know what human dignity means and I show respect to others.'**

**COMMUNITY:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. Christian communities (just like families) are never perfect - even Jesus' closest disciples weren't always the ideal set of people. However, everyone works better with others in community. Our schools and parish communities were founded to be places of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness. People in the past answered Jesus' call to form our Catholic school communities which now welcome and support us and our children. Now it's our turn to continue the work, to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school - together.



*"Dear brothers & sisters, be an active presence in the community"*  
*(Pope Francis)*

**Attendance Matters**



**Every Day Counts....**

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** We had a great start to the term last week and a number of classes were rewarded with extra leisure time for their success. Congratulations to Year 6 who were the winning class and enjoyed an extra 5 minutes to their playtimes every day this week! Even though it's freezing cold at the moment, the children still want to be rewarded with an ice-cream party at the end of January if their class wins! Who will be an attendance HERO?! (Here Everyday Ready On time)

Nursery: 96.4%	Reception: 93.4%	Year 1: 97.6%	Year 2: 93.5%
Year 3: 96.3%	Year 4: 96.3%	Year 5: 97.3%	Year 6: 99.2%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.3%			



**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is...**ESTABLISH A READING ROUTINE:**- Every child in school brings home their reading books & reading record books. Now that the holidays are over, encourage your child to make time to read regularly at some time during the evening. Research shows that 20 minutes reading each day will greatly enhance a child's progress. New Year, fresh start!

**NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER:** Is your child's 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.



**CURRICULUM UPDATES:** Yet another packed curriculum this week. Right on cue, just when our Reception children were starting their winter topic of Snow, their prayers were answered! They loved being outside getting first hand experience - none of the other children were jealous in the slightest! Year 2 have been planting seeds to find out what they'll need to grow. Year 5 created model boats to sail to the Arctic and Year 6 have been diving into poetry during their reading theatre lessons.

**MID YEAR REPORTS:** Teachers can't wait to tell parents about the fantastic progress the children have been making since September. Next Friday, you will receive your child's mid-year report which will include information about assessments they've completed as well as their progress in lessons.

**WORLD FAITH WEEK:** As part of our Religious Education & PSHE curriculum, children learn about other world faiths. Next week, we will be increasing our knowledge about Judaism. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the Jewish rituals, worship, prayers, family and community traditions and festivals. They will be able to compare these to our own faith.

**#PROUD:** Parents may recall us holding our first #PROUD event last Spring. This is an opportunity for invited parents to come along and celebrate their child's improved work. The children are now working hard to improve the presentation of their work so that their teachers are #proud. This year, the celebration evening will be on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March and will take place here at 4.00 p.m. Will you receive an invite?! Let's wait and see.....



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**PARENTING COURSE:** We are proud to offer all of our parents a 'parents as partners' course which will be starting on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February for 8 weeks. It's taking place at a really convenient time from 10.00-12.30 p.m. So you can drop your child/ren off at school and then be finished in time for lunch. It will be held at the Lalley Centre so it's just down the road. Please speak to the admin team for further information.

**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.



**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: Mick McGuire (RIP) and the McGuire family, Angeline Holt, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, 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, 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 our school and parish communities. Please help me say 'Yes' to you, and enrich the communities to which I belong. Amen.

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