



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

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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 TRY TO FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM RULES."**

**HAPPINESS IS...:** Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. The blessings in this Sunday's Gospel, which promise true, lasting happiness, are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and are known as the Beatitudes. To be gentle and to mourn means to share the sorrows of others and help them. To hunger and thirst for what is right, and to be prepared to be persecuted for it, needs courage and good judgement. 'Meek' really means un-pompous and genuine. The merciful don't insist on their rights, but have strength to see the point of view of others and to think of the needs of others as well as their own needs. Jesus' words would have turned upside down the thoughts that most of his listeners had about true happiness, and maybe they challenge our own ideas too.



*"The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life and they are the way of true happiness." (Pope Francis)*



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Congratulations to our oldest and youngest pupils who managed to surpass our whole school attendance target of 97% last week. The Nursery and Year 6 classes were rewarded with a well-deserved extra 5 minutes playtime this week. Now that we are coming towards the end of January, an ice-cream party awaits the winning class with the highest attendance for the month. Watch this space and all will be revealed next Friday!! Please continue to encourage your child to keep those coughs and sniffles at bay by practising good hand hygiene and the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' message so that they can become an attendance HERO (**H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.

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| Nursery: 99.1%      | Reception: 90.7% | Year 1: 92.1% | Year 2: 92.6% |
| Year 3: 91.7%       | Year 4: 86.2%    | Year 5: 94.3% | Year 6: 97.5% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.4% |                  |               |               |

**GOING TO BE ABSENT?** Gentle reminder: If your child is absent from school, it is the parent's responsibility to inform us. If we don't hear from you, this causes a safeguarding concern because we don't know your child is safe. Please help us to do our job by keeping us well informed. Many thanks for your co-operation.



**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** The next class Mass at church will be for our pupils in Years 5, 3 and 1 on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February** at the usual time of 9:15 a.m. The GIFT Team will be leading the celebration and the theme of the Mass will be around 'Being great for God.' Parents/carers are welcome to come along.

*Sacramental Preparation*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Please can the parents of pupils who are completing the Sacramental Programme make a note of the following dates and times.

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| Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March - 7:00 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's Church |
| Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June - 9:30 a.m.  | First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church           |

**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: '**Build reading into your child's daily routine.**' Find a regular time for reading in your child's day, so that they can begin to expect it as part of their routine. This can be any time of day. Some children enjoy reading before bed, but others can just be too exhausted at night. It might be better for some children to read just after dinner, or in the morning after breakfast, when they have more energy. You can encourage your child to track their reading using a weekly reading chart. This will help them celebrate their progress.



**CELEBRATING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR:** As a school this week, we have continued to remind ourselves about our behaviour policy. We have particularly focused on how we are expected to make a positive contribution in the playground during our leisure time by following the 4 Golden Rules! We have seen lots of good examples of great friendship already!

Our Golden Rules are:

- Use kind words
- Be gentle when we play so that children don't get hurt
- Be a good friend. Let everyone join in the game
- Use gentle hands

The staff have been on the look out for children who are remembering to follow our Golden Rules and certificates will continue to be awarded during our weekly Celebration Assembly.

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** Do you need some financial support and need to borrow money safely? Manchester Credit Union offers a new online short-term loan of between £100 and £750. Apply online for an immediate decision. Visit: <https://manchestercreditunion.co.uk/> for more details.



**PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL:** Parents/carers who drive to school for drop off and pick up will be aware of the double yellow lines on the streets surrounding the school. These lines are there to remind drivers **NOT** to park there so that other road users and pedestrians are safe. It is **illegal** to park on double yellow lines. Therefore, it is paramount that our children and their parents/carers/grandparents are safe on the surrounding streets and pavements so please be considerate. **SHOW YOU CARE AND PARK ELSEWHERE.** Our staff will move any careless drivers on no matter how late they are!

**NUT ALLERGIES:** We have a number of children and staff in school who unfortunately have an allergy to nuts. Parents, please be mindful of this when sending the children into school with a packed lunch and avoid ingredients with nuts or traces of nuts. Thank you for your understanding and please continue to be vigilant.

**YEAR 2 HOMEWORK CLUB:** Attention Year 2 parents!! Miss Cusick and Miss Corcoran have very kindly offered to give up their time after school each and every Tuesday to support the children in Year 2 with their homework and provide some booster work. The homework club will start at the end of the school day and **finish at 4:00 p.m.** The first session will start next **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January.**



**CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT:** The Year 6 staff are pleased to announce not one but TWO exciting educational visits for the children in Year 6!! On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February they will be walking into Manchester to visit the Manchester Civil Justice Centre. This visit has been heavily subsidised from school fund and we are asking for only a small donation of £2 payable on SIMS Pay. The 2<sup>nd</sup> educational visit is a full day workshop delivered by the Northern Holocaust Education Group on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. The workshop will be delivered here in school with our friends from St. Edmund's. On both days, the children will be provided with a grab bag lunch which the teachers will arrange with the kitchen staff.

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** It's been another busy week! The children in Years 1-6 have been taking some assessments so that the teachers can check on the children's progress made so far this academic year. The Nursery children celebrated Chinese New Year by making beautiful traditional lanterns and holding a dragon dance around the classroom! The Year 4 class will be exhausted after studying the effects of exercise on their body! They went into the hall to complete a strenuous work out to measure their fitness. The Year 1 class have been taking inspiration from the artist Tammy Kanet. They learnt the skill of weaving and showed lots of patience and perseverance using a paper loom. Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to.



**SAFER INTERNET DAY:** Safer Internet Day 2023 is celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> February this year, with thousands of people across the UK working together to champion youth voice and engage in conversations about how we can all work together to make the internet a great and safe place. This is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. By clicking on the following link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>. There are a range of pages to help parents/carers start a conversation with their child, whatever that may be about and no matter how much time you have.

**INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION-WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2023:** Parents should have received a letter via email on Wednesday this week giving further details of the classes affected by strike action being taken by teachers who are members of the NEU union. The following classes **will not open** to pupils on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6. The following class **will be open** on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Year 5.

### **ADMIN TEAM NOTICES**

**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 this half term is £32.90 Thank you!

**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: Sister Philomena (95<sup>th</sup> birthday), Maureen Duffy and family, Stephen McArdle and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



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