



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

26<sup>th</sup> May 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's-Roman-Catholic-Primary-School-Manchester)



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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)

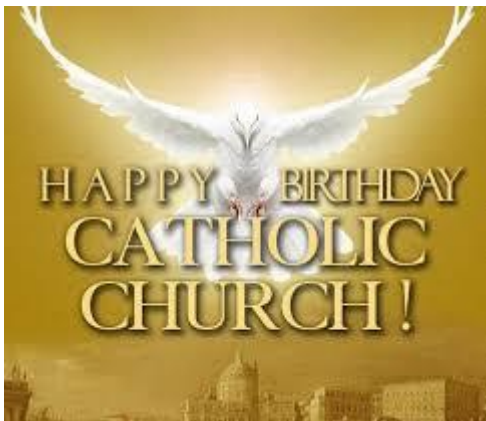
**Our Statement to live by next week is:**

**"I KNOW WHEN TO ASK FOR HELP AND WHO TO ASK FOR HELP FROM."**

A polite reminder that after the half term holiday, 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.

Thank you for your cooperation as we implement these necessary new changes.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church - a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church. This was the day when Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, when the mission of the Church really began - almost 2000 years ago. Pentecost is not just a historical event though. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. This weekend, perhaps we could choose one of the following qualities that we would like to ask the Holy Spirit for: courage, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness or self-control.

*"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world." (Pope Francis)*

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** On Wednesday morning we celebrated one of our most magnificent Catholic traditions - the crowning of Mary our mother. The children reverently processed into the church whilst singing and carrying various blooms to honour Mary before the oldest and youngest pupils crowned Mary's statue. Canon Paul spoke to the children about not being afraid to carry out what God wants them to do in their lives and to follow Mary's example as somebody who said 'Yes' to God. Thank you to those parents/carers that came along to join in with the celebration.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** We're sure, families on the Sacramental Programme are getting excited about the forthcoming Holy Communion celebrations. Dates for your diary are:

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June: First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's church at 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June: Celebration Mass in church, photographs and party day.

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. Now that we are at the end of May, we wait to see which class will be rewarded with an ice-cream party when we return after the holiday. 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 (**H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.



Nursery: 93.4%	Reception: 96%	Year 1: 90%	Year 2: 96%
Year 3: 97.8%	Year 4: 80.7%	Year 5: 92.7%	Year 6: 93.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.3%			

**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:** This week's reading top tip is: 'Visit a local library with your child.' As we go into the half term break, why not visit one of the local libraries and if your child is not already a member then sign them up. Here are the links for websites for local libraries that you may wish to visit during the holiday!

<https://loadstodo.co.uk/venues/north-city-library/>  
[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory\\_record/445650/miles\\_platting\\_community\\_library/category/1957/all\\_libraries](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory_record/445650/miles_platting_community_library/category/1957/all_libraries)

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** Did you know that as many as one million people cut off their broadband in the last year as the cost-of-living crisis left them unable to afford internet access, according to new research from Citizens Advice. People on Universal Credit are among customers who should be eligible for discounted social tariffs to help them stay connected. The latest figures from Ofcom show 95% of the 4.3 million eligible households are missing out on saving £200 on broadband costs each year. That is £824 million of support going unclaimed!! Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits. Some providers call them 'essential' or 'basic' broadband. They're delivered in the same way as normal packages, just at a lower price. So if you think that you are eligible, just get in touch with your internet provider.



**END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS:** Parents/carers should have received an email this week from our admin team that outlines the dates and venues of specific trips that have been organised for each year group. All of the end of year school 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 is **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June** on Pay360. The trips promise to be memorable occasions for all of our pupils and thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the staff in school with our 'Trip'le A challenge. As a reminder, pupils will be invited to attend their class trip if they are able to meet our challenge for good **Attendance**, a positive **Attitude** towards their behaviour and **Achieving** to the very best of their ability during their lessons.



**YEAR 6 CAMPING TRIP TO NORTH WALES:** Parents/carers of Year 6 pupils attending the camping trip to Aberdaron should have received the kit list this week and this should help families to start packing the necessary items. Most families 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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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 and emergency contact details.



**YEAR 3 EDUCATIONAL VISIT:** On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June the Year 3 children will be enriching their learning for their History topic all about the Romans! They will be visiting a Roman fort in Wrexham and learning about how the forts were built before becoming a Roman soldier and learning to battle in formation. The cost of the trip has been subsidised by school and is capped at £5.00. The deadline for payment is **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** on Pay360. Parents/carers please look out for a letter by email outlining more details of the visit.

**BOARD GAMES:** On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, some of our teachers are going back to school themselves and will be off-site for some of the day, training. To enable this to happen, we thought we'd take the opportunity to address some of our 9 essential life skills with the children. You will know as parents/carers that children often have difficulty sharing, taking turns, co-operating, encouraging others, being patient, listening to others whilst they play and the big issue of...learning to lose! We would like to invite children on these two days to bring in a board game they have at home which they can play and share with their class-mates. Examples would be: draughts, chess, snakes and ladders or card games. The classrooms on those days will be electronic-free zones! We think this is something the children will really enjoy and benefit from.

### Holiday Clubs



**MCR ACTIVE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:** MCRactive are offering thousands of FREE places for children to access a variety of activities & a FREE meal over the Spring Half-Term Holidays in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. Activities will range from Sport and Physical Activities, Arts and Crafts and much more. In addition to the activities, their booked place will include a FREE meal during the day.

For more information & to book your child's space: You will need to sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcactive.com/> Once signed up, log into your account - Find Activities - Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity'. Use code: 79113 to book free eligible activities.

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** There's been so much going on in our curriculum this week! To highlight just a few...Year 2 had a fantastic DT day on Thursday as they designed some carnival costumes and brought them to life using some super sewing skills. The Year 3 children concluded their German unit on foods and revised German names for different fruits and vegetables whilst performing a story about a giant who loved eating fruit and vegetables to keep him healthy and strong. In History, Year 6 have been identifying the key events that led to the start of World War 2. Check out our Facebook page to see what else has been going on in school this week!



**PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION:** We now have a vacancy for a parent governor position on our board of governors. This is a voluntary role but can be extremely rewarding. We would like to thank John Mensah for his valuable contributions over the last 4 years. If this is something you'd be interested in, please make an appointment with Mrs Clinton. The elections will take place next half term, ready to start in September.

**NURSERY STARTERS:** Is your child's date of birth between 01.09.2019 and 31.08.2020? 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.

**LUNCHTIME ORGANISER VACANCY:** We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime organiser at St. Edmund's school. This role is for 2 hours each day - 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Please speak to a member of the office team for an application form.

**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 next half term is £82.25. Thank you!

**HALF TERM FSM VOUCHERS:** The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for the May half term break to help with the financial pressures placed on many of our families at this time. You should have received a £15.00 e-vouchers from Wonde this week. This can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Please contact the school office before the break if you have any problems accessing the voucher.

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

**SUMMER 2:** The final half term will begin on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Don't forget those new gate opening times of 8:40 a.m.-8:50 a.m. and collection time of 3:15 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of our families returning after a well deserved break and hopefully some fine weather!

**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, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families from Sudan and Ukraine and others seeking asylum from war torn countries, 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.*