



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

9<sup>th</sup> June 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)



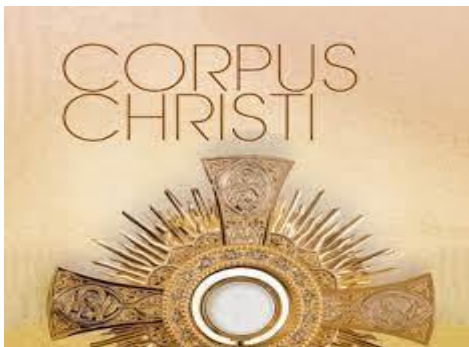
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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, 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 CAN RECOGNISE COMFORTABLE AND UNCOMFORTABLE FEELINGS."**

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**.



**CORPUS CHRISTI:** This Sunday is the feast of Corpus Christi. On this day devout Christians gather together to honour the sacred body of Jesus Christ. The day is also known as Corpus Domini, which literally translates to 'body and blood of Christ.' In this Sunday's Gospel we will hear how Jesus is offering to nourish us. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion and He continues to nourish us through the Church today. With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus (in Holy Communion) nourishes our souls - to help us to keep growing in goodness and love.

*"Let us be nourished by daily prayer." (Pope Francis)*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** We're sure that 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 with school at St. Patrick's Church at 9:15 a.m, then photographs and party day.

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Congratulations to the Year 3 class who were rewarded with an ice-cream party this afternoon because they achieved the highest class attendance across the whole school for the month of May! Watch this space to see which class will be victorious for the month of June. We believe that attendance at school really does matter and therefore we reward the children for having good attendance. Today, we held our half termly attendance assembly to reward those children who met our attendance target of 97%+ last half term. 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.



**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: **MAKE READING ACTIVE!** Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. Now that the weather is warmer you could be active outside. One idea maybe to organise a treasure hunt related to what you're reading. Another idea could be to create your child's very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions. Be as creative and active as you like!



**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** As price rises bite into budgets, many people are cutting back on the weekly food shop. As well as buying less, people are looking for ways to make their money go further and to make the most of what they have. The BBC spoke to money bloggers for their tried and tested tips. Click on the link to see if any of these tips could help you and your family.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-61798003>

**END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS:** Parents/carers should have received an email at the end of last half term 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 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 next **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 by now 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. Payment can be made using Pay360. Parents/carers please look out for a letter by email outlining more details of the visit.

**THE BIG SING!!:** We are delighted that our Year 5 & 6 children have been invited to join schools across Manchester at the Big Sing again this year! The children will have the opportunity to join in and sing along to Motown and Soul music. The teachers will speak to the children about what to wear for the occasion so that they can fully enter into the spirit of the occasion!

**GOOD LUCK YEAR 1 AND YEAR 4:** Next week the children in Year 1 will be screened for their phonics check. The children and staff have worked so hard this year and thank you to the parents and carers at home for supporting the children with their early reading letters and sounds. The Year 4 children will be having their multiplication check also. Again, thank you to parents and carers for supporting the children for the past couple of years and encouraging them to practise on TTRS at home. The progress made has been absolutely phenomenal! Good luck children!



**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 this half term, ready to start in September.

**BOARD GAMES & LIFE SKILLS:** Some of our children had the opportunity to share and learn new board games this week. Children have developed their essential life skills of co-operation, sharing, patience, listening and of course having fun!! Do ask them how they got on.



**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.

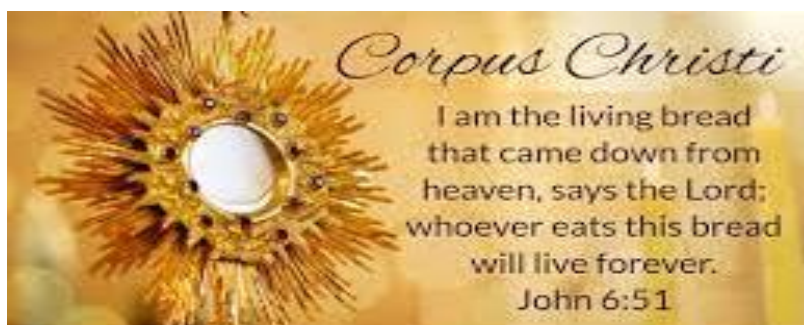
**DINNER MONEY:** For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance by **Monday morning** on Pay360. Dinner money for the remainder of the term is £70.50 Thank you!

**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.

**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, our Year 3 children and families on the Sacramental Programme, 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.*