



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

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

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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

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

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**WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!**

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass -6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

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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 next week is: 'I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world.'**

**HEALING:** In Sunday's Gospel, we encounter God through Jesus healing Simon's mother-in-law. After he brought peace and recovery to her, everyone crowds in on Jesus, wanting to be healed! Finally, Jesus goes off in the early morning to gather strength by praying to his Father. Difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives. St. Thomas More reminds us that, 'Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.' When we believe in Jesus and we pray and look carefully, we can often learn something about how Jesus is always there for us. Believing in Jesus and loving others changes how we see the world and brings healing.



*"God grants us his love, which gives us strength and heals us." (Pope Francis)*



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** Thank you to our families who were here every day and on time last week. Our overall attendance was 95.5% so not quite hitting our target of 97%. Congratulations to Year 3 who were the winning class with 99.3% and enjoyed an extra 5 minutes on their playtimes every day this week! On Monday, we'll announce the winners for January and they'll enjoy an ice-cream party next Friday! Who is going to be an attendance HERO next week? (Here Everyday Ready On time)

Nursery: 90.2%	Reception: 98.4%	Year 1: 93.8%	Year 2: 91%
Year 3: 99.3%	Year 4: 96.3%	Year 5: 97.9%	Year 6: 98.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.5%			

**A NEW YEAR & A FRESH START:** We celebrated a lovely Mass on Wednesday - the first of 2024! Our focus of course was prayer. Pope Francis has declared 2024 a year of prayer as we prepare for a jubilee year in 2025. Thank you to those family members who were able to join us.

**BUILDING REPAIRS:** Again, we apologise for the inconvenience caused to families this week whilst we had repairs to the school going on. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

**HOME VISITS:** Thank you to those parents who keep us informed when your child is absent from school. This reassures us that they are safe. If we don't hear from you, staff will conduct a welfare call to your home. If we don't get to see your child, we then have a duty to make a call through to 101 and report this to the police. Let's work together to keep our children safe, please communicate with us.

**READING FOR PLEASURE:** Our reading leaders are going to be out and about talking to children this week about the books they're enjoying from our school book den. Children should bring home an extra book each week which is a book of their own choice and purely for pleasure! We encourage you to share this book with them and read it a few times. Children love to re-read or listen to a story they enjoy.



**CURRICULUM UPDATES:** It's been an absolute joy to have our parents in school again this week for a winter themed stay and play with our youngsters. We hope you gathered lots of ideas for learning through talk & play at home as this will really help with their speech and language! In Y1, in DT this week the children have learned all about umbrellas and parasols. Did you know the first umbrella was invented 2500BC? Year 1 worked incredibly hard to plan, design, make and evaluate their very own umbrellas. They are superstars!



**ON-LINE SAFETY:** Next week, our digital leaders and Mr Eaglestone will be reminding us all about on-line safety. We all know the benefits of the digital world BUT there are dangers we must look out for. We are really pleased to tell parents that we've recently upgraded our school filtering and monitoring systems which will help all in our community stay safe and secure whilst online in school. We continue to ask parents to monitor your child's use and time spent online and if you have any concerns or would like some help, please pop in to see us.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Families who are on the Sacramental Programme...2 things:

1. The next step for children on the Sacramental Programme will be when they make their Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Please put this date in your diary. Sister Anne will soon be in touch regarding any meetings to help parents to prepare for this.
2. Father Paul and Father Moses are really keen to get to know our families better and ask if they could carry out a short visit to your home over this year. It wouldn't be a long a visit and your children would love to welcome them. We will be calling parents to get consent to pass on your contact details to the priests.

**HEAD LICE:** We ask that all parents undertake a weekly hair health check, particularly with children who have long hair. We've had a number of cases of head lice this half term which isn't pleasant for the children. We'd also like to give a gentle reminder that long hair is supposed to be tied up/back or in braids for this reason.

**FSM VOUCHERS:** Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the February half term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.

**FREE  
SCHOOL  
MEALS**  
Information & Support





**NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their 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.



**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!

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** If you qualify for certain benefits, you can get **free school meals** for your children. Check your eligibility and apply online at:

[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/10050/help\\_with\\_the\\_cost\\_of\\_living\\_crisis](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/10050/help_with_the_cost_of_living_crisis)



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The SVP in our parish have launched a scheme to gather food supplies for people who find themselves in difficulty during the cost of living crisis. Their aim is to provide short term help so that people have space to get back on track. If you can spare any non perishable items they will be greatly appreciated - Tins, rice, pasta, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc. can be dropped off at the back of St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's Church. Thank you for your support. If any parents feel they are at crisis point and would benefit from some help, please come and have a conversation with Mrs Kennedy or Mrs Clinton. Everyone at some stage needs help so please don't struggle on your own.



**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** You may have heard in the news that there is a National Wraparound programme which aims to expand the availability of wraparound care for school aged children from September 2024. 'Wraparound' refers to before and after school care. The Local Authority are in the process of gathering information from parents and carers to understand the current take up and demand of before and after school care. Please take 5-10 minutes to click on the link below to help the authority plan for the future needs of our families.

<https://forms.office.com/e/bXD1PxqzPn>

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Mike McGuire (RIP) and the McGuire family, Angeline Holt, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, 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, help us to heal and bring comfort with kind words and good deeds, sharing your warmth and care everyday. Amen*

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