



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

14th October 2022

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

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 Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**Our Statement to live by next week is:
'I CAN SAY ONE GOOD THING ABOUT MYSELF.'**



PERSISTENT PRAYER: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that God is not like the unjust judge who is irritated by the woman pestering him. No matter how much we pray to God, he doesn't think we are pestering him - he is our loving Father. There are many kinds of prayer. This Gospel reminds us about the value of 'Asking Prayer' and not giving up in our prayer requests. Prayer, at its simplest, is spending time with God - talking, listening, being together - telling God all about our lives. We can pray anywhere and at anytime. We can trust that God always hears our prayers and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for. So never give up praying...God is listening!

*"Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another."
(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)*

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER: The attendance for last week is shown below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. Well done to them! Please remember parents, that attendance really does matter. As winter approaches, we'll be talking to the children about wrapping up warm when they go outside in order to keep those coughs and sniffles at bay. So now is the time to dig out those winter coats, scarves and hats!! Please encourage your child to wrap up warm so they can become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



Nursery: 97.3%	Reception: 91%	Year 1: 84.9%	Year 2: 97.3%
Year 3: 91.2%	Year 4: 84.2%	Year 5: 93.3%	Year 6: 92.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 91.7%			



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our statement to live by this week was: 'I try to be accepting of others.' After our assembly on Monday morning, Miss Campbell introduced World Faith Week with a particular focus on Sikhism and how it matched our statement to live by. The children have been learning about how Sikhism is similar to our own faith and yet how it is distinctive to many people around the world who practise the Sikh traditions and faith.

Father Paul celebrated Mass on Wednesday with our Years 6, 4 and 2 children and the theme of the Mass was 'Work.' Please take note of the following date for our next Masses in Church. As always, parents are welcome to join us.

Tuesday 1st November - All Saints Day - 9.15 a.m.

Wednesday, 23rd November - Class Mass for Years 1, 3 and 5 - 9:15 a.m.

BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD: Thank you again for your very generous donations towards CAFOD's 'World Food Crisis Appeal' last week. As a school community, we raised £70.08!! Fantastic and well done everybody!

OUR GOOD SHEPHERD: Father Paul, our Parish Priest and school chaplain is very keen to get to know our families better. Would you like to welcome Father Paul into your home to meet your family and give your home a blessing? If you would, please let us know and we can set this up for you.



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **Don't read a story book!** "What??" We hear you say! "Have the teachers gone mad!!" Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Story books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. For example, following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!



PARENTS' EVENING: Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to find the time to attend the Parents' Evening on Wednesday. The teachers hope that you found the meetings useful and informative. The teachers will be sending home mid-year reports at the end of January so parents/carers can see how much progress their child has made towards meeting their individual targets.

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS: It is now time to apply for your child's Year 7 place at high school. Go to Manchester.gov.uk/admissions to apply. The deadline for secondary school applications is **Monday, 31st October** and the message is... 'Don't leave it too late!' If you need help, please get in touch with your child's class teacher and we can support you.



CURRICULUM NEWS: It's been another very busy week across the school with so many exciting lessons in lots of different subjects! Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to. To highlight just a few...The Year 6 class were out and about in Manchester City Centre as part of their 'Manchester Today' humanities topic. The Nursery children have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears this week and they have been using vocabulary such as mixing, stirring and cooling whilst making some delicious porridge! The Year 4 class have been developing their map skills by using four-figure grid references to locate rivers around the world. And last but not least, the Year 1 class have been listening to the story of Guru Nanak as they compared and contrasted the Sikh faith to their own Christian faith.



FIRE SAFETY TALK: We had a visit from the firefighters at Philips Park Fire Station on Thursday. They presented an extremely informative assembly to our Year1-6 pupils all about keeping safe on Bonfire Night and Halloween. They also gave the children some information about the Fire Service and its role in the local community.

SCARLET FEVER: Scarlet fever is on the rise again! The first signs of scarlet fever can be 'flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck). A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. It is highly contagious and is spread by close contact with someone carrying the bacteria. It takes around 2 to 5 days to develop symptoms after exposure to these bacteria. **If you think you or your child has scarlet fever, you should consult your GP.**



AVAILABLE PLACES: We currently have spaces in most of our classes. Some families think that they aren't eligible to come to our school. We often hear, 'We can't come to your school because we aren't Catholic.' This isn't actually true. Baptised children are given priority when we have spaces but all families and children are welcome at our school. Please spread the word - your family and friends are very welcome!

NURSERY PLACES: We will shortly be arranging nursery admissions for January 2023. If your child is born between 01.09.2019 - 31.12.2019, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure we have your child's details.



COMMUNICATION: For those parents who have yet to complete the contact update forms, please return it to school as soon as possible. Spare forms are available from the school office. Whilst our Admin Team process all of the forms, the weekly newsletter will continue to go home as a hard copy with each child on a Friday afternoon. Once processed, the newsletter will be communicated to parents via email from the school email address: communications@st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk

SCHOOL MEALS: The price of a school meal is £2.35 per day / £11.75 per week. Please make every effort to pay a week in advance through Pay360 (formally SIMSPay). Dinner money should not be more than 2 weeks in arrears. If you are struggling to pay, please contact the school office to discuss the matter. Please remember to inform the admin team if you wish to make any changes to your child's meal arrangements. Two weeks' notice should be given if they are changing from school meals to bringing their own packed lunch.



**FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS**

Information & Support



OCTOBER HALF TERM FSM VOUCHERS: Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the October half term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. On Wednesday, 19th October, children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde that can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Please contact the school office before the holidays if you have any problems accessing the voucher.

THE BREAD AND BUTTER THING: The Bread and Butter Thing at HBCC is changing venue. From 13 October 2022 the collection point will be The Blackley Community Hub at 12:30 p.m. If you are an existing member you don't need to do anything. If you are not yet a member you can try them for free. Signing up is really simple. Just text them on 07860 063304 with your name, the hub you want to join (Blackley) and your postcode.



Every week, they'll send you a text checking if you want a delivery. All you have to do is reply 'yes' and then come and collect on the day. You don't have to go every week and if you don't want to order, just text 'no'. Collection is every Thursday at 12.30 p.m. from The Blackley Community Hub, St Paul's Church Hall, Victoria Avenue, M9 6RA. Find out more at www.breadandbutterthing.org

* Pay just £7.50 for at least £35 worth of food

* Get fruit and veg, chilled goods and cupboard staples for a fraction of their normal price

* Free membership



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!

FAREWELL FOR NOW! Miss McCorkell will be leaving us on Tuesday as she goes off to prepare to have her new baby. Miss McCorkell has done so well throughout her pregnancy so far and we are all very excited to hear the pitter patter of tiny feet. She promises to let us know her good news as soon as baby arrives! Wishing her all the very best!!



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: St. Malachy's as they celebrate the centenary of the Foundation of the parish of St Malachy, Brian McNulty (RIP) and family, Anne Clarke, Miss McCorkell, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



Almighty God,
I thank you that
even in today's
world, I can find peace in
you. Help me not to be
overwhelmed by the
constant bad reports of
the world. Help me keep my
eyes on you and be
enveloped by your peace. In
Jesus Loving Name I Pray,
Amen.

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