



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

4th November 2022

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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

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 STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO ARE TREATED UNFAIRLY.'**



HEAVEN IS... In the Bible, heaven is described in many ways. It is likened to a city, a beautiful garden, a kingdom and a place of great beauty and happiness. In this Sunday's Gospel, the Sadducees (who thought themselves rather superior) did not believe in the resurrection or heaven, but they came to ask Jesus a tricky question about marriage in an attempt to trap and embarrass him. So he gave a two-fold response to their question. Firstly, marriage is for this life: in heaven love is unlimited and embraces everyone equally. Secondly, in God, we all remain alive, safe and treasured. We were created for heaven: to live in complete harmony and happiness with God and each other - forever! Until that time, we can pray for all our loved ones who have left this world, that they may share in all the joys of heaven.

"We are all of the same stock and members of the one human family; we have the same Father in heaven and we are all his children." (Pope Francis)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Each week, the teachers have been reminding the children about the importance of attending school each day and on time. So this morning, we proudly congratulated all of the children in the school who managed to achieve our whole school attendance target of 97%+ for the first half term. 59% of children (110) managed to achieve the whole school target of 97%+. We all know that 100% attendance is an amazing achievement and so therefore 41% of children (77) were given an extra special award too!!

Thank you parents for your continued support and encouragement as we work together in partnership to teach the children about the importance of good attendance. Now that the nights are drawing in and the weather starts to turn wetter and colder, we'll continue to talk to the children about wrapping up warm when they go outside in order to keep those coughs and sniffles at bay. If you haven't already done so, please dig out those winter coats, scarves and hats and encourage your child to wrap up warm on the way to school.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Father Paul celebrated a beautiful All Saints Day Mass on Tuesday morning. During the Homily, he explained to us all that we too could live just like the saints if we follow the teachings of Jesus. He also challenged the children to find out what the meaning of their own names were! Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 23rd November** at 9:15 a.m. for Years 1,3 & 5. As always, parents are very welcome to join us. Our Year 5 children will lead the Mass.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: We will be holding our annual Remembrance Service on Wednesday, 9th November at 2:00 p.m. in the school hall. The children have taken home a letter last Monday with more information and families are invited to send into school the names of loved ones who have passed before us so that their names can be read out and a candle lit in remembrance.



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: **Take breaks while reading.** Your child doesn't have to read an entire book in one go! Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it's just a couple of minutes at a time. If they have to close the book early because it's time for tea, or they're just losing interest, that's okay. Reading can take a lot of mental energy and taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.



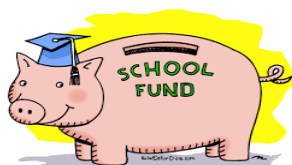
CURRICULUM NEWS: The children have returned to school this half term to so many exciting lessons in lots of different subjects! For example...as part of their geography topic, the Year 3 class have been practising some safety procedures of what to do in the event of an earthquake. The Year 6 class went back in time and held a Victorian Day. The Year 5 class have loved their English work whilst reading and writing about the classic story of King Kong. Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to.



YEAR 4 TENNIS: Some of our Year 4 children were selected to attend a tennis tournament at Our Lady's High School on Tuesday evening. The children were able to develop and practise their skills with the forehand and backhand strokes and apply these to a rally. Following this, they were given the opportunity to compete in a single/double game against children from other schools. Thank you to Mr Eaglestone for giving up his time to take the team. He was so impressed with how quickly the players picked up some new skills. Maybe one day we'll see some of these children on centre court at Wimbledon!



CAFOD WORKSHOPS: Key Stage 1 and EYFS classes had a visit from a representative from CAFOD on Thursday. The children learnt all about world emergencies and what CAFOD are doing to help. Briege thanked the children for their recent charitable donations in October and explained that the money raised would have been enough to gift a pig to a family!



NON-UNIFORM DAY: We raised £32.90 for school fund on the last day of half term! Thank you so much for your generous donations. We use our School Fund to pay for lots of different and exciting experiences for the children throughout the school year so the continuous parental support is very much appreciated!

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.

HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURE: We have installed a temporary safety measure along our footpath, adjacent to the playground and the school hall. Mrs Baker has reported falling debris from one of the window sills. We have reported our concerns and whilst we await investigations and work to be carried out, we will take the appropriate measures. Please keep the railings to your right as you walk along the path. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

HEADLICE: We have had some reports from parents that their child has headlice. The NHS website informs us that head lice are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. **There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.** The advice is to treat head lice as soon as you spot them with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: An advanced notice that the Parish Christmas Fair will be on Sunday, 4th December at St. Patrick's Church. As always, the organisers are appealing for donations from parishioners. Please drop off any donations at the back of church or bring them to school. The parish are asking for donations of bottles for the tombola stall, chocolate and gifts. Thank you for your continued support.



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!

BONFIRE NIGHT SAFETY: Please take care if you are out and about this weekend celebrating Bonfire Night. Staff have spoken to the children today so please enjoy yourselves but keep your children close by and holding your hand.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Brian McNulty (RIP) and family, all Holy Souls, Anne Clarke, Miss McCorkell, John Leighton, 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.



Prayer for the Soul of a Loved One

LORD GOD, AS INEVITABLE AS DEATH IS,
THERE IS NO WAY AROUND THE
HEARTBREAK AND GRIEF IT BRINGS. THE
ONLY COMFORT LEFT IS KNOWING THAT
OUR CHERISHED ONE IS WITH YOU NOW IN
HEAVEN WITH A FULL HEART AND AN
ETERNAL SOUL. THIS WE PRAY IN THE NAME
OF JESUS. AMEN.



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