



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

8th September 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

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 AM SPECIAL.'

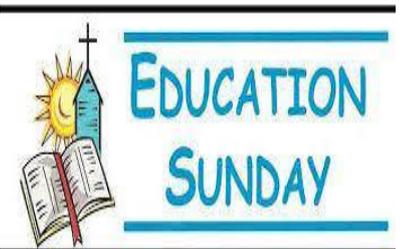
WELCOME BACK! On behalf of all of the staff and governors, I would like to extend an extremely warm welcome back to school to all of our children and their parents. We have missed all of your happy and smiling faces since we finished for the summer holiday back in July and it was lovely to greet you all at the school gates this week. Congratulations to our parents/carers and thank you for sending your children back into school looking so smart in their school uniforms. As always, it is proof that they are ready for school and ready to learn! We all know too well what it is like to lose something and after having spent time and money ensuring your children are ready for school, do please ensure that you child's name is in their clothing so that if they are misplaced, we can give them back to the correct child. The school community would particularly like to welcome our new families, especially any children who have joined our Nursery or Reception classes. Don't they look so grown up in their new uniforms!! We do hope your child will love coming to our school! A very warm welcome to 8 new members of staff this week: Miss Donovan (Year 4), Miss McEwan (Year 3), Miss Lowrie and Mrs Ferdousy (Year 1), Miss McGrath (Reception) and Miss Nolan and Miss Rehan (Nursery) and Miss Otene (Lunchtime Organiser). We have also welcomed back a familiar face in Mr Usher as Deputy Headteacher as he and Mrs Kennedy have swapped roles across the federation. Please keep them in your prayers as they become familiar with their new roles.



RECONCILIATION: During this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should always try hard to be reconciled - to heal relationships and to try to make friends again. Prayer is an important part of reconciliation. We can ask Jesus, anytime, to bring peace to a situation, and to guide us back to friendship. We can't always undo mistakes if we have done something wrong and upset someone, but we can always learn from our mistakes and try to make amends.

"Do I take the Gospel message of reconciliation and love into the places where I live and work?" (Pope Francis)

EDUCATION SUNDAY: This Sunday we celebrate 'Education Sunday': a national day of prayer when we especially remember all of our teachers and all those involved in the education and the care of our children. Throughout the world, our catholic schools and parishes care for millions of children. We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain that God will always care for us. Please keep all those involved in education in your prayers this weekend.





READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is...**ESTABLISH A READING ROUTINE:-** Every child in the school will have brought home their new reading book and reading record this week. Now that the holidays are over, encourage your child to make time to read regularly at some time during the evening. Research shows that 20 minutes reading each day will greatly enhance a child's progress.

BABY NEWS: We all love to hear when someone in our school community welcomes a new born. To our knowledge, we've had two new babies over the summer! Firstly, Mrs Gordon has had a new baby boy - her third! Of course, her and her family are delighted to welcome him, even though he kept them waiting! Both mum and baby are doing splendidly and we all look forward to seeing them soon. Secondly, Noah in our Nursery became a big brother to baby Jonah who is now 5 weeks old! Noah is being super sensible and doing a great job helping mum and dad around the house!

COMMUNICATION: At the start of each year, we ask that parents/carers provide the school with their most up to date contact details. This will include latest mobile phone numbers, work/home phone numbers and current email address. This update form will be sent home next week so please return it school as soon as possible. The school email address is: communications@st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk so please add this to your email contact list because the vast majority of information (including this weekly newsletter) will be communicated this way. This has been proven to be the most effective way of letting parents/carers know of anything that is going on in school and for parents to communicate with members of staff.



MEET THE TEACHER: The teachers are really looking forward to meeting the parents of the pupils in their respective classes. Therefore, parents will have the opportunity to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, 12th September** at either 3:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. These meetings are really important as it gives the teachers the opportunity to communicate essential information as well as systems and routines within each individual class. There will be a further Parents' Evening on **Tuesday, 17th October 2023** when parents can book an individual appointment with the teacher to discuss how your child has settled in so far. Please put this date in your diary!



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS: We are thrilled to be working with the coaches from Sports First Coaching again this year in order to provide the children with some high-quality P.E. provision in addition to the P.E. lessons taught during curriculum time. As was the case last year, we are able to offer the provision to our Key Stage 1 pupils as well as our Key Stage 2 pupils. The sessions will start during the week commencing **Monday, 18th September.**

- Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 on a Thursday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pupils must be registered in order to benefit from the after school sports club so parents/carers please click on this link and complete the online form.

After School



Sport Clubs



YEAR 4 SWIMMING: Swimming lessons for Year 4 children will continue on a Monday morning starting on **Monday, 11th September.** This is an important aspect of the National Curriculum and one in which Year 4 children must take part except for exceptional medical reasons. The children will be leaving school at 9:05 a.m. prompt in order to arrive at the swimming baths on time. Any parents who have not returned their form of consent will need to send this into school on Monday morning.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Attention Year 3 parents!! The children will begin their Sacramental Programme this year and as always, Sister Anne will be organising the Parents' Meetings before each celebration. Sister Anne will be in touch in due course.

Some dates for the diary are:

Sunday, 8th October- Rite of Presentation Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, 12th March - First Forgiveness at St. Patrick's Church (7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, 16th June - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER:The school photographer will be in school this **Wednesday, 13th September** to take individual/family photographs. As usual, prints will be sent home in the coming weeks if parents wish to purchase a copy/copies. Please make sure that your child is looking especially smart on Wednesday and they have their pearly whites gleaming!! Parents of Nursery pupils who have not yet started with us are welcome to bring their child into school on Wednesday morning and stay with them whilst the photograph is taken.



FLU VACCINE: Children from Reception - Year 6 will be able to have a flu vaccination in school on Friday, 10th November and will be given a Flu Immunisation Consent Form and leaflet to take home next week. It is important that you sign and return this form by **Monday, 18th September** to let us know whether or not you wish your child to receive the vaccine.

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: all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Vincent Sheedy (RIP), Mrs Gordon & baby Gordon, Baby Jonah & family, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, the sisters from the Order of Missionaries of Charity, our children and staff and all those called to be involved in Education, and all other private intentions at this time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday, 11 th September	Swimming starts for Year 4
Tuesday, 12 th September	Meet the Teacher meetings. 3:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 13 th September	Photographer in school
Wednesday, 20 th September	After School Sports Club starts for Years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday, 21 st September	After School Sports Club starts for Years 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday, 27 th September	Mass for Years 4, 5 and 6 @ 9:15 a.m. in church
Thursday, 5 th October	EYFS Stay and Play
Friday, 6 th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Sunday, 8 th October	Rite of Presentation Mass @ 9:15 a.m. in church
Wednesday, 18 th October	Mass for Years 1, 2 and 3 @ 9:15 a.m. in church
Tuesday, 17 th October	Parents' Evening commencing at 3:30 p.m.
Friday, 20 th October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund

*Christ be beside me
and in the hearts of those
who love me.*



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