

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

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

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

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick'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)

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**Our Statement to live by next week is: 'I can laugh and have fun.'**

**ENCOUNTERING CHRIST:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the first disciples. As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God." Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, "What do you want?" They answered, "Rabbi," - which means Teacher - "where do you live?" "Come and see," he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him "We have found the Messiah" - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas" - meaning Rock.

*"Let us allow God's constant help to make us new people." (Pope Francis)*

**A New Year & Fresh Start:** Welcome back to the Spring term! On behalf of Canon Paul, Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, governors and staff, we wish all of our families the very best of health and happiness for year ahead! It has been wonderful to see you all back in school after the Christmas break!



**2024 The Year of Prayer:** It's good news for families! Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer. In this very special year, why not as a New Year's resolution, resolve to have some family time each week, dedicated to prayer. Families who regularly pray together find they grow closer and experience the joy that Christ brings. An easy way to do this is to come to Mass each week. Everyone is welcome! We'll be having special events in school to celebrate this and our GiFT team will be helping us to encounter Jesus through prayer.

**PUPIL WELFARE:** During this first week back to school, the staff have been 'checking in' with as many children as possible on a 1:1 basis to help them to settle back into a school routine. It is so heart-warming to hear the many stories of how the children spent a joyful and relaxing time with their families over the festive period. Thank you parents/carers for all that you have done with supporting the children to have a truly wonderful break.



**BEHAVIOUR RE-SET:** With the new year and a fresh start in mind, on Monday, staff reviewed our school behaviour policy and culture. As we evaluated, we also celebrated just how well our children understand and meet our high standards on a daily basis. As you're aware, our policy is underpinned by our Gospel Values which are by no means easy to follow. Over the next few weeks, we'll be working with our JLT (Junior Leadership Team) and

children to review our child friendly policy. The House Captains are raring to go and we wonder who'll be celebrating on 'Fantastic Friday' mid February. We encourage parents to come and ask staff in school at the end of each day to find out just how well your child is doing with managing their own behaviour because we think they're pretty fantastic!

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** Many of our children will be coming home wearing their attendance stickers with pride! So many reached our target of 97% and some even exceeded it, achieving 100%. We do hope those children who were poorly before Christmas have better health this term. Some top tips to help:

- Get enough sleep - a minimum of 8 hours is required for children of Primary school age
- Wrap up warm during the winter months - hats, gloves & scarves are a great help
- Eat well - eat those fruit and vegetables and you'll have a better chance to fight off germs



**ONLINE SAFETY:** No doubt a number of our children were very lucky to be left an electronic device on Christmas morning...Have you taken the relevant steps to keep them safe whilst they are online? If you'd like some help to do this, please come and speak to your child's class teacher. Be SMART online!

**ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS:** The deadline for applications for a September 2024 place in our Reception class is this Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please be aware that a place in our Nursery is unfortunately not a guarantee that you will be offered a place! Therefore please do not delay in completing your application. Applications can be completed online at: [https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2020/4](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2020/4) If any parent needs assistance with completing their application, please feel free to call into the office and a member of the Admin Team will be happy to help.



**KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS:** We know from speaking to you that many parents like to know what the children are learning in school. As well as this information being available on our website, we also like to send out a termly update. This is something you can then refer to, discuss with your child which in turn supports their learning.

**CURRICULUM UPDATES:** The children have hit the ground running this week - the teachers haven't given them a gentle start to the term!! All classes have started a new topic in Music and it's all about composition this week. We can't wait to hear the beautiful melodies as the term progresses and they start to put their notes together. Year 6 started the week by discussing the importance of books when learning in Religion - of course they incorporated a visit to our school library. Year 5 started their Computing curriculum by learning how to program and the Reception children showed great determination and teamwork in their P.E. lesson!



**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: Mick McGuire (RIP) and the McGuire family, Angeline Holt, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, 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.



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