



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

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. at St. Malachy's

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

Next week, our statement to live is:

God goes up with shouts of joy, the Lord goes up with trumpets blast!

LOVE: God is love and all love comes from God. When we invite Jesus, as a loving friend, into our family life then love grows and life becomes more joyful. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his friends, the disciples, with his message of unconditional love, and asks them to carry it to the whole world - not just in their words but also in their actions. Love is life's greatest blessing and Jesus' message is for us too. By loving as Jesus loves, we too become his friends and we experience the harmony and peace which comes from following his command - to love. Enjoy a very special time this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is LOVE.

'The family's strength lies in it's capacity to love and to teach how to love. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to love everyone.'

(Pope Francis)

KEEPING OUR TRADITIONS ALIVE! We held our annual May procession on Wednesday and our children 'crowned' the statue of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven. It truly was a memorable and special occasion. Thank you for sending such beautiful flowers and congratulations to our fantastic children who participated with such reverence and joy throughout the Mass. Our next Mass will be celebrated on Thursday for Ascension Thursday which is a holy day of obligation. Please join us at 9.15 a.m.



ANNUAL MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION: This magnificent procession will take place on Sunday, 7th July at 1:15 p.m., departing from St. Michael's Church in Ancoats. All are welcome to walk with the parish of St. Patrick's!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: We had just the one class who were attendance heroes last week - Year 5! They were rewarded with 5 minutes extra play each day! Congratulations children! Next week, we'll find out which class has won the reward of an ice-cream party! It's starting to feel like at last, the weather is getting warmer and this usually means better health for all us! Please can we remind parents of your responsibility to inform us if your child is going to be absent - otherwise it raises a safeguarding concern for us.

Nursery - 92%	Reception - 94.3%	Year 1 - 93%	Year 2 - 91.4%
Year 3 - 92.4%	Year 4 - 91%	Year 5 - 97%	Year 6 - 91.3%
Overall total 92.4%			



CURRICULUM NEWS: Our Year 3 children have been learning about the importance of how to stand 'ready' for when the ball arrives in tennis (getting ready for Wimbledon!); Year 5 have been studying the reproductive system of flowers whilst Year 1 have been performing their poetry and bringing it to life! As always, it's been busy with lots of learning and laughter going on! Thank you to our fantastic parents for attending our 'stay and play' session yesterday. The children love having you in school to show off how clever they are!!

HAPPY DINERS: We thought we knew how to make our children happy... apparently not! The excitement in the dining hall yesterday was unreal!! This was all thanks to one of our school cooks who decided to treat our children to her recipe of jollof rice. We couldn't give them enough! So...obviously, we need to take a look at our menus and see what we can do to keep our children happy!! Watch this space....



YEAR 4 VISIT: Our Y4 class will be visiting Manchester's Science & Industry Museum on 22/05/24. Parents, please pay your £5 donation on School Gateway as soon as possible so the trip can go ahead.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is...**ESTABLISH A READING ROUTINE:** Every child in school brings home their reading books & reading record books. Encourage your child to make time to read regularly at some time during the evening. Maybe set an alarm on your phone to remind yourselves. Research shows that 20 minutes reading each day will greatly enhance a child's progress. For our younger children, you read a story to them. They LOVE this.



DIARY DATES: As promised, you'll see at the end of this newsletter, significant dates for many of our planned activities. Please make a note of them as it's going to be busy!

SPORTS DAY: Weather permitting, this year's sports day will be on Monday, 20th May - yes, earlier than usual! Please put the date & times in your diaries:
 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2
 12:30 p.m. - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



We are grateful to Abbott School for letting us use their school field again!

END OF YEAR TRIPS: Children are very aware that we have booked in some fantastic school trips for the end of the year and they are very much looking forward to being invited. Please ask them about the 'TRIPLE A' challenge we've set for them. These end of year trips are all about the FUN and a celebration of how hard the children have worked this year.

We're sure you'll agree our children deserve it. However, they don't come cheap. Even though, governors are providing a heavy subsidy, we still need to ask parents to donate £15 towards the costs by **Thursday, 23rd May**. We have set up arrangements to pay on School Gateway and parents can start paying from today. This can be done in instalments. If any parents anticipate that they may struggle at this time, please contact the school office well in advance so that a payment plan can be arranged for you. Please see the dates for the trips at the end of the newsletter.



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: Oliver O'Leary (RIP) & the O'Leary family, Jacob Obiadazie (RIP) and family, Margaret Williams, Angeline Holt, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, Jo Phillips, Shirley Wade & family, Miss Aulton & family, 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, Caritas, 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, thank you for being our loving friend. Please help us to always love you and to keep growing in love for one another. Amen.**

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

DIARY DATES:

DATE	YEAR GROUP/S	ACTIVITY
Thursday, 9 th May	Years 1 -6	Mass for Ascension Thursday 9:15 a.m.
13 th - 16 th May	Year 6	SATs week
Monday, 20 th May	All classes	SPORTS DAY at Abbott's school field 9:30 a.m. Nursery & Reception, Y1 & Y2 12:30 p.m. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday, 22 nd May	Year 5	Prefect interviews with Mrs Clinton
Wednesday, 22 nd May	Year 4	Trip to MOSI (£5 donation)
Wednesday, 22 nd May	Nursery & Reception	Literacy workshop for parents 9:15 a.m.
Summer 2 term		
Wednesday, 5 th June	Nursery & Reception	Trip to Smithills Farm - £15 (non-uniform)
Wednesday, 5 th June	Year 6	'It's not cricket'
10 th - 14 th June	Years 1 -6	Assessment week
Wednesday, 12 th June	Nursery & Reception	Stay & Play with parents 9:15 a.m.
Thursday, 13 th June	Years 5 & 6	Workshop for parents & children on the dangers of knife crime - 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, 13 th June	Year 3	Rehearsal in church for Holy Communion
Sunday, 16 th June	Year 3	Holy Communion Mass for families - 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 19 th June	Years 1-6	Holy Communion Mass celebration, official photographer & party day for Y3 - 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, 25 th June	Year 3	'Portals in the Past' History workshop at St. Edmund's school
Thursday, 27 th June	Year 1	Trip to Gulliver's World - £15
Friday, 28 th June	Year 6	8 children to compete 'in court'!
Wednesday, 3 rd July	Year 2	Trip to Bewilderwood - £15
Friday, 5 th July	Nursery & Reception	Stay & Play with parents
8 th -11 th July	Year 6	Residential to Aberdaron - £100
Tuesday, 9 th July	Year 4	Trip to Graystones - £15
Wednesday, 10 th July	Year 5	Trip to Venture Out - £15
Monday, 15 th July	All classes	'Moving on up' - transition day
Wednesday, 17 th July	Years 1 - 6	Final Mass for Y6 leavers - 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 17 th July	All classes	'Patsbury' music festival - 1:30 p.m. Dress ready to 'fest'
Date TBC	Year 3	Trip to Venture Out - £15
Friday, 19 th July	Final assemblies Nursery & Reception - 9:15 a.m. Years 1-6 - 11:00 a.m. School closes for the summer break - 1:00 p.m.	