



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

Next week, our statement to live is:

We are filled with the Holy Spirit this Pentecost

CARE: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying with his disciples after the last supper. Very soon, Jesus will be arrested so before leaving them he is preparing his disciples for the difficult time to come. Jesus has cared for his followers and now he is asking God to care for them. Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. We show that we are united and part of God's family when we care for each other - living and working in unity. Pope Francis reminds us, "It is Jesus himself who continues to care for his Church. Small gestures of tenderness and care, make people feel that the Lord is with us." Enjoy a special time together this weekend hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is CARE.



'Let us walk together taking care of each other and of creation, our common home. Above all, take care of people in need.' (Pope Francis)

ASCENSION THURSDAY: We were delighted to come together yesterday for this Holy Day of Obligation to mark the end of the Easter Season. It was a double celebration as we witnessed Joseph and Daisy (parishioners) renew their wedding vows after 25 years of marriage. They very kindly gave our children a sweet treat to mark this special milestone. As always, the children sang and prayed with gusto! To hear such beautiful young voices in Church brings great joy to our parish community. Well done and thank you children! Our next Mass is Wednesday, 19th June when we'll celebrate with our First Holy Communicants.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS: We had just the one class who were attendance heroes last week - Year 4! They were rewarded with 5 minutes extra play each day! Congratulations children! Unfortunately, we didn't have any classes who hit our 97% target for the month of April so we weren't able to reward anyone with an ice-cream party today!! Fingers crossed that the warm weather will bring us better health and we have more attendance heroes in May. The results for last week are in the table below:

Nursery - 86.9%	Reception - 94.8%	Year 1 - 88.7%	Year 2 - 85.9%
Year 3 - 87.9%	Year 4 97.1%	Year 5 - 87.9%	Year 6 - 92.3%
Overall total 90.4%			



CURRICULUM NEWS: Staff took full advantage of the fair weather this week. Year 4 went outside for their Science lessons, investigating living things, children in Nursery created their own beach and Year 6 worked in teams to recreate an outdoor escape room to revise their grammar skills!! It's fantastic to see and hear the children outside enjoying their learning.

YEAR 4 VISIT: Our Year 4 class will be visiting Manchester's Science and Industry Museum on Wednesday, 22nd May. 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: **BE POSITIVE!** Praise your child for trying hard at their reading and let them know it's alright to make mistakes. One of our Gospel Values in school is 'Perseverance.' Sometimes we don't always get it right first time but rewards and treats for showing perseverance are always welcome!!



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Do you need some financial support and need to borrow money safely? Manchester Credit Union offers a new online short-term loan of between £100 and £750. Apply online for an immediate decision. Visit: <https://manchestercreditunion.co.uk/> for more details.

HOLIDAY MEAL VOUCHERS: Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the May half term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 22nd May. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.



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! Children will need to come to school in their P.E. kit of white/yellow t-shirts with green or black shorts.

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. We have set up arrangements to pay on School Gateway and parents can pay 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, our Y6 children and staff, 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, please help us to see the needs of others, to care for creation, and to continue your work in the world with a loving and caring heart. Amen.**

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

DIARY DATES:

DATE	YEAR GROUP/S	ACTIVITY
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'!
Monday, 1 st July	Year 3	Trip to Venture Out - £15
Sunday, 7 th July	Parish event	Madonna Del Rosario Procession 1:15 p.m. from St. Michael's Church, Ancoats
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'
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.	