



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

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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](http://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](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

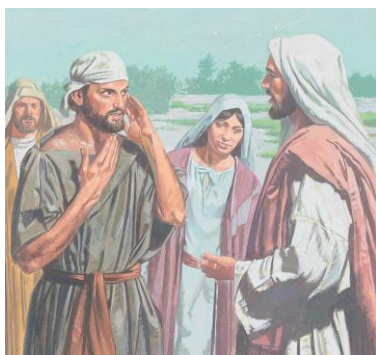
**Our Statement to live by next week is: 'WE ARE ALL SPECIAL.'**

**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 and guardians. 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/guardians 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!

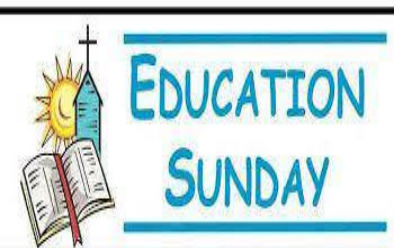
We started our school year with Mass on Wednesday and the school community came together to worship. We reminded ourselves of our school mission and school prayer to help us focus on our intentions for the year ahead.



**HEALING:** While Jesus was travelling towards the Sea of Galilee, they brought him a deaf man who could hardly talk; and they asked Jesus to lay his hand on him. Jesus took the man away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then, looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him, "Be opened." At once the man could hear and he could speak clearly too. And Jesus ordered the people to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they told everyone about it. "He has done all things well," they said. "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

*"God grants us His love, which saves us, heals us and gives us strength." (Pope Francis)*

**EDUCATION SUNDAY:** This Sunday we celebrate 'Education Sunday': a national day of prayer when we especially remember all of our teachers & Teaching Assistants 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. We also celebrate Our Lady's birthday on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September!



**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. Please click on the link below and take 5-10 minutes to ensure we have your child's essential information.

<https://forms.gle/pJ9SvyDT3iLCHTaG7>

The school email address is: [communications@st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk](mailto: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/guardians know of anything that is going on in school and for parents to communicate with members of staff.



*We've hit the ground running this week and we've already got a busy term ahead so please take 10-15 minutes to read and digest the following notices.*



**BREAKFAST CLUB:** We are delighted to continue with our offer to support working parents again this year. Our daily Breakfast Club will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. to enable working parents that little bit extra time to get to work on time. Any parents that wish to register, please come to the school office to make arrangements for payment.

**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. Unfortunately, we only have capacity to offer the provision to 30 children per session and parents/guardians need to register before Monday. Please look in your emails for a letter which was sent out yesterday. The sessions will start next week on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September.

- Pupils in Years 2 and 3 on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:15-4.15 p.m.
- Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 on a Thursday afternoon from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Children who miss more than 2 consecutive sessions without giving a reason to the club leaders, will lose their place to a child on the waiting list. Parents who collect their child late on more than 2 occasions will also lose their child's place. This may sound harsh but the staff are only on duty until 4.15 p.m. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding. Staff will be seeking the views of the children so they get to learn and play new sports games - it's going to be great fun!

**After School**



**Sport Clubs**

**YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** Swimming lessons for Year 4 children will start this Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9:00 a.m. prompt in order to arrive at the swimming baths on time. If you have not already done so, please complete the below link for consent otherwise your child won't be eligible to attend.

<https://forms.gle/exp4F2Rs3wxyudhU8>

**SMILE PLEASE!!** The school photographer will be in school from 8.45 a.m. on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September (next Wednesday) so pearly white teeth and gleaming faces from everyone please!! If parents/guardians would like their toddler/baby in the photo with their older sibling, please come into school and make your way to the hall. Please be patient and wait your turn as the staff will be working methodically to make sure no-one gets missed.





**MEET THE TEACHER:** The teachers are really looking forward to meeting the parents/guardians of the pupils in their respective classes. Therefore, parents will have the opportunity to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September** at either 3:15 p.m, 4:00 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.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Attention Year 3 parents!! Please look out for a further letter via email from Mrs Clinton next week. This is an important letter as it will inform you of all of the dates that you will need to be aware of as the children begin their Sacramental Programme this year. Please make a note of all of the celebration Masses as well as all of the parents' meetings prior to each celebration. **It is essential that parents attend all of these meetings in order for the children to be ready and prepared to receive each sacrament.**

The first 2 dates for the diary are:

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September** - Parents/Guardians' and pupil meeting to prepare for the Rite of Presentation. (6.30 p.m. at church)

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Rite of Presentation Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)



**YEAR 6 PARENTS:** Our Lady's R.C. High School invite parents and pupils to their open evening event on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. This will help you make your decision about what high school your child will attend next September so it's an important event. Furthermore, the school is offering 1:1 tours for parents whilst the school is in operation. Parents will need to phone the school to book an appointment between dates, Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** It will be a surprise if parents/guardians are unaware of the new rules for attendance as it has been well communicated on news channels throughout the summer. From now on, schools will be considering fining parents if a child has 5 days of unauthorised absence. The fine will start at £80 per child and will be issued to each parent. The fine will increase to £160 if not paid in 21 days. Mrs Clinton will be sending out a letter outlining the school's expectations around attendance so that all parents/guardians are fully informed.



**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is...**ESTABLISH A READING ROUTINE**:- Every child in the school will be bringing home their new reading books & reading record books this week and next. 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.

**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!



**THE SEASON OF CREATION:** The season of creation is an annual international ecumenical initiative. It started on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is, 'To hope and act with creation'. Our children will learn more about what we can do to look after our common home in the run up to our CAFOD Harvest Fast day in October.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Angeline Holt (RIP) and family, Jo Phillips and family, Mr & Mrs Kinsey (Ruby wedding anniversary), all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses & Father Raymond, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers 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:**

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| Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September                                   | Swimming starts for Year 4  |
| Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September                                 | After school club starts for Years 4, 5 & 6   |
| Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September                               | Photographer in school from 8.45 a.m.<br>After school club starts for Y2 & 3                                      |
| Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September                                  | Deadline for pupil update forms to be completed by parents  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September                                | 'Meet the teacher' meetings @ 3.15, 4.00 & 5.00 p.m.  |
| Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October | Bookings available for a 1:1 tour of Our Lady's RC High School for prospective parents. Please contact the school |
| Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September                               | Mass for Years 4, 5 and 6 @ 9:15 a.m. in church (led by Y4)   |
| Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September                                | Open evening at Our Lady's RC High School for Y6 families   |
| Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October                                     | CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - brighten up for CAFOD (50p donation)   |
| Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October                                     | Rite of Presentation celebration Mass for Y3 families, 9.15 a.m.  |
| Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | Harvest festival assembly - collection of dried/tinned foods  |
| Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | World Faith Week - learning more about Sikhism  |
| Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                 | Mass for Years 1, 2 & 3 (led by Y3)   |
| Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund<br>School closes at the usual time for 2 weeks                              |

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



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