



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

18th October 2024

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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 after half term will be:
'I stand up for those who are treated unfairly.'**

GREATNESS: In St. Mark's gospel this weekend, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Master, we want you to do us a favour." Jesus said, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They answered, "When you come into your glory, allow one of us to sit at your right hand and the other at your left." When the other ten heard this they began to feel angry with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, "You know how some rulers want to order people around and to control them. Well, you must not be like that. Whoever wants to be truly great must follow my example and be like a servant to others. I did not come to be served - I came to serve, and to give my life for other people." Enjoy your family time this weekend, sharing your thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, 'GREATNESS.'



*"Doing little things, with a strong desire to please God, makes them great."
(St. Francis de Sales)*



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Many thanks to our families who came to support our children in Mass on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed listening to the children read as well as joining in with our hymns. As always the children were fantastic ambassadors for our faith and Father Paul was super impressed with their listening and answers to his questions.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Two important dates for parents/guardians...

Wednesday, 6th November: meeting in St. Patrick's Church at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday, 10th November: Celebration Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 9.15 a.m.

HARVEST COLLECTION: We were overwhelmed by your generosity last Friday. Thank you to everyone in our school community who managed to make a harvest donation. Staff from Caritas have been in contact and asked us to pass on their grateful thanks. The donations will go directly to help local families who have fallen on hard times. Please keep these families in your prayers.





YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7: There are still a few Y6 parents who are yet to apply for their child's Y7 place. The deadline is 31st October at 5.00 p.m. Please get this job done so that you have a better chance of getting the high school place you want for your child.

Parents need to apply online at:

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/705/school_admissions

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

Our class results for last week are in the table below. Congratulations to our Reception, Year 1, 3 and 6 classes who exceeded our school target of 97%. What attendance HEROES they are! Please remember this top tip to ensure your child is school ready!



SLEEP - as adults we know how difficult it is to function without enough sleep. Did you know....

- ✓ Children 3 to 5 years old should sleep 10 to 13 hours per day.
- ✓ Children 6 to 12 years old should sleep 9 to 12 hours per day.

Over the half term, try and get your children into a good sleep pattern even if it means just increasing it by 15 minutes a day. Your life will be much easier if your child gets the required sleep each night.

Nursery: 94.4%	Reception: 98.4%	Year 1: 98.2%	Year 2: 96.7%
Year 3: 97.2%	Year 4: 94.6%	Year 5: 96.7%	Year 6: 98.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.8%			

REMEMBRANCE LITURGY: On Friday, 15th November, we will be holding a Remembrance Liturgy for Years 1-6 in the school hall at 2.00 p.m. This is an opportunity for all members of our school community to come together, light a candle and pray for the repose of the soul of a loved one that has gone before us. If you would like us to include a family member, please email the following details to our email address: communications@st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk



- The name of your loved one/s
- The name of your eldest child who will light the candle

Please send us these details by Monday, 11th November so we can prepare for the service.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP....: You are your child's first teacher. As always, we continue to work in partnership for the good of all our children. They are all special to us - they all grow, develop and flourish in their own time and in their own way. This is something we celebrate. Sometimes we need to work together to reinforce messages and lessons at home and at school. Could you help us with the following things during half term?

HEAD LICE: It would be very unusual for your child NOT to get headlice during their school life. It is very common. Please continue to follow advice from the NHS about how to treat and avoid getting headlice. Please be extra vigilant when washing and treating your child's hair.

HAND-WASHING, RESPIRATORY & TOILET HYGIENE: This is something we all teach. Please take the time during the break to reinforce the importance of personal hygiene. We all know children forget so your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

PANTS: Please speak to your child (appropriate for their age) about their's and other people's private parts - what we are allowed and not allowed to do. Of course we teach about this in our curriculum but it would really help staff if you could have timely conversations with your child too. Click on the link below to access some great resources from the NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



HALLOWEEN SAFETY: We know lots of our families enjoy the Halloween celebrations. As this will fall during the school break, we won't have the opportunity to remind children about keeping themselves safe. Our message is:

- ✓ Only go out trick or treating with an adult in your family
- ✓ Only knock on doors of people you know
- ✓ Don't stay out later than 8.00 p.m.



HARPURHEY COMMUNITY GROCERY: Harpurhey Community Church have opened a community grocery store. They will be providing fresh and affordable groceries for members. For just £5 a year, local residents can become members of the Community Grocery giving you full access to their store that will be fully stocked with the same range of products you'd expect to find in your local supermarket. Members can go along and do a large food shop from just £5 per shop, saving on average, £25 a visit. For more information please email harpurhey@communitygrocery.co.uk or call 0161 987 6511 and ask to speak to Steffi Schrank.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **TAKE BREAKS WHILST READING.** Your child doesn't have to read an entire book in one go! Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it's just a couple of minutes at a time. If they have to close the book early because it's time for tea, or they're just losing interest, that's okay. Reading can take a lot of mental energy and taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS: We've been notified by the council that they will be providing FSM vouchers for 1 week of the mid-term break. This means that those parents eligible should have received a voucher for £15 this week.



COHENS CHEMIST - PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE: Your local pharmacy can advise and provide treatment for the following conditions: sinusitis (age 12+), shingles (age 18+), impetigo (age 1 +), sore throat (age 5+), earache (ages 1-17), urinary tract infections in women (ages 16-64). Visit Cohens chemist to discuss any of these or phone on 0161 205 5480. No appointment necessary. Address: 407 Queens Road, M40 8RE



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: Moira Murray (RIP) and family, Kathryn Grogan (RIP) and family, Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, CAFOD, our families on the Sacramental Programme those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses, 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.



BEDTIME PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for all the great people in our world. Please help us to grow in greatness through putting others first. Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: we will have more dates for your diary after the mid-term break.

Thursday, 31 st October	Deadline for Y6 to apply for high school places - 5.00 p.m.
Monday, 4 th November	School opens at the usual time
Wednesday, 6 th November	Sacramental Programme meeting for families, 6.30 p.m. in church

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

School closes today for 2 weeks.

**We look forward to seeing you at the usual time on
Monday, 4th November.**