



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 23rd May 2019

WHITSUNTIDE IS NEARLY HERE

We break up tomorrow, Friday 24th May, for Whitsun. This is the Christian festival of Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples. We are reminded over this special time that the Holy Spirit is with us all in a special way and fills us with many gifts. We hope that everyone has a happy, safe and holy break. Ascension Thursday (a Holy Day of Obligation) is on Thursday 30th May and Pentecost Sunday (sometimes referred to as the Birthday of the Church) is celebrated on Sunday 9th June. We return to school on Monday 10th June.



MANY THANKS FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME

Having almost completed a half-term as the new headteacher of St Richard's, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents, carers, staff and governors of St Richard's for welcoming me so warmly into this wonderful community. St Richard's is clearly a very special place and I am very happy and proud to be here. Please carry on introducing yourselves to me if you see me around school and let me know who your children are.

BEHAVIOUR & MANNERS

The superb behaviour and excellent manners of the pupils who attend our school are noteworthy. These valuable gifts are everyone's responsibility to maintain. We are very appreciative of all parents' and carers' efforts to model, encourage and reward superb behaviour and excellent manners - both in school and at home. Thanks for your support.

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Travelling Books Book fair held at school this half-term. We raised £842 which means that we now have £445 which can be spent on books for the school. Many thanks to all the staff in school who ran the event and to all our parents and carers for encouraging book ownership and promoting reading at home.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the pupils from St Richard's who will have made their First Holy Communion this half-term. The children have been wonderful candidates for this special sacrament and they have been very well prepared by Father Dever, staff from school, parents and carers and the wider parish.

UNITED NATIONS DAY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

On Tuesday 21st May we celebrated the UN's World Day for Cultural Diversity. At St Richard's there are over 33 first languages spoken by our pupils. We are proud to offer a warm welcome and respect all who come to St Richard's. This is part of our mission to witness to the values of God's kingdom.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

We believe that uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and in setting an appropriate tone for all staff and pupils. Uniform promotes cohesion and good order within school. Children at St Richard's are expected to dress neatly and in accordance with our uniform policy at all times. Please support school in ensuring that your child comes to school in full uniform each day. Many thanks in advance for your support.

WELL DONE TO OUR YEAR 6 AND YEAR 2 CLASSES

We offer our congratulations and thanks to all our Year 6 pupils who worked so hard towards - and during - the week of KS2 SATs this half-term. They all conducted themselves with determination but were also super calm and excellently behaved. Well done boys and girls.

Congratulations are also due to all our Year 2 pupils who have completed the tests which support their teachers' assessment judgements. Again, the boys and girls performed exceptionally well and are a credit to all parents and carers and to the staff in school who prepared them so well.

EID AL-FITR

Eid al-Fitr 2019 will begin in the week of 3rd June 2019, whilst we are on holiday. Eid al-Fitr, also called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. We would like to wish all our Muslim pupils and their families a very happy Eid al-Fitr 2019.

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 24 th May	School breaks up for two week holiday
Thursday 30 th May	Ascension day (holy day of obligation)
Tuesday 4 th June	Eid al-Fitr
Friday 7 th June	St Robert of Newminster's Feast Day
Sunday 9 th June	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 10 th June	Return to school
w/c Monday 10 th June	Year One Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday 11 th June	Class photographs
Sunday 16 th June	11am First Holy Communion Mass and Breakfast
Sunday 16 th June	St Richard's Feast Day
w/c Monday 17 th June	Test Week for Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5
w/c Monday 17 th June	New Nursery intake meetings for parents and carers (Monday - Wednesday at 2.45pm)
Friday 12 th July	9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Sunday 14 th July	St Richard's Summer Fair
Tuesday 16 th July	2.00pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents
Friday 19 th July	Pupils break up for Summer holidays

With many thanks for all your continuing support and wishing you all a happy Whitsuntide break,

Mr J Murray

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