



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY

The children break up for the long summer holiday tomorrow at 3.30pm. We wish everyone a happy, peaceful and safe summer break and we look forward to our return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 8.58am (school gates will be open from 8.30am). The academic year 2019-20 will see us marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Richard's RC Primary School. There is much to really look forward to next year!

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019

The Summer Reading Challenge will launch in libraries in England and Wales on Saturday 13 July 2019. Please check with your local library service to find out when the Challenge will begin and end in our area. The Challenge is run in public libraries, in the summer holidays, and is *free* for children to take part. By getting your children involved in the Summer Reading Challenge, you will be ensuring that they remain engaged with the key skill of reading over the long summer holidays.

## CHANGES TO SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

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. We believe that uniform promotes cohesion and good order within school. At St Richard's RC Primary School, children are expected to dress neatly and in uniform at all times. We thank all parents and carers in advance for their invaluable support in ensuring that our school uniform policy is always strictly adhered to. The small but significant changes to our uniform policy for September 2019 are detailed on our website at <http://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/policies/>

## LOCAL FOODBANK INFORMATION

The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT) is a charity that makes life more affordable for people on a low income. Their mission is to create a fair solution for people in poverty and their long-term aim is to address the premiums that people in poverty pay for food, loans, energy and other everyday essentials simply because of their personal circumstances. TBBT will be operating out of the Northmoor Community Centre, 95-97 Northmoor Rd, Manchester M12 5RT in August 2019. Please go to [www.breadandbutterthing.org](http://www.breadandbutterthing.org) in order to find out more.

## RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon and a small number of paper copies will be available in the school office after school on Thursdays - but parents will have to come in to request a paper copy on a weekly basis. If you wish to receive the newsletter every week by email then simply send:

1. Your full name
2. Name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) at our school
3. Preferred email address
4. The message '*I consent to school using my email address in order to send me a copy of the newsletter each week of term.*'

to [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and you will be added to the mailing list.

## CELEBRATION ROUND-UP

We celebrated a lovely Year 6 Leavers' Mass in church last Friday where all our wonderful Year 6 pupils received a special blessing and gifts and were prayed for by pupils and staff from Key Stage 2. This week we enjoyed an amazing Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday and a wonderful musical celebration on Wednesday. By Friday, all our children will have attended an awards assembly to celebrate the very wide range of their fantastic achievements this year.

## CHANGES TO HOW PUPILS AND PARENTS/CARERS GAIN ACCESS TO ST RICHARD'S EACH MORNING

From September 2019 the current morning access arrangements will remain in place. This means that pupils and parents/carers will only be able to enter the school site from 8.30am (pupils attending Breakfast Club will be able to enter school between 8am and 8.15am but only via the main gate on Wilpshire Avenue). Sutcliffe Avenue gates will open at 8.30am until 9am and the main gate on Wilpshire Avenue will remain open until 9.05am. The Norton Avenue gate will not be open in the mornings.

## RESULTS ROUND UP

All parents and carers should have received a letter from Mr Keyworth this week which summarises some of the key assessment outcomes from St Richard's for this academic year. We are very pleased with these outcomes and they are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils and parents/carers. Many thanks and well done to you all.

## LUNCH MENU THANKS

Congratulations and thank you to Kadie Lou who designed 'Kadie Lou's Kickin' Chickin' Curry' which was a great success on the school lunch menu last week. Well done and thanks also to Yousha whose fresh cream, yoghurt and fruit dessert will be served this week.

## 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & Year 6 Awards assembly 9.10am - main hall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupils break up for the summer holidays at 3.30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Term starts at 8.58am for pupils from Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery Intake Day 1
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery Intake Day 2
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September to Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	A week of events to celebrate the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of our school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupils break up for half-term holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Concert at 2.15pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Concert at 2.15pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils' Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 to Romiley Forum for Christmas Pantomime
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils break up for Christmas holidays

With many thanks for your continuing support and wishing you all a safe, peaceful and restful summer

*Mr J Murray*

Headteacher  
St Richard's RC Primary School