



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 5th September 2019



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to St Richard's everyone. We hope that you all enjoyed a restful summer break. A warm welcome to all our new Nursery children and pupils in other classes who are starting St Richard's for the first time this term. We hope that you settle in well.

This academic year (2019-20) sees us marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of St Richard's RC Primary School. There is much to really look forward to this year!

EDUCATION SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, 8th September, is Education Sunday. On Education Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. It would be wonderful to see as many of our pupils and their parents/carers as possible at mass this weekend – giving praise for the excellent education which the Catholic sector continues to offer.

WELL DONE MISS BROADBENT!

On Monday 22nd July 2019, at a special ceremony at Gorton Monastery, Miss Broadbent received an award from Manchester City Council in recognition of 40 years' service to education in Manchester (Miss Broadbent has actually taught at St Richard's for **45 years**). This is a tremendous achievement. We are very lucky to have Miss Broadbent. Well done Miss!

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK MAY 2020

The key stage 2 tests which Year 6 pupils will sit this academic year are timetabled from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2020. It is vitally important that all our Year 6 pupils are in school for this week.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-20

In order to mark the 75th anniversary of VE ('Victory in Europe') Day next year, the early May bank holiday in 2020 has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020. This means that Monday 4th May will now be a school day and all pupils will be expected to attend school on this day. School will be closed for the bank holiday on Friday 8th May 2020. Please see the attached (updated) version of our current holiday list for 2019-20.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Many thanks to all pupils (as well as their parents and carers) for the very smart way in which our pupils have turned out for school this week. The small but significant changes to our uniform policy for September 2019 are now in place and are detailed on our website at <http://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/policies/>

As stated in this policy, a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team will contact parents/carers should there be a significant or a recurrent breach of the school's uniform policy. Where there is a significant breach, parents/carers will be asked to pick up their child, remedy the breach, and return with the child to school as soon as possible. Where this does not take place, the pupil will remain indoors during all break and lunchtimes on the first day of the breach and all subsequent days until the breach is remedied. We thank all parents and carers in advance for their invaluable support in ensuring that our school uniform policy is always strictly adhered to.

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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

CHOCOLATE HAMPER RAFFLE RESULTS

Many thanks to Mrs McGinty who organised a chocolate hamper raffle – the results of which were not known until the last day of term. Well done to Miss Kelly, Hassan, Nana, Cian and Feerozah who each won a splendid chocolate hamper. The money raised was £167.17 and the proceeds have been donated to St Richard's Church.

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:

Tuesday 10 th September	Nursery Intake Day 2
Monday 23 rd September to Monday 30 th September	A week of events to celebrate the 50 th anniversary of the opening of our school
Friday 25 th October	Pupils break up for half-term holidays
Monday 4 th November	Return to school
Wednesday 13 th November	Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 Christmas Concert at 2.15pm
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Thursday 12 th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert at 2.15pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Pupils' Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 to Romiley Forum for Christmas Pantomime
Friday 20 th December	Pupils break up for Christmas holidays

With many thanks for your continuing support and looking forward to a prosperous and productive Autumn term and academic year,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School



**ST RICHARD'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2019/2020**



Autumn Term 2019			
Staff In-Service Day	Monday	2 nd September	9 am – 4 pm
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	3 rd September	9 am – 4 pm
Pupils start	Wednesday	4 th September	8.58 am
Nursery pupils staggered intake days		4 th , 10 th , 17 th 24 th September	8.50 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	25 th October	3.30 pm
Pupil re-start	Monday	4 th November	8.58 am
Parents Evening	Wednesday	13 th November	3.45pm–6.45pm
Nursery Christmas Concert	Wednesday	11 th December	9.30am
Year One Christmas Concert	Wednesday	11 th December	2.30pm
Reception Christmas Concert	Thursday	12 th December	9.30am
Year Two Christmas Concert	Thursday	12 th December	2.30pm
Pupils Christmas Dinner	Tuesday	17 th December	12 noon
Term Ends	Friday	20 th December	3.30pm
First Mass of Christmas	Tuesday	24 th December	7 pm

Spring Term 2020			
Staff In-Service Day	Monday	6 th January	9 am – 4 pm
Pupils re-start	Tuesday	7 th January	8.58 am
Test Week: Rec, Yrs 1, 3, 4 & 5	Week beginning	3 rd February	
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	14 th February	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	24 th February	8.58 am
Parents Evening	Wednesday	25 th March	3.45pm -6.45pm
Term Ends	Thursday	9 th April	3.30 pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday	11 th April	7.30 pm

Summer Term 2020			
Pupils re-start	Monday	20 th April	8.58 am
Bank Holiday (revised)	Friday	8 th May	School closed
SATs (Year 2)		Throughout May	
SATs (Year 6)	Week beginning	11 th May	
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	22 nd May	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	8 th June	8.58 am
Class photographs	Tuesday	9 th June	
Test Week: Rec, Yrs 1, 3, 4 & 5	Week beginning	15 th June	
Reports issued to Parents	Friday	10 th July	
Term Ends	Friday	17 th July	3.30 pm
Staff In-Service Day	Monday	20 th July	9 am – 4 pm
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	21 st July	9 am – 4 pm

HOLIDAYS & REQUESTS FOR EXTENDED LEAVE IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED