



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



OUR GIFT TEAM

Our GIFT Team members were presented with beautiful badges in assembly last Friday. Macy in Y6 writes, 'GIFT' stands for 'Growing in Faith Together'. The team is made up of ten Y6 children who are all volunteers. It is our responsibility to deliver prayer and worship and spread the Word of God in our school. We do many things such as: holding collective worship, running prayer groups and delivering liturgies. This month we will be praying a decade of the Rosary each day in Prayer Group.'

HELPING OTHERS AT HARVEST

This year, our pupils who are Caritas Ambassadors will be leading a Harvest collection and donating the collection to our local parish and the Cornerstone Centre. If you are able to contribute anything, we would be most grateful. We will be collecting until October half term (Friday 25th October) and the Caritas Ambassadors will be taking the donations to the Cornerstone Centre. We would welcome donations of:

- tinned foods
- dried foods
- cereals
- pasta
- tea
- coffee
- long-life milk
- long-life juice
- cooking sauces



Thank you very much to everyone who has already donated but we would still welcome any more donations.

GETTING READY FOR WINTER UNIFORM

Many thanks to all our parents and carers for your continuing support and cooperation in ensuring that children come to school in smart, full school uniform every day. As the October half-term holiday draws closer, I want to remind all our parents that, from Monday 4th November, all our pupils **must** be in winter uniform. This consists of:

GIRLS' WINTER UNIFORM: Dark grey skirt or pinafore dress, blue blouse, school tie, school sweatshirt or cardigan (plain navy, preferably with the school logo. No other logo is allowed). Girls are allowed to wear grey or black tights or grey, black or white socks. Girls may wear dark grey school trousers. No boots are to be worn in school.

BOYS' WINTER UNIFORM: Dark grey school trousers, blue shirt, school tie, school sweatshirt (plain navy, preferably with the school logo. No other logo is allowed).

St Richard's school ties are available from the school office priced £3 each.

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR 2020

Parents of pupils now in Year 6 are required to apply for their secondary school place for September 2020 by the closing date of **31st October 2019**. All Year 6 pupils ought to have brought home a flyer from Manchester City Council with details of high schools' open evenings/events this half-term.

ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

We are collecting Aldi's Kit for Schools Team GB Stickers. You should receive one of these at the check-out, every time you spend £30 at Aldi (please ask if you don't). Please bring these in to school so that they can be added to our 'Kit for Schools' poster. We will receive an exclusive sports kit as a result of our participation ... as well as a chance to win £20,000! Many thanks in advance.



Thursday 10th October 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 1 st October	Start of Black History Month
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 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Thursday 12 th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert at 2.30pm
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

REPORT ON YEAR 6 VISITS TO LYME PARK

By the end of this week, all of our Year 6 classes will have visited Lyme Park, Disley, Stockport. Scarlett in Y6 writes, "Class 12 went to explore the amazing place, Lyme Park. We were learning about orienteering, map reading and how to use a compass- it was super fun! It was an awesome experience on how to use both a map and a compass – you would love this trip. It's the best!"

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.

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

With many thanks for your continuing support,
Mr J Murray
Headteacher
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