



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 3rd October 2019

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. This special day was introduced to honour Mary in thanks for the protection that she gives to us all. The Rosary is much more than a list of prayers. It is a rich spiritual exercise designed to bring us closer to Mary and to her son, Jesus. Our children have been learning more about the Holy Rosary in collective worship and in class this week. The Gift Team will be leading prayers at lunchtimes for the Rosary throughout October. This month is a wonderful time to pray the Rosary at home as a family.



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.

THE BOOK PEOPLE'S BIG BOOK BOOST

The Book People (an online book retailer) have launched a brand new and really easy fundraising scheme for schools to earn money for our students to get their hands on, and heads into, even more great books.

Every time one of our parents, families, a friend of the school or even an ex-student places an online order with The Book People for over £10, **they will donate £1 to our school** to spend on books. St Richard's has an account with The Book People and is already registered for the Big Book Boost, so please spread the word and please visit <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost> Where you are prompted to find a school by its post code, please type in **M12 5TL** (our school postcode). Many thanks in advance.

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.

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who made our opening week of celebrations to mark 50 years of St Richard's RC Primary School so successful. We are planning a number of other events throughout the school year and will notify parents of these through the newsletter. We have a small number of copies of our excellent commemorative DVD available at the main school office, priced £5 each. These make excellent keep-sakes or gifts.

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

TERRIFIC TAG RUGBY COMPETITION

Ibtihal in Y6 writes, 'On Monday 30th September, ten children from St Richard's went to a Tag Rugby competition at William Hulme Grammar School where we played four matches. We lost our first match, drew the second match, lost the third and then won our fourth and final match...victory!'

RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

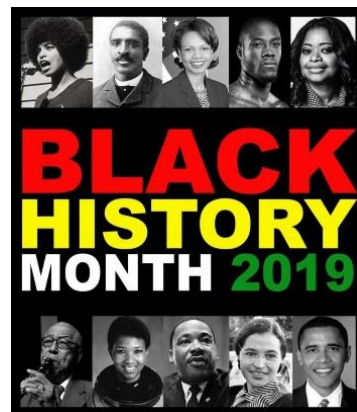
It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon and a small number of paper copies will be available in the school office after school on Thursdays - but parents will have to come in to request a paper 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



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month began on Tuesday 1st October. Originally observed in the USA, it began as a way to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987. At school we will be learning about the contributions made by significant black men and women from Britain in the week commencing Monday 21st October.