



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 11th July 2019

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Tomorrow, it is our Year 6 Leavers' mass. As the end of the academic year draws near, we ask that you pray for all our amazing Year 6 children – and all our other pupils - as they prepare to move on to their next class, next key stage or school.

ST RICHARD'S SUMMER FAIR 2019

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's fair such a lovely day and such a successful event. The grand total raised was a super **£2,613.82**. Well done to all!

BE SEEN IN GREEN DAY

Many thanks to everyone who supported 'Be Seen in Green Day' in aid of Royal Manchester Children's Hospital on Friday 5th July 2019. Some of the children were lucky enough to be visited by Humphrey Bear on the day and we have won a stationery hamper for being judged to be the greenest school around! We managed to raise an amazing total on the day of **£693.40**. Many thanks for your support.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Last Monday, your child ought to have brought home a letter detailing small but significant changes to our school uniform policy which will be in place from September 2019 onwards. This information is also available on our website at <http://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/policies/>

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.

CHANGES TO YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

We have improved the format of the pupil annual school report to parents this year in order to make each child's levels of attainment, progress and effort more readily understandable. On Friday 12th July, parents/carers must collect their child's annual school report **directly** from their child's classteacher (face-to-face and hand-to-hand) at the end of the school day. If reports are not collected in this way on that day, they may be picked up from the school office before we break up for the summer holidays.

This year there will also be a letter in the envelope with your child's annual school report which will let you know which class and classteacher your child will be with next academic year.

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 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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

CELEBRATION ROUND-UP

Year 6 were at the Anderton Centre near Chorley for outdoor activities last week and had a great time. Many thanks to everyone involved. Sports day took place on Tuesday for KS2 and we are very grateful to St Peter's RC High School for their assistance and for hosting the event. The children really enjoyed the day. Well done to all who participated.

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

Pupils and parents/carers are no longer able to enter the school site before 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 now open at 8.30am until 9am and the main gate on Wilpshire Avenue remains open until 9.05am. The Norton Avenue gate is no longer open in the mornings.

SAFE AND CONSIDERATE PARKING

Parents and carers must never park or drop off children on the zig-zag yellow lines outside school's entrances. Traffic Enforcement Officers are patrolling the roads around St Richard's at the moment in an attempt to ensure safer driving and parking around school. Equally, parents and carers must never block the driveways of our neighbours on Sutcliffe Avenue. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

SUN PROTECTION

Please ensure that your child is provided with effective protection from the sun in the event of hot weather between now and school breaking up for the summer holidays.

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 12 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 9.15am in church
Friday 12 th July	Annual school reports available from classteachers at the end of the school day
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm - main hall
Wednesday 17 th July	EYFS & Y1 Awards assembly 9.10am - main hall
Thursday 18 th July	Y2, Y3 & Y4 Awards assembly 9.10am - main hall
Friday 19 th July	Year 5 & Year 6 Awards assembly 9.10am - main hall
Friday 19 th July	Pupils break up for the summer holidays at 3.30pm
Wednesday 4 th September	Term starts at 8.58am for pupils from Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 4 th September	Nursery Intake Day 1

With many thanks for all your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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