



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019

Thursday 12th
September 2019

PRAYER OF ST RICHARD

All of our pupils prayed the Prayer of St Richard at welcome back to school assemblies last Friday morning. The prayer is re-printed below in the hope that you may occasionally wish to pray this prayer at home as a family:

Thanks be to Thee my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits that You have given me, for all the pains and insults that You have borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know You more clearly, love You more dearly and follow You more nearly, day by day.

ATTENDING PARISH MASS FOR THE BISHOP'S VISITATION

We would be very pleased if all our pupils attended mass regularly at our parish church but we know that this is not always possible. Could I please ask that you make every effort to attend mass on either **Saturday 28th September at 5pm** or **Sunday 29th September at 9.30am** at St Richard's? That weekend it will be Bishop John's Visitation to our parish. It would be great to have as many pupils and their parents there as possible.

CROSS-COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who braved the elements and the demands of the after-school cross-country running competition on Tuesday at Chorlton Park. All nine runners tried really hard and were amazing ambassadors for the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Many thanks for your continuing support in sending your child(ren) to school in such smart uniform. May I remind parents that no earrings (or any other jewellery) can be worn by pupils. Girls may wear smart school trousers, grey or black tights (white with summer uniform) or grey, black or white socks. However, leggings or footless tights are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn. No make-up or nail varnish is allowed.

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...and every week both before and after SATs.

LIVING STREETS: LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

On Tuesday this week, KS1 and KS2 children were introduced to the 'WOW Project' which encourages active journeys to school. A minimum of one active journey each week of the month will result in children being awarded one of eleven collectable badges. Please consider this as an alternative to driving.

SAFE4AUTUMN

As part of our efforts to keep all our pupils safe, on Wednesday this week our Year 6 pupils received a visit from a GM Fire crew in order to raise awareness about the common dangers faced by children during this time of year (especially around Halloween and Bonfire Night). Each year GMFS attend more and more incidents involving children who have placed themselves in danger without realising the potential consequences. Please go to www.safe4autumn.com for further information.

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 which are coming up soon.

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

If you have connections to the school and would like to share your recollections, it would be lovely to feature some/all of these in our Jubilee displays. Please send them to Mrs Marshall, Business Manager via the office or to admin@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

50th Anniversary Week Timetable	
Monday 23 rd September	Mass in St Richard's Church for KS2 classes and their parents/carers at 1.30pm, followed by afternoon tea in St Richard's hall Parents/carers and parishioners welcome
Tuesday 24 th September	Assembly in the main school hall for Y5 and Y6 classes and their parents/carers at 9.15am, followed by coffee morning in St Richard's hall for parents/carers and parishioners
Tuesday 24 th September	Open evening for current and ex-pupils and families (school staff will be available to show small groups around school)
Wednesday 25 th September	Assembly in the main school hall for Y3 and Y4 classes and their parents/carers at 9.15am, followed by coffee morning in St Richard's hall for parents/carers and parishioners
Thursday 26 th September	Assembly in the main school hall for Y1 and Y2 classes and their parents/carers at 9.15am, followed by coffee morning in St Richard's hall for parents/carers and parishioners
Friday 27 th September	Mass with Bishop John Arnold for all pupils, staff and invited guests at 10am
Saturday 28 th and Sunday 29 th September	Bishop John Arnold's visitation to St Richard's (please come to mass at 5pm on Saturday or 9.30am on Sunday)
Monday 30 th September	Mass in St Richard's Church for N and R (EYFS) classes and their parents/carers at 9.30am, followed by coffee morning in St Richard's hall for parents/carers and parishioners

VACANCY FOR A LUNCHTIME ORGANISER

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime organiser to start as soon as possible. The hours of work are 11.45am to 1.15pm term time only (38 weeks worked, 43.5 weeks paid). The hourly rate of pay is £9.60 per hour. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS and suitable references. Please register your interest with the school office by Friday 20th September.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2019-20

Unless your child's club involves competitive fixtures, then clubs will not commence until the week commencing Monday 30th September 2019.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:	
Friday 13 th September	Start of the Year Mass in church (KS2)
Tuesday 17 th September	Nursery intake day 3
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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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