



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019

Thursday 19th
September 2019

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.

YEAR 6 SCIENCE THIS WEEK

Mr North has been visiting our Year 6 classes this week in order to run Science workshops on 'Adaptation and Evolution'. Lily in Year 6 writes, 'Mr North is an excellent teacher who knows amazing things about subjects such as the Romans, Egyptians and many more. The activities we participate in not only help us develop learning skills about the thing we are learning but also skills such as art, history, geography and plenty more useful skills.'

DRAMATIC TIMES IN YEAR 5

Both of our Y5 classes will be participating in exciting drama projects this year. Class 9 are currently involved in the fantastic Shakespeare Schools Festival Project which will lead to a performance of Macbeth in early November. Phoebe in Class 10 writes, "Class 10 have been chosen to work with Mr Kennedy on a thrilling, exciting project to celebrate the school's Golden Jubilee. The variety of interesting drama techniques is to help us begin devising our production."

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.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY

At the start of each school day it is vitally important that all our pupils arrive on time. There is a generous window of opportunity at St Richard's - between 8.30am and 8.58am. Punctuality is essential as it sets the tone for the whole day, reduces pupil anxiety and maximises learning opportunities.

At the end of the day we always expect **parental punctuality** - picking your child(ren) up on time. We are currently keeping a record of parents who are persistently late in picking up after school. We reserve the right to charge parents for the cost of the additional child-care which this inconvenience and lack of punctuality inevitably incurs.

FLU VACCINATION INFORMATION

Flu is not to be confused with the sniffles. It is a highly contagious and potentially serious viral illness. We are offering a vaccination session at our school on Friday 4th October 2019. Please complete and return your consent form to ensure that your child is vaccinated and to avoid leaving your child at risk.

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

50 th 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) from 5.30pm - 7pm.
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

HELPING OTHERS AT HARVEST

This year, the 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, pastas, tea and coffee, long-life milks and juices, cooking sauces. Thank you very much in advance!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:	
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 (see above)
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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