



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 26th
September 2019

PLEASE COME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND

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 you please make every effort to attend mass on either **Saturday 28th September at 5pm** or **Sunday 29th September at 9.30am** at St Richard's Church? This 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.

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 in advance!

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.

FLU VACCINATION INFORMATION

A message from Intrahealth (the flu immunisation team who had arranged to visit our school on Friday 4th October):

We have been in conversation with both the manufacturers and delivery companies in connection with the children's flu vaccinations and they have informed us that there is national delay in us receiving the immunisations. This, unfortunately, means that we will be unable to visit your school on the date planned as the vaccinations will not have arrived with the team by the time your appointment was arranged. This decision has not been taken lightly, as an immunisation team we pride ourselves on being reliable, as we understand that schools can be very busy and sometimes struggle to change at short notice. We can only apologise for any inconvenience caused to your staff and parents however the issue is completely out of our control.

School will provide updates when they are available.

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.

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

We have had a really successful week to kick off a year of celebration in the life of St Richard's RC Primary School. Many thanks to everyone who has attended and contributed to any of the events so far. Your support and enthusiasm are very much appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 27 th September	Mass with Bishop John Arnold for all pupils, staff, parishioners and invited guests at 10am
Saturday 28 th and Sunday 29 th September	Bishop John Arnold's visitation to St Richard's Church (please come to mass at 5pm on Saturday or 9.30am on Sunday)
Monday 30 th September	Mass in St Richard's Church for Nursery and Reception (EYFS) classes and their parents/carers at 9.30am, followed by coffee morning in St Richard's hall for parents/carers and parishioners
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

PUPIL USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

Only pupils in Year 6 who come to school unaccompanied by an adult may bring a mobile phone to school. This is on the following conditions:

- School has received written permission from a parent in advance of the phone being brought to school.
- The phone is turned off as soon as the pupil comes onto school premises.
- The phone is handed to a Y6 staff member immediately on entry to the pupil's classroom.
- The phone is only turned back on as the pupil leaves the school site.
- The phone is never misused (eg - to film or photograph other pupils or staff, use social media/the internet, etc).

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