



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 17th October 2019

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year, our School Council and Caritas Ambassadors are organising a fantastic project called 'Operation Christmas Child'. If possible, we would like families to donate a shoebox filled with gifts for children in need around the world. Please read the letter and leaflet which will be coming home soon so that you are aware of what can and cannot go inside your shoebox. The date for the shoeboxes to be collected is **Monday 11th November**. Please bring your filled shoebox into school either on or before this date. Please ensure that the box and the lid are wrapped separately with Christmas wrapping paper. Please don't forget to label your shoebox using the label that comes with the leaflet to indicate whether your shoebox is for a boy or a girl (along with what age child it is intended for). Many thanks in advance for considering taking part in what is a lovely project.



USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Our school website has a dedicated online safety page, provided to help you keep your children safe online. In the **Online Safety** section of the St. Richard's website (under the **Parents** tab), you will find a comprehensive bank of online resources which cover gaming, social networking and online threats. Please take a look and please take advantage of all that this resource has to offer.

Please remember that there is no substitution for parental visual monitoring of your child's online activity – knowing exactly what your child is doing online because you can see them, and having open conversations about what they see and do on the internet and social media. Please do this too.

GETTING READY FOR WINTER UNIFORM

Many thanks to all our parents and carers for your continuing support and co-operation in ensuring that children come to school in smart, full school uniform every day. As the October half-term holiday draws closer, I want to remind all our parents that, from Monday 4th November, all our pupils **must** be in winter uniform. This consists of:

GIRLS' WINTER UNIFORM: Dark grey skirt or pinafore dress, blue blouse, school tie, school sweatshirt or cardigan (plain navy, preferably with the school logo. No other logo is allowed). Girls are allowed to wear grey or black tights or grey, black or white socks. Girls may wear dark grey school trousers. No boots are to be worn in school.

BOYS' WINTER UNIFORM: Dark grey school trousers, blue shirt, school tie, school sweatshirt (plain navy, preferably with the school logo. No other logo is allowed). St Richard's school ties are available from the school office priced £3 each.

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.

NEW SCHOOL SIGNS

We have installed new signage around the school in order to make visitor orientation as easy as possible as well as to acknowledge this year being a celebration of our 50th anniversary.

LIVING STREETS: LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

As you may recall, Miss Corrigan is coordinating the 'WOW Project' at St Richard's. This project 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. If pupils choose to display these badges, we would like them to go on their book bags (as eleven badges on a school jumper or cardigan would be excessive).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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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
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 Christmas Concert at 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Thursday 12 th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert at 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Pupils' Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 to Romiley Forum for Christmas Pantomime
Friday 20 th December	Pupils break up for Christmas holidays

EYFS READING CELEBRATION WEEK - 21ST OCTOBER

Next week, our Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) pupils will be having a Reading Celebration week. As part of our celebrations, Reception classes will be visiting and joining Longsight Library. Nursery children will all be given books and invited to complete a reading challenge.

This weekend is the last weekend of the Manchester Literature Festival. Family Reading Day takes place on Saturday 19th October. There are lots of other local events going on too. Find out more here:

<http://www.manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk/pages/download-brochure-31>. There will be a raffle in EYFS on Thursday 17th October to win books and tickets to events.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Pupils with less than 90% attendance are classified by the Department for Education as Persistently Absent (or 'PA') pupils. As we approach the end of only our first half-term back at school, we already have some pupils who fit into this category. It is essential that all our pupils are in school and learning every day that they are able to. Please do all that you can to ensure that this happens.



With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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