



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



REMEMBRANCE IN NOVEMBER

November is traditionally a month for remembering. On Friday 1st November, during the October half-term holidays, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, when we remember all the triumphant saints in heaven. For Catholics, Friday 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation. At St Richard's Church, All Saints Day Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on Friday 1st November and at St Mary's Levenshulme at 7pm that evening. The day after, Saturday 2nd November, is the Feast of All Souls. On this day we are asked to remember and pray for all who have died. November is also the month of Remembrance Sunday when we remember all those who sacrificed so much in both world wars and in conflicts since then. St Richard's Church will celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance on Saturday 9th November at 11am.

AUTUMN HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

School closes for the half-term holidays tomorrow, Friday 25th October at 3.30pm. We re-open on Monday 4th November at 8.58am. Please have a happy and restful break.

STAYING SAFE OVER HALF-TERM

With Halloween, bonfire celebrations and firework displays all likely to be taking place over the October half-term break, there is lots for children to be rightly excited about. However, these events (along with dark nights and busy roads) do also present some potential dangers. We know that parents and carers will be vigilant but ask that you reinforce some key messages about safety with your children so that they remain safe during this busy break.

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Staying safe online is also vitally important. 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 are both very important factors.

GETTING READY FOR WINTER UNIFORM

This is a final reminder 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.

We would be very grateful for parental assistance in making sure that school shirts and ties are always worn smartly.

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.

Thursday 24th October 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:	
Friday 25 th October	Pupils break up for half-term holidays
Monday 4 th November	Return to school (gates open at 8.30am and school starts at 8.58am)
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

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

This morning, Class 10 treated KS1 and invited guests to an amazing drama in the main school hall. This was inspired by our 50th anniversary. Many thanks to the staff from C10 as well as Mr Kennedy for preparing the children so well. C10 parents and carers (along with KS2 pupils) will be able to see the same performance at C10's assembly on Thursday 7th November at 9am.

The location for these performances is very appropriate as we now have a wonderful whole school display in the main hall which celebrates local, national and international events from each of the decades of the last 50 years. This display will stay up for some time in the hope that parents and carers will be able to see it at some point this year.

BEING POLITE

One of the qualities which we are keen to practise at St Richard's is outstanding manners. Parents and carers have a key role to play in reinforcing this expectation with children at home and the holidays are a good time to do this. We also ask that all parents and carers set an outstanding example by being respectful and well-mannered when talking to each other and to staff in school. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

CHANGE OF PICK-UP POINT FOR CLASS ONE

When we return to school on Monday 4th November, Class One (Miss Carr's class) will no longer be collected from outside the St Richard's Hall door. Instead, we would like parents to pick their child up from the small playground to the right hand side of the St Richard's Building. The aim is to reduce congestion at a pinch point. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

INTRA-HEALTH FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations for pupils whose parents gave consent have been re-arranged and will now take place on Tuesday 12th November

CLOCKS GO BACK

British Summer Time ends at 02:00 on Sunday 27th October 2019. Please remember to put your clocks back by one hour.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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