



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



ADVENT BEGINS A WEEK ON SUNDAY

The first Sunday of Advent will be on Sunday 1st December 2019. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world at Christmas. Christians are asked to use this special time to remember the real meaning of Christmas and to concentrate on preparing to celebrate Jesus' coming. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation. Even though the media and the shops would have us all believe that Christmas is here already, it is not. In school we will be placing a special focus on Advent and on prayerful preparation for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are absolutely delighted with the response to this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal. Our school target was to be able to send off 50 shoe boxes filled with joy. On Monday evening this week, the charity sent a van to school and we handed over an amazing 93 shoe boxes! This is a fantastic result and will ensure that 93 children in places around the world and in circumstances much less favourable than ours will have a much better Christmas this year. Well done to everyone who took part.

YEAR 5's ANCIENT EGYPTIAN TIME TRIPS

Evander from Class 10 writes, 'On Tuesday, Class 10 were visited by Tony North. We learnt about ancient Egyptian clothing, perfume, masks and jewellery. During the morning, we made a range of artifacts such as mirrors, bracelets and necklaces. In the afternoon, we designed and made an Egyptian collar in our pairs'.

ST RICHARD'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

The St Richard's Christmas Fair is a vital source of income to our parish and we would ask all parents to actively support this year's fair. The fair will take place on Sunday 8th December 2019 from noon onwards in St Richard's Hall. We would like pupils to wear non-uniform on Friday 22nd (tomorrow) and 29th November in exchange for a £1 contribution in support of the fair. We would like pupils to also wear non-uniform on Friday 6th December in exchange for a donation of chocolate for the fair's chocolate tombola. Many thanks in advance for your support.

NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

As mentioned above, tomorrow and the next two Fridays are non-uniform days in exchange for contributions towards the Christmas Fair. Please ensure that your child dresses in **appropriate** non-uniform so that they are still able to undertake the full range of activities which they usually would do on a Friday.

CHANGING THE WAY CHILD DAYRIDER TICKETS ARE SOLD ON THE BUS

Transport for Greater Manchester (tfgm) have asked us to inform all parents that, from Sunday 5th January 2020 they are changing the way child dayrider tickets are sold on the bus. They write:

Instead of issuing a paper ticket, the ticket will now be loaded on to a Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) igo card. Which child tickets are affected? Manchester child dayrider. What does this mean? To continue to buy a dayrider ticket, children will need an igo card. Children aged 5-10 may not hold an igo card, but will need to apply for one to continue to buy this ticket from the bus driver. Children aged 11-16 will already hold an igo card to buy child tickets on the bus. How can you apply for an igo card? Visit tfgm.com/igo to download an application form or get a copy of the form from a TfGM Travelshop. To make sure children have an igo card in time for January 2020, it is suggested to apply for an igo card by the end of November. For more information about this change visit our website Stagecoachbus.com

SMOKING AND VAPING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

As I am sure you are all aware, smoking and vaping are completely banned from St Richard's school site. Please ensure that any other carers who may bring or pick your child up are aware of this. Anyone seen smoking or vaping on school premises will be immediately asked to leave the site. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Thursday 21st November 2019

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER: EARRINGS

The governors of St Richard's have adopted a policy for school uniform where the wearing of jewellery (including earrings) is not permitted in school. Where there is a significant or recurrent breach of any part of the school's uniform policy (including pupils wearing earrings) which is not remedied by parents when requested by school staff, then a pupil will remain indoors during all break and lunchtimes until the breach is remedied.

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: | |
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| Friday 22 nd November | Non-uniform day in return for £1 for Christmas Fair funds. |
| Friday 29 th November | Non-uniform day in return for £1 for Christmas Fair funds. |
| Friday 6 th December | Non-uniform day in return for chocolate donation for Christmas Fair's chocolate tombola. |
| Friday 6 th December | Advent Celebration in church at 2.30pm – all are warmly welcome to attend |
| Sunday 8 th December | St Richard's Parish Christmas Fair in St Richard's Hall from 12 noon onwards. |
| 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 |

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

To ensure all our medical records are up to date, parents are asked to inform the school in writing of any changes to their child's health throughout the year. We are currently updating our asthma care plans and emergency inhaler consent list. If your child has an inhaler in school and you have not returned the legally required parental consent form, please do so, as soon as possible, to your child's class teacher.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

At every Friday morning assembly, one pupil from each class is awarded 'Star Pupil of the Week' for a significant and positive contribution to their class and/or the life of the school in the preceding week. As you may know, that child then gets to wear the coveted red sweatshirt for the next week in school. Star pupils from Key Stage 2 are also invited to a 'Captain's Table' lunch with either myself or Mr Keyworth as part of their reward. From this week onwards, Captain's Table lunches will be held on Thursday lunchtimes instead of Wednesday lunchtimes. Please encourage your child(ren) to be their class 'Star Pupil of the Week' by working as hard as possible and by behaving superbly at all times.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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