



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

As mentioned a couple of weeks ago, pupils in Key Stage 2 should have brought home a copy of the Wednesday Word leaflet yesterday. If you can, please spend some time reading through and discussing the Wednesday Word with your child. Please encourage your child to complete all the activities, put their name on the sheet somewhere prominent and then bring it back to school by first thing on the *following* Wednesday morning. This is so that it can be entered into our new weekly Wednesday Word prize draw, which will take place at Collective Worship on Wednesday mornings. This week's Wednesday Word is (appropriately, as it begins this coming Sunday) 'ADVENT'.

## YEAR OF THE WORD DEANERY EVENT

You may recall that we are introducing the Wednesday Word to our KS2 pupils partly in response to 2019-20 being proclaimed 'Year of the Word' by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. Last Friday, Miss Corrigan took our GIFT Team to St Ann's in Stretford. Harry writes, 'On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, five members of the school GIFT Team attended the Year of the Word Deanery Day. We were greeted with refreshments and hymns and after this we set up prayer stations and learned what the other GIFT teams throughout the deanery had done. Overall, the trip was fun, informative and we certainly didn't leave empty-handed (we received prayer cards and hymn books)'.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 from noon onwards in St Richard's Hall. We would like pupils to wear non-uniform on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November (tomorrow) in exchange for a £1 contribution in support of the fair. We would like pupils to also wear non-uniform on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for a donation of chocolate for the fair's chocolate tombola. Many thanks in advance for your continuing support.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow and the following Friday are non-uniform days in exchange for contributions towards the Christmas Fair. Please continue to 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.

## AUTHOR VISIT TO EYFS & KS1 NEXT TUESDAY

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December our Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two pupils will be receiving a visit from Anna Lucas, a children's author. Anna has written (and will be reading) 'Sir Undercracker'. This illustrated story book usually retails for £6.99. Anna will be bringing a limited number of signed copies to school next Tuesday and these will be available for only £5. They would make excellent stocking fillers. These books will be available at the school office from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

School meals can be paid for weekly, monthly or termly but they **MUST** be paid for in advance. Parents can pay via Sims Pay (see school office staff if you would like a code to register). Alternatively, you can pay by cash or cheque. Please put the money in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and how much you have paid and then post it in the dinner money box in the school's main reception area.

## IF YOUR CHILD HAS VOMITING AND/OR DIARRHOEA

Manchester Health and Care Commissioning guidance is that – because schools are common sites for the transmission of infections – we must always adhere to the recommended exclusion period when a child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea. For children, the exclusion period from school is **48 hours** from the last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform day in return for £1 for Christmas Fair funds.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-uniform day in return for chocolate donation for Christmas Fair's chocolate tombola.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Celebration in St Richard's Church at 2.30pm – all are warmly welcome to attend
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	St Richard's Parish Christmas Fair in St Richard's Hall from 12 noon onwards.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Concert at 2.30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Concert at 9.30am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Concert at 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils' Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 to Romiley Forum for Christmas Pantomime
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## CHANGE4LIFE

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Miss McKnight took eight Year 3 children to Platt Fields Sports Complex. The Change4Life event encourages team-work, a healthy diet and exercise. The children participated in several challenges that gave them the opportunity to build confidence, sports skills and encourage one another. The group represented the school extremely well and were awarded a certificate for the determination that they demonstrated in each sporting activity. Miley said, "We had a brilliant morning! The activities were fantastic; I'd like to go again soon!"

## YEAR 6 MAPPING MANCHESTER

Taylor writes, 'The trip was amazing! We went to the John Rylands Library for a Mapping workshop. We started by reading and ordering landmarks of Manchester into a timeline. Then we looked at (and read) some maps that were about the Blitz. Overall, the trip was spectacular and we learned lots of new things.'

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS

On Tuesday this week you ought to have received a letter with full information about how to purchase tickets for your child's Christmas concert in school next month. If you have not received this letter, please ask your child for it or come into the school office to request a copy. For health and safety reasons each performance will be limited to 150 spectators and admission will be by ticket only. Photography (eg – on mobile phones) will be allowed at each performance unless a valid parental objection is lodged in advance. However, we ask that parents and carers never upload photographs of other people's children in school to any social media platforms.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

Headteacher

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