



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 7th November 2019

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope that all our families had a restful and rewarding week together. The half-term ahead promises to be busy but also very fulfilling. Advent will begin on Sunday 1st December. Advent is the Church's great season of preparing for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas.

THANKS FROM CORNERSTONE

Following our fantastic Harvest Festival food bank appeal of last half-term, Sister Maria from Cornerstone has written a lovely letter of thanks to us all which I have printed in full below:

*Dear Staff And Pupils,
On behalf of Sister Lucy, Lorraine, and all at Cornerstone, thank you all so much for your truly generous Harvest donation to Cornerstone. What a tremendous lot! A whole van filled to the brim with such a variety of good items. Girls and boys, you are a credit to your school. You must have worked very hard to have collected such a great variety and our near empty shelves are now looking healthy. This is really a great blessing for everyone here as well as the many homeless people coming here looking for food among other things. They will be thinking Christmas has come and will truly be grateful and appreciate all that you have given. A word of thanks to your teachers, parents, guardians and everyone else who helped, encouraged, supported you in living out the Gospel by feeding the hungry poor.*

God Bless and reward each one of you for your incredible spirit of generosity. Shalom. Take care.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Maria fmsj

REMEMBRANCE IN NOVEMBER

November is the month of Remembrance Sunday when we remember all those who have died, including 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. As a school we will observe two minutes of silence on Monday 11th November at 11am.

YEAR 6 VISITS TO AIR RAID SHELTERS

Aaron in Class 11 writes, 'On Monday, Class 11 became World War II evacuees for the day. Firstly, we went all the way down to Stockport. After that we went to a museum for evacuees. In there we learned more about evacuation and we looked at real artefacts. Finally, we went inside a real air raid shelter which felt like a labyrinth of tunnels. It was a truly educational and fun day.'

MACBETH AT Z ARTS CENTRE

Our pupils' dramatic talents were showcased superbly on Tuesday 5th November when our Class 9 (Year 5) pupils performed William Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth' at the Z Arts Centre in Hulme. It was a wonderful evening and many thanks to all our parents and all our staff who helped to make it so. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part – you were all amazing!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD REMINDER

The date for shoeboxes to be in school by 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.



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.

WINTER UNIFORM

From Monday 4th November 2019 until Monday 20th April 2020, 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 13 th November	Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm
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

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for all our KS2 pupils (Years 3 to 6) will take place in school from 3.45pm until 6.45pm on Wednesday 13th November. As on previous occasions, parents of pupils in EYFS and KS1 (Nursery to Year 2) will have an opportunity to see their child's classteacher during an afternoon of the same week. These will take place in St Richard's Hall as follows:

- Y1 will be Monday 11th November from 1.15pm – 4pm.
- Reception will be Tuesday 12th November from 1.15pm – 4pm.
- Year 2 will be Wednesday 13th November from 1.15pm – 4pm.
- Nursery will be Thursday 14th November in St Richard's Hall (1.15pm – 4pm)

ST RICHARD'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

The 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 15th, 22nd 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 chocolate tombola. Many thanks in advance for your support.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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