



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 12th December
2019

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

This week, the Wednesday Word is in a different format. When it comes close to school holidays, the Wednesday Word is produced as a booklet which children should use at home for however many weeks that version covers. Once we return to the leaflet format in early 2020, we will re-introduce the weekly Wednesday Word draw. Only fully completed versions of the Wednesday Word (with child's name clearly written on) should be entered into the prize draw.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 2020-21

By the end of this week, all parents should have received a paper copy of the approved holiday pattern for next academic year (2020-2021). If not, check your child's school bag and if it's not there please pop into the school office to request a copy (or go onto the school website). Please remember that holidays and requests for extended leave in term time will not be authorised and are likely to lead to a penalty notice and fine.

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.

AMAZING EXPLORERS

Last week, Class 4 had a special visitor in class who helped them with Geography and who helped them to become 'Amazing Explorers'. Aneesa writes, 'I enjoyed meeting the Amazing Explorer and doing all the actions of the animals of each country's flag. It was fun learning!' Raymond writes, 'I enjoyed doing the actions and when she asked us questions. I also enjoyed the human map that we made. It was fun.' Nana writes, 'I enjoyed when the Adventure Explorer asked us fun questions. I loved it when we explored the four countries that make up the UK. I know that the four countries that make the United Kingdom are England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.'

YEAR ONE GEOGRAPHY LEARNING WALK

Last week, C1 and C2 went on a walk in our local community as part of their learning in Geography. Aryana writes, 'Today I went on a walk. In my local area I saw a barber shop, the community centre, ASDA and a bike shop. I walked through Crowcroft Park and saw a statue of the Manchester Bee. It was so much fun!'

CHANGES TO NURSERY STAFF FOR JANUARY 2020

We are sad to announce that Mrs Rhodes will be leaving St Richard's when we break up for Christmas on Friday 20th December. Mrs Rhodes has been at our school since September 2009 so I am sure that you will join us all in thanking her for her many contributions to the life of the school and in wishing her all the best for the future. In January 2020, when we return from the Christmas break, Mrs Kelly will be joining the other Nursery staff and will be the acting Early Years Foundation Stage Leader.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2019

Many thanks for attending any of our Christmas concerts this week. I am sure you will join me in congratulating our very talented pupils and staff on how fantastic the performances were. Many thanks and well done to all involved. Many thanks also to parents, carers and guests for cooperating with our request about photography. We will always request that parents and carers never upload photographs of other people's children in school to any social media platforms.

Y1 AND Y2 VISIT TO THE PANTOMIME

Pupils in Class One to Class Four (our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils) will be travelling to Romiley Forum on Wednesday 18th December (in the morning) for a performance of 'Dick Whittington'. Pupils must be in full school uniform on this trip.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS & Year 1 Awards Assembly at 9.10am
Tuesday 17 th December	Pupils' Christmas Lunch (pupils may wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas outfit on this day)
Wednesday 18 th December	Morning: Year 1 and Year 2 to Romiley Forum for Christmas Pantomime
Thursday 19 th December	Year 2, 3 & 4 Awards Assembly at 9.10am
Friday 20 th December	Year 5 & 6 Awards Assembly at 9.10am
Friday 20 th December	Pupils break up for Christmas holidays at 3.30pm
Monday 6 th January 2020	School closed to pupils: Staff INSET
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	School opens for pupils

ST RICHARD'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Many thanks to everyone who supported the St Richard's Christmas Fair held on 8th December. Your support in the weeks leading up to the fair was really appreciated and so was your attendance on the day. Many thanks to all the staff from school who supported or attended – and well done to the choir who sang so beautifully. The Christmas Fair managed to raise approximately £2,600 – well done everyone!

PUPIL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

We ask that parents exercise vigilance and diligence with regard to age restricted social media platforms. Instagram requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account. The minimum age of use for WhatsApp is now 16 years old. Please have a conversation with your child and check their phone and/or other devices for signs of social media activity. Doing this is not a breach of their privacy. Rather, it is protecting them by taking a pro-active approach to parenting which will help to keep them safe from harm. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

CORNERSTONE HANDBAG & BACKPACK APPEAL

Mrs Bentley and the Caritas Ambassadors are very kindly coordinating the Christmas charitable appeal contained in the two posters below, on behalf of Cornerstone. The closing date for any donations of handbags or backpacks containing any of the suggested items is **Tuesday 17th December**. Please do not feel under any obligation to take part in this appeal (I am conscious that a lot has been asked of parents and pupils already this term) but many thanks in advance if you are able to support it.



DO YOU HAVE A BACKPACK AT HOME THAT YOU NO LONGER USE?



FILL IT WITH SNACKS, HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS
HAND GEL, TISSUES, WIPES ETC.
WE WILL THEN HAND THEM OUT TO MEN WHO ARE HOMELESS



DO YOU HAVE A HANDBAG AT HOME THAT YOU NO LONGER USE?



FILL IT WITH SNACKS, HATS, GLOVES, SANITARY & HYGIENE PRODUCTS, HAND GEL, TISSUES, WIPES ETC.
WE WILL THEN HAND THEM OUT TO WOMEN WHO ARE HOMELESS

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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