



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2019



Thursday 5th December 2019

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

This week, the Wednesday Word is 'PREPARATIONS'. That is because this coming Sunday is the second of Advent, the season of preparing for Christ's birth. Please remember to spend some special family time this week at home sharing the good news contained in the Wednesday Word. Please encourage your child to complete all the activities, put their **full name and class** on the sheet somewhere prominent and then bring it back to school by first thing on the *following* Wednesday morning (11th December). This is so that it can be entered into our new weekly Wednesday Word prize draw, which will take place every Wednesday morning.

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 (for local homeless people) 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.

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Caritas Christi in Regno

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

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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

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION CATCH-UP

Medical professionals from Intrahealth recently attended our school in order to administer the nasal flu immunisations to our pupils. Intrahealth can re-attend school to see any pupils who missed the vaccination on the first session (e.g. those that were absent or unwell). Pupils who are of primary school age are unable to have the flu vaccination via their GP practice. With this in mind, if there are any parents who did not sign up for the initial session but would now like their child to have the immunisation, they can be included in the catch up session. Parents must contact Intrahealth on **0333 358 3397** in order to give their consent. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Danaea Pitman, Immunisation Coordinator, Intrahealth, Unit 10 Salmon Fields Business Village, Royton, OL2 6HT.

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. Please pop in to support the fair **this coming Sunday**. We would like pupils to wear non-uniform tomorrow, Friday 6th 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 is our final non-uniform day - in exchange for contributions of chocolate for the Christmas Fair's Chocolate Tombola. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 6 th December	Non-uniform day in return for a chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair's chocolate tombola.
Friday 6 th December	Advent Celebration in St Richard's 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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS

You ought to have received a letter with full information about how to purchase tickets for your child's Christmas concert which will take place in school next week. If you have not received this letter, please 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.

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.

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.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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