



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is **WITNESS**. St Richard's RC Primary School was founded in the name of Jesus and we continue to share Jesus' message, striving at all times to give witness to God's love for all people.

One great way to give witness is by sharing the Wednesday Word as a family at home. 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 weekly Wednesday Word prize draw, which will usually take place at Collective Worship on Wednesday mornings.

## YEAR 6 STEM PROJECT

Last week, Mr Keyworth organised an exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) project with Whitehall Outdoor Centre for all our Year 6 children. They participated in three practical maths sessions which incorporated a variety of key mathematical skills including measuring, estimating, designing, calculating and reasoning. Everyone had a great time!

## YEAR 5 ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP

Dennis in Class 9 writes, '*Recently at St Richard's a special workshop happened for all Year 5. It taught us to have a special awareness of the world called 'Environment Alert'. It showed us the effects us humans make on the environment: the animals that are endangered because of illegal poaching, rivers getting poisoned and trees being chopped down. Alison (the workshop teacher) taught us about things we can recycle. The workshop showed us all what we can do to change the world.*'

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 2020-21

St Richard's approved holiday pattern for next academic year (2020-2021) is on the school website ([www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/](http://www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/)) so you can view, download and print it off. 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.

## HEADLICE IN SCHOOL

Anyone can catch head lice, but primary school children and their families are most at risk. Head lice do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are spread most commonly by close person-to-person contact. There is nothing that can be done to **prevent** head lice. The only solution is early detection and then immediate treatment.

Please check your child's hair regularly (especially if they have an itchy scalp) and please treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There is no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

A good source of information and advice can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

If staff in school spot head lice in your child's hair, you will be informed as soon as possible and will be invited to take your child home to commence treatment as soon as possible before returning them to school on the same day wherever this is practicable.

## 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.

## SCHOOL MEAL CHANGES

If you would like to change your child's school meal, either to a school meal or a packed lunch, please remember to let the office know one week in advance. Meal change forms are available from the office and must be filled in and signed by parents. This ensures that a meal will be ordered from the kitchen for your child if you have changed to a school meal or, if you have changed to a packed lunch, you won't be charged for meals that have been ordered but not taken.

### WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Virtual Reality Workshops in school for Y1 – Y3 children
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Virtual Reality Workshops in school for Y4 – Y6 children
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Reception classes to Longsight Library
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	School meal to celebrate Chinese New Year

## WINTER UNIFORM FOR JANUARY 2020

This is a reminder that during the Spring term (until we break up for Easter on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020) all our pupils **must** still 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.

**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.

**We are very grateful for parental assistance in making sure that school shirts and ties are always worn smartly.**

## RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon and a small number of paper copies will be available in the school office after school on Thursdays - but parents will have to come in to request a paper copy on a weekly basis. If you wish to receive the newsletter every week by email then simply send:

1. Your full name
2. Name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) at our school
3. Preferred email address
4. The message '*I consent to school using my email address in order to send me a copy of the newsletter each week of term*'.

to [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and you will be added to the mailing list.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

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