



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020



Thursday 23rd January 2020

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is **COMMUNITY**. We have an amazingly strong sense of community here at St Richard's. It's our role – everybody together – to continue to work to build on and develop that warm, happy and loving community which is our school and parish.

GIFT TEAM NEWS

Costanza and Lily from the GIFT Team write, *'Last Thursday, Father Peter from Salford Diocese came to visit our GIFT Team. He was extremely impressed with our work and how much time we put into it. Father Peter loved our website and action plan so much so that he said he will take these as examples to use with other schools. We made a video to show Father Peter the progress we have made this year. It was a joy meeting Father Peter and we are intrigued by the splendid ideas that he suggested and we can't wait to try them.'*

VIRTUAL REALITY SPACE WORKSHOP

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Mr Keyworth arranged VR workshops for all classes from Year 1 to Year 6. Ben in C6 writes, *'Today, we took part in an exciting virtual reality workshop. We learned all about space and how things work in our solar system. I loved learning facts about all the different planets! Now, we are going to go and learn about Copernicus - a famous astronomer.'*

YEAR 6 VISIT TO THE MARIST CENTRE

Jessica in C13 writes, *'Last week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, all the Year Six classes went to the Marist Centre. We learned how to be even more responsible. We made songs, poems, prayers and we role-played. It was amazing and everyone would love to go again.'*

YEAR 6 MOVING MONSTERS

Leya from C12 writes: *'On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday our Year 6 classes were visited by Amanda Morrow. She was working with us to produce an electrically powered vehicle. She explained things like where electricity comes from and why it is important. We created and tested circuits in the morning and designed and made vehicles in the afternoon. We learned a lot about electricity and hope it is useful in the future.'*

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.

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.

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2020

Chinese New Year officially begins on January 25th and ends on February 4th 2020. This year will be the Year of the Rat. <https://www.visitmanchester.com/ideas-and-inspiration/chinese-new-year> has lots of information about how Manchester will be hosting the UK's largest Chinese New Year celebrations. In school we will be marking the occasion with a special Chinese themed school lunch menu and decorations tomorrow, Friday 24th January.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK:

Monday 27 th January 2020	Holocaust Memorial Day
Tues 28 th – Thurs 30 th January 2020	Y6 STEM Workshops
Wednesday 29 th January 2020	Y4 Water Efficiency Workshops
Thursday 30 th January 2020	9.05am Class 9 assembly
Thursday 30 th January 2020	Sacramental Programme Meeting 6.00pm – 7.00pm in school
Saturday 1 st February 2020	Sacramental Programme Mass 5.00pm-St Richard's Church

WINTER UNIFORM FOR JANUARY 2020

This is a reminder that during the Spring term (from now until we break up for Easter on Thursday 9th 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.

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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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