



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of all the staff at St Richard's I would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school – and to the new decade! Many thanks for everyone's kind words and gifts just before the holidays – they were all greatly appreciated. We wish all our pupils, families and the whole school community a very happy and successful new year.

## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Pupils in Key Stage 2 should have brought home a copy of the Wednesday Word leaflet yesterday. Please try to spend some time reading through and discussing the Wednesday Word with your child each week. 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 (eg - by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January for this one). 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.

This week's Wednesday Word is (appropriately at this time of the year) 'NEW START'. It would be a great New Year's resolution and a great way to start the year if you were to spend some quality time together as a family reading through the Wednesday Word every week.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 2020-21

Just before Christmas, all parents should have received a paper copy of the approved holiday pattern for next academic year (2020-2021). If you do not have a copy, please pop into the school office to request one. Alternatively, go onto the school website ([www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/](http://www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/)) where the holiday pattern is also available to view, download and print 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.

## 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.

## CHOCOLATE HAMPER RAFFLE RESULTS

Many thanks to Mrs McGinty who organised a chocolate hamper raffle following St Richard's Christmas Fair last month. Well done to Daijahleigh, Kadija, Fatima and Pious who each won a splendid chocolate hamper. The money raised from the hamper raffle was **£147.11** and the proceeds have been donated to St Richard's Church.

## CONGRATULATIONS MISS WALLACE!

Many congratulations to Miss Wallace (our Class 9 teacher) who got married over the Christmas break. We wish Miss Wallace and her husband all the very best for the future.

## SURE START WELL BEING COURSE

Sure Start is the government programme to deliver the best start in life for every child. Sure Start Children's Centres are places where children under 5 years old and their families can access a wide range of support services and information including early education, childcare, health and family support.

Gorton Sure Start Children's Centre runs courses at a number of venues in our local area (almost all of which are free). Please visit [www.manchester.gov.uk/children](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/children) and search 'sure start' in order to find out more or phone Gorton South Mount Road Sure Start Children's Centre on 0161 219 2580.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 Mass in St Richard's Church (Start of the calendar year mass and celebration of the Epiphany)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 History Workshop – The Great Fire of London
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Visit to the Marist Centre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Visit to the Marist Centre

## WINTER UNIFORM FOR JANUARY 2020

This is a reminder that, from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 onwards, 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.

## RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

With many thanks for your continuing support and wishing you all a happy new year,

*Mr J Murray*

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