



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020



Thursday 13th February
2020

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is the booklet version. This is because we have a holiday coming up. This version will last for the next three weeks. Please make good use of the Wednesday Word as a family over the holidays and in preparation for Lent.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

The season of Lent, which prepares us for the joys of Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 26th February - our first Wednesday back after the half-term break) and lasts for forty days. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and helping others. After half-term, on Ash Wednesday, all our pupils will have the opportunity to receive ashes as a reminder of our Lenten commitment.

ST JOSEPH'S PENNY

At St Richard's, the focus of our Lenten Alms-giving (helping the poor) will be through providing St Joseph's Penny boxes to all our pupils. Please fill these with as many pennies as you can and please ensure that your St Joseph's penny box is returned to school by **Thursday 9th April 2020**. All the money raised by St Joseph's Penny is used to support Caritas in the Diocese of Salford. Caritas is a Catholic charity which responds to poverty and social injustice in our local area. All contributions are gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

HAND SANITISER

Pupils are not permitted to bring hand sanitiser gel to school. Pupils have access to soap and water and this is an effective way to ensure personal hygiene if used correctly. Over the holidays please spend some time checking that your child(ren) can wash and dry their hands correctly as this will help to keep us all healthier by limiting the spread of germs.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2020

World Book Day will be celebrated at school on **Thursday 5th March 2020**. We would love pupils (and staff) to come to school on this day dressed as a character from a book or even as a famous author. We have a range of activities planned to ensure that we mark World Book Day 2020 in spectacular style.

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.

50th ANNIVERSARY DVD STILL AVAILABLE

We still have a number of DVDs available to purchase following our very memorable 50th Anniversary celebrations before Christmas. If you missed the opportunity to purchase one, then please just ask at the main school office. The DVD is priced £5.

MINI-BUS ACCESS

Parents should always be mindful of where they park their cars around school but we ask that you are particularly considerate towards the needs of our mini-bus drivers. Please do not park anywhere near to the barrier onto Father Dever's car park as this can have a very detrimental effect on the ability of the mini-bus drivers to enter and exit their parking spaces. This in turn can delay pupils going on or coming back from trips and visits.

PLEASE CHECK WHAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS TO SCHOOL

It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their children do not bring anything inappropriate to school. Please check your child's book bag and pockets on a regular basis and do not allow anything to be brought to school that could be potentially harmful or dangerous to themselves or others.

RECEPTION FAIRYTALES WORKSHOP

Feerozah in R2 writes, *'We went on a story hunt. It was like a lane. We walked to the three bears' house. After that we told the story. I had fun.'*

YEAR 4 D&T WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Amanda Morrow worked with our Year 4 classes on 'Levers and Linkage' in Design Technology. Keveah in Class 8 writes, *'We had lots of fun learning about levers and linkage. We designed then created our own moving and pop-up image for a child's book. I really enjoyed creating various moving mechanisms to make my book more appealing to little children.'*

YEAR 6 HOCKEY HEROES

Safa in C13 writes, *'Last Thursday I went to a hockey match with four other Year 6 pupils, Mr Neilson and Mrs Prunty. We played 5 matches and we all tried our best. It wasn't about winning; it was about how we played. I won respect for our school and I am very proud of it. I couldn't have done it without the support of my team mates and my teachers.'*

| WHAT'S ON: | |
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| Friday 14 th February | Break up for Spring Half-term holidays at 3.30pm |
| Monday 24 th February | School re-opens from 8.30am (pupils must be in by 8.58am) |
| Tuesday 25 th February | Shrove Tuesday |
| Wednesday 26 th February | KS2 Ash Wednesday Mass (ashes will be dispensed in school for EYFS/KS1 pupils) |
| Wednesday 26 th February | Y3 at the Marist Centre |
| Thursday 27 th February | Y3 at the Marist Centre |
| Friday 28 th February | GIFT Team commissioning service at St Peter's RC High School |

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.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

We break up for the February half-term holiday this Friday, 14th February, at 3.30pm. We return to school on Monday 24th February. We wish everyone a safe and happy break.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School