



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020



Thursday 27th February 2020

WELCOME BACK

We start this new half-term (Spring 2 2020) with the prospect of lighter mornings and evenings, some new buds on the trees and hopefully more dry and sunny days to come. We hope that all our children enjoyed a restful break so that they are ready to carry on doing their best in all their endeavours at St Richard's.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is still in the booklet version. Please make good use of the Wednesday Word throughout the season of Lent in preparation for the joys of Easter.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

The season of Lent began yesterday with Ash Wednesday. Lent lasts for forty days. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and helping others. Yesterday, all our pupils had 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.

YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE MARIST CENTRE

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, our two Year 3 classes visited the Marist Centre (Catholic Youth Centre in Chorlton) for a one-day retreat. Petra in C5 writes, 'I thought the Marist Centre was fun. I learned about Reconciliation. We talked about making the right choices.' Brianna in C5 writes, 'I enjoyed everything about it. We did some drama about the Prodigal Son.'

HAND SANITISER GEL

Pupils are not permitted to bring their own hand sanitiser gel to school. Pupils have access to soap and water in school and this is an effective way to ensure personal hygiene if used correctly. Please continue to teach and check that your child can wash their hands correctly and please emphasize at home that washing hands after going to the toilet and before eating is a really important habit to form. Thank you in advance for your support.

ADVICE ON THE CORONAVIRUS FOR PLACES OF EDUCATION

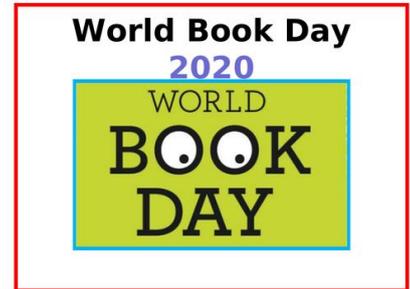
As you will know from the news, the Coronavirus situation is a fluid and fast-changing one. Public Health England's advice is that the Coronavirus is not serious for most people, including children. They have produced a poster for places of education with lots of useful information (too large to fit onto the newsletter) but I recommend that you follow the link below in order to read it:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866771/Coronavirus_advice_for_education_settings_poster.pdf

On Tuesday 25th February, the Chief Medical Advisor for England, Chris Whitty updated advice for travellers returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19, which you can find at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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. For more details, please see the letter sent out by Miss Broadbent today.



YEAR ONE FOOTBALL TRAINING WITH MANCHESTER UNITED

Anu in C2 writes, 'In the hall today (Tuesday) we did football with Adam and Troy from MUFC. We learned to dribble and tackle with the football. I had lots of fun and I'm really excited that they are coming back for two more weeks.'

WHAT'S ON:	
Friday 28 th February	GIFT Team commissioning service at St Peter's RC High School
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 19 th March	Class 2 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 19 th March	Sacramental Programme Workshop #2 in the main school hall at 6pm
Friday 20 th March	Sacramental Programme pupils receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in the morning
Saturday 21 st March	Sacramental Programme Mass at St Richard's Church at 5pm
w/c Monday 23 rd March	EYFS/KS1 Parents' afternoons – more details to follow
Wednesday 25 th March	KS2 Parents' Evening from 3.45 – 6.45pm

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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