



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020



Thursday 6th February 2020

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is **GOODNESS**. Please try to find some special family time this week, exploring Sunday's Gospel together and enjoying the Wednesday Word.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME THANKS

Many thanks and congratulations to all our pupils and their family members who made it to the sacramental programme workshop last Thursday and to the special mass of initiation at St Richard's Church last Saturday evening. Both were lovely occasions.

The next workshop will take place in school at 6pm on Thursday 19th March, followed by a celebration in school on the morning of Friday 20th March and then mass in St Richard's Church on Saturday 21st March at 5pm. Please make sure these dates are in your diary.

WELCOME BACK MISS BRADBURY

We are delighted that Miss Bradbury has returned to school this week following her maternity leave. I am sure that you will join us all in wishing Miss Bradbury all the best as she re-joins the teaching staff at St Richard's.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week in school. Children have been involved in a number of activities to promote their understanding of mental health and wellbeing. I enjoyed a lovely meditation session in Class 3 on Monday afternoon.

UPDATED ADVICE POSTER FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND:

Public Health England

Wuhan Novel Coronavirus

If you have been to Wuhan, China, in the last 14 days ...

Stay indoors and avoid contact with others

Contact NHS 111 for advice

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus

Do not go to work, school or public areas

Avoid visitors in your home

Avoid using public transport or taxis

Symptoms to look out for:

Cough

Runny nose

Sore throat

Fever

Difficulty breathing

Please note: 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.

CLASS 9's ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK

Well done to Class 9 who gave us an inspirational and thought-provoking assembly last week on the life of St Francis of Assisi and his concern for our planet as well as how we can all be stewards of creation. Thank you to parents for attending.

MACBETH ON THE WEBSITE

You may recall that Class 9 were involved in an amazing interpretation of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' at the Z Arts Centre on 5th November 2019. An appraisal from the production's director and some fantastic photos of the performance are available to see on the school's website at:

<https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/pupils/class-9-year-5/>

YEAR 4 ANCIENT ROMAN WORKSHOP

Isaac from Class 7 writes, 'In Year 4 a Roman expert came to our classes and his name is Tony North. Tony came to our class to make things like patterns and mosaics. We designed and made our own mosaics and we also made our own coins. It was great fun...and very educational.'

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.

WHAT'S ON:	
Thursday 6 th February	Reception Fairy tales Workshops
Thursday 6 th February	Y6 Hockey after school
Tues 11 th & Weds 12 th February	Y4 Levers & Linkage Design and Technology day
Wednesday 12 th February	Y5 Science event at St Peter's RC High School
Thursday 13 th February	Class 6 Assembly (9am in school hall)
Thursday 13 th February	Y3 Ages of Early Man Workshops
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)

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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