



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020

Thursday 12th March 2020

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Words are **GOD'S LOVE**. Through the person he was and through his teaching and miracles, Jesus showed people that God's love is for everyone. God shares his love with us and calls us to share it with others too.

Please read through this week's Wednesday Word together at home as a family and please encourage your child to complete all the activities to the best of their ability and return their sheet by the following Wednesday morning in order for it to be entered into our weekly prize draw.

LENTEN ALMS GIVING

Many thanks to everyone who has already responded to our two main Lenten charity appeals. The crème egg appeal and St Joseph's Penny appeal will both go a long way to help children and families in very challenging circumstances. Many thanks for your support with either or both appeals so far this Lent – please keep it up.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

On Monday 9th March, the Prime Minister confirmed that the government's response to COVID-19 remains in the Contain phase – the first phase in the government's coronavirus action plan. The Department for Education has a Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Parents can contact the helpline as follows:
Phone: 0800 046 8687
Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Regularly updated information about COVID-19 can also be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
As mentioned previously, personal hygiene is the most important way we can help contain COVID-19. Please help us by sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages with your child(ren) and please practise effective handwashing with them at home.

EFFECTIVE HAND WASHING

In assemblies last week (and in class this week) all children have been shown how to wash their hands carefully. Please help to reinforce their ability to wash their hands thoroughly by regularly checking at home that your children are:

- Washing their hands with soap and water
- Washing fronts and backs of hands (and wrists)
- Washing in between fingers
- Washing tips of fingers in the palms of hands
- Washing thumbs.

Hands should be washed for the length of time it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday to You' twice - then should be rinsed and dried. This is something we should all be doing in order to stop the transmission of germs.

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 help prevent the spread of germs if used correctly and as described above.

SPRING TERM 2020 PARENTS' AFTERNOONS & EVENING

Parents' Evening for all our KS2 pupils (Years 3 to 6) will take place in school from 3.45pm until 6.45pm on Wednesday 25th March. As on previous occasions, parents of pupils in EYFS and KS1 (Nursery to Year 2) will have an opportunity to see their child's classteacher during an afternoon of the same week. These will take place in St Richard's Hall as follows:

- Y1 will be **Monday 23rd March** from 1.15pm – 4pm.
- Reception will be **Tuesday 24th March** from 1.15pm – 4pm.
- Year 2 will be **Wednesday 25th March** from 1.15pm – 4pm.
- Nursery will be **Thursday 26th March** and **Friday 27th March** in St Richard's Hall (1.00pm – 3pm on both days)



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK, SCIENCE CLUB AND SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

This week is British Science Week. Kenzie in C9 writes, 'What is Science Club? It is a club which our Science Ambassadors and one other person from each class in Key Stage 2 go to so that we can learn new things. Miss McGinn teaches us at Science Club. It is on every Thursday at 12.30pm to 1pm.'

YEAR 6 (STEM) PROJECT

Ellise in C13 writes, 'All this week, Year 6 classes have been learning about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We learned about coordinates and did a Maths orienteering course. We also learned how to code and use coding'

YEAR 2 SCIENCE, MATHS & MUSIC WORKSHOP

Deborah in C4 writes, 'Yesterday we made sounds using electrical waves, a fan, wires and a battery. We attached crocodile clips to the battery using the positive and negative ends. After the fan started to work we put it on a box with a metal box and it started to make a loud chiming noise.' Aiden in C4 writes, 'I enjoyed the workshop, it was lots of fun. We made noises using electricity. Don't ever play with or try to fix electricity. Tell an adult instead.'

YEAR 1 FOOTBALL TRAINING WITH MUFC

Manchester United have now finished their three week block of football coaching in Year One. Gabrielle in C1 writes, 'On Tuesday we had football and we were doing tackling and I enjoyed it. We also scored lots of goals. We had Adam and Samo as our coaches.'

WHAT'S ON:	
Tuesday 17 th March	'Manacto' performance of Macbeth for all Year 6 pupils (pm)
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 at 10am in St Richard's Church
Saturday 21 st March	Sacramental Programme Mass at St Richard's Church at 5pm
Sunday 22 nd March	Mothering Sunday
w/c Monday 23 rd March	EYFS/KS1 Parents' afternoons
Wednesday 25 th March	KS2 Parents' Evening from 3.45 – 6.45pm

SAFE AND CONSIDERATE PARKING

Parents should always be mindful of where they park their cars around school so as not to block access to car parks or neighbours' drive-ways. 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.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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