



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

There are times when we all need encouraging: to be inspired with courage and to have our hope renewed. This is especially the case when we are going through difficult times. The Wednesday Word is back to its leaflet format and this week's edition teaches us that if we listen to Jesus, like the disciples did, we will experience the **ENCOURAGEMENT** that God offers freely to all of us every day.

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 next Wednesday morning in order to be entered into our weekly prize draw.

## FRANCIS HOUSE CRÈME EGG APPEAL

As part of our efforts to help others and support charitable organisations during this season of Lent (and following on from the success of last year) we are once again taking part in Francis House's Creme Egg appeal. We will run a competition to see which class can collect the most Creme Eggs and the winning class will choose from a selection of prizes. All of the eggs will be donated to Francis House, and paired with a knitted chick, to be sold across Greater Manchester. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

On Monday of this week, the Department for Education launched a new 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](mailto: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 tackle 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. Below is NHS advice about how to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Many thanks for your continuing cooperation and support.

### Do

- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

### Don't

- ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

## HAND SANITISER GEL

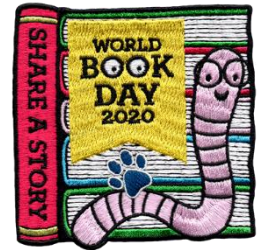
Pupils are not permitted to bring their own hand sanitiser gel to school. Pupils have access to soap and water in school and this is an effective way to help prevent the spread of germs if used correctly.

## CAREFUL HAND WASHING

In assemblies today, all the children have been shown how to wash their hands carefully. Please help to reinforce their ability to wash their hands thoroughly by asking them to demonstrate for you tonight. Hands should be washed with soap and water, front and back, in between fingers, palms of hands and thumbs. Hands should be washed for the length of time it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday to You' twice - then rinse and dry. This is something we should all be doing in order to stop the transmission of germs.

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2020

We celebrated World Book Day 2020 today in spectacular style. Well done to all our parents, pupils and staff for such a tremendous effort in getting dressed up as book characters or authors. The day really put a smile on everyone's face. Many thanks to all who helped to organise the day and well done to all our competition winners and to everyone who took part. Carry on reading and sharing stories!



## GUINEA PIG VISIT

Towards the end of last week, both our Year 2 classes had very special visitors. Faith in C3 writes, 'We really loved meeting Miss Smith's guinea pigs. Daisy, Darcy and Delilah were very cute, fluffy and interesting. We enjoyed stroking them and watching them eat. They like to eat vegetables to keep their teeth sharp.'

WHAT'S ON:	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacramental Programme Workshop #2 in the main school hall at 6pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacramental Programme pupils receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in the morning
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Sacramental Programme Mass at St Richard's Church at 5pm
w/c Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	EYFS/KS1 Parents' afternoons – more details to follow
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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*

Headteacher

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