



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

It has been wonderful to see all the pupils at St Richard's return to school this week and settle back so well. The children have been really happy to see each other and to see their teachers and all the other adults in school who look after them - especially after such a long time away for so many of them. The whole school staff have been delighted to see the children again and we are very pleased (but not surprised) that they have been working just as hard and behaving just as well as they ever did. Well done boys, girls, mums, dads and the whole school staff for what has been a very successful return to full schooling at St Richard's.

The Department for Education (DfE) has stated: *'the overwhelming evidence is that the risk to children and young people from coronavirus (COVID-19) is low, but the risks to children and young people of being out of school and college are high and increase the longer restrictions on education are in force. Whilst education settings can be places where transmission occurs, there is no strong evidence of them driving largescale community transmission.'*

School attendance is now mandatory and all parents are expected to send their child to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 onwards.

## PLEASE WEAR A MASK AT THE SCHOOL GATES

Now that all children have returned to school, it is vital that we keep transmission rates of COVID-19 as low as possible in our own school community. For this reason, we want all parents and carers to wear a mask or other face covering every time they drop off and pick their children up. The risk of transmission at the school gates remains higher than elsewhere in school due to the challenges of social distancing amongst parents, especially at home time. Mask wearing is therefore a way to protect everyone - parents, children and our staff. By wearing a mask at the school gate you are helping to prevent possible future bubble closures – including those of your own child(ren). If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, please let a member of staff know. If you do not, please wear one.

## PLEASE DON'T THINK THE PANDEMIC IS OVER

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the Prime Minister announced the government's [roadmap for leaving lockdown](#). Even though pupils have now returned to school, **England is still in a national lockdown**. You must stay at home, leaving only where permitted by law, and follow the rules in the [national lockdown: stay at home guidance](#).

## SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Please ensure that your child is always in full school uniform. Pupils must not wear earrings (or any other jewellery). Girls may wear smart school trousers, grey or black tights (white tights with summer uniform after the Easter holidays) or grey, black or white socks. Leggings or footless tights are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn. No make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Smart black school shoes and school ties are required for all pupils until Summer uniform may be worn (after the Easter break). Our full current school uniform policy is available here: [School Uniform Policy](#). If your child cannot be in full school uniform for any reason then please write a brief note to your child's classteacher explaining why.

## RETURNING SCHOOL LAPTOPS

If you have borrowed a school laptop, we do not want it back to school just yet. Further instructions will follow.

## RETURNING CGP BOOKS AND ENRICHMENT WORK

Similarly, we want all children to return the CGP workbooks which were posted out in early January (and enrichment projects completed by pupils) but please do not return these to school at the moment. Further instructions will follow.

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word team continue to support families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. These are available every Wednesday by visiting [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org), clicking "Schools please enter here for the Primary School version" and then following the link. The Wednesday's Word this week is **SELF-GIVING**

## WELL DONE AND THANK YOU MUMS!

On Monday this week we celebrated International Women's Day. This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. I am sure that all our boys and girls would like to join us in thanking all our mums (and all those who act in the place of mums) for all the sacrifices of self which every mum gives for her children.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 2020-21

St Richard's approved holiday pattern for next academic year (2021-2022) is included on page 2 of this newsletter and will soon be on the school website at [www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/](http://www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/). Please view, download and print it off, keep it somewhere safe and refer to it. Please remember that holidays and requests for extended leave in term time will not be authorised and are likely to lead to a penalty notice and fine.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	British Summer Time begins (clocks move forward by 1 hour at 1am on 28/03/21)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)	School breaks up for Easter Holidays
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens following Easter holidays
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Ramadan begins

With every best wish and hoping that you all stay safe and well,

Mr J Murray  
Headteacher  
St Richard's RC Primary School



**ST RICHARD'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2021/2022**



<b>Autumn Term 2021</b>			
Staff In-Service Day	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> September	9am – 4pm
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> September	9am – 4pm
Pupils start	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> September	8.58 am
Nursery pupils staggered intake days		8 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> November	8.58 am
Parents Evening	Wednesday	11th November	3.45pm–6.45pm
Staff In-Service Day	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> November	9am – 4pm
Nursery Christmas Concert	Wednesday	8th December	9.30am
Year One Christmas Concert	Wednesday	8th December	2.30pm
Reception Christmas Concert	Thursday	9th December	9.30am
Year Two Christmas Concert	Thursday	9th December	2.30pm
Pupils Christmas Dinner	Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon
Term Ends	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30pm

<b>Spring Term 2022</b>			
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> January	9am – 4pm
Pupils re-start	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> January	8.58 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> February	8.58am
Parents Evening	Wednesday	23rd March	3.45pm–6.45pm
Term Ends	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30 pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm

<b>Summer Term 2022</b>			
Pupils re-start	Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> April	8.58am
Bank Holiday	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed
SATs (Year 2)		Throughout May	
SATs (Year 6)	Week beginning	9 <sup>th</sup> May	
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> June	8.58 am
Class photographs		TBA	
Reports issued to Parents	Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	
Term Ends	Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30 pm
Staff In-Service Day	Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> July	9 am – 4 pm

**HOLIDAYS & REQUESTS FOR EXTENDED LEAVE IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED**