



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

We hope that you had a happy and restful Easter holiday. Easter is not just a one day celebration but a whole season (the longest of the liturgical year) which lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (23rd May 2021). Throughout this season we will be praising God for the blessings of His Son's resurrection whilst looking forward to the Holy Spirit inspiring us to prayer and action and giving us the grace to love our neighbour.



## 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. This week's Wednesday Word (14<sup>th</sup> April) is **BELIEVE** and is the final week of the Lent and Easter Booklet version.

## IF A PUPIL DISPLAYS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

It is important to remember that parents and carers **must** keep children at home (or come to school immediately and collect them) if they display ANY of the symptoms of COVID-19. The household must then self-isolate and arrange for a PCR test (a Lateral Flow Device test is not sufficient). Your child may return to school if the PCR test result is negative.

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE CAREFUL

With the recent national easing of lockdown restrictions, it may be tempting to think that the end of the pandemic – and the dangers it poses – are in sight. At St Richard's, all our staff will continue to insist on our current risk assessment and system of controls remaining fully and actively in place. This is to ensure the highest possible levels of staff and pupil safety but also to safeguard the continued academic and social progress of all our pupils by doing all that we can to prevent any further bubble closures. Parents and carers are asked to support this aim in every way possible.

## CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS AND CARERS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION AT ST RICHARD'S.

Parents are the first educators of their children. It is your right and responsibility to inform and educate your children in matters relating to human growth and development, particularly sexual development. At St Richard's, we aim to work in partnership to support our parents and carers in this aim. We are therefore consulting with you on the content of our new Relationships Education Policy and scheme of work. Please take the time to read our new governor approved draft Relationships Education Policy at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk> and then please review the Teacher Notes for each unit that your child will be taught. These are hyperlinked on the last row of each year group's long term plans, available at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2020-21/>. When you have read both, please send any comments that you have to [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) by 4pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

## NAME CHANGE

Our Catering Manager has changed her surname and is no longer Mrs Taylor but is now Mrs McConnell.

## ONLY WATER IN WATER BOTTLES PLEASE

Our current COVID-19 Risk Assessment states that each child must bring in their own name-labelled water bottle from March 2021 onwards. Classes are not using shared cups for pupils to use for water drinking purposes. It is very important that only water is supplied in your child's water bottle – not squash, cordial or anything else. Many thanks in advance for your full cooperation.

## NO DRIVE-BY PICK UPS OR DROP-OFFS

No matter how insistent parents are, staff at St Richard's will not dismiss pupils towards cars of parents driving by school at the end of the day. This applies to Wilpshire Avenue, Sutcliffe Avenue and to Norton Avenue. Parents should park safely and considerately and in good time to receive their children in person and on foot or to wait for them in their parked up vehicle if parents deem that their child is old enough. The Highway Code states that yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where parking, stopping or waiting is **strictly prohibited**. In addition, please do NOT park across the barriers of the staff car park. Many thanks in advance.

## FOOD BANK IN LEVENSHULME

iCare Food Hub, based at the Madina Masjid & Community Centre, Barlow Road, Levenshulme M19 3DJ, is a free food hub for anyone in need. Donations are also welcome. Distribution of food parcels takes place on the last Sunday of every month, from 2pm to 3:30pm. For more information, please contact: Masjid Office 0161 224 5143 or Waqas Ahmed 07581 256 306 or Shujaat Hussain 07974 135 116. Alternatively, email [Madinamasjid.mcr@ukim.org](mailto:Madinamasjid.mcr@ukim.org)

## PLEASE DO NOT HAND ANYTHING TO STAFF ON THE GATE

Please do not ask staff on duty at school entrances at the start of the day to pass any of your child's items on. Staff have been instructed not to receive any such items. Please plan ahead and give these to your child instead. Many thanks in advance.

## SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM

From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April and as an alternative to winter uniform, pupils may wear summer uniform. Summer uniform may be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of blue and white gingham dress. Girls may also wear white tights or black, white or grey socks as part of summer uniform. Boys' summer uniform consists of dark grey trousers or shorts, light blue polo shirt and plain navy school sweatshirt (preferably with the school logo and no other logo allowed).

Many thanks in advance for always sending your child to school in full school uniform. Please remember that ear rings are not allowed in school under any circumstances and that all pupils should wear sensible black shoes to school – not trainers.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline for lunchtime organiser applications (noon)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception places allocated for September 2021
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Saint George's Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Closing date for parents' comments about Relationships Education (4pm)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Eid ul Fitr
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Break up for 2 week Whitsuntide holidays
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens at 8.30am

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

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