



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 22nd April 2021

A PRAYER FOR ST GEORGE'S DAY, 23rd APRIL

Heavenly Father,

Please give us the bravery of St George to stand up for what we believe. Give us the strength to overcome the 'dragons' in our lives and in the world. Give us the compassion to always help people who we see in distress.



Amen

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, clicking "Schools please enter here for the Primary School version" and then following the link. This week's Wednesday Word (now back in its regular weekly format) is **TRUST**

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.

THE BIG ASK SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, speaks up for children in England, stands up for their rights and makes sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

Dame Rachel de Souza believes that it's time to give something big back to young people as a result of COVID-19. She is asking that all children take part in the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. The results will be used to show the government what children think and what children need to live happier lives.

The survey will only take you **5-10 minutes**. Please follow the link below in order to complete the survey:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

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 by 4pm this Friday 23rd April 2021.

BEHAVIOUR & MANNERS

The superb behaviour and excellent manners of the pupils who attend our school are noteworthy. These valuable gifts are everyone's responsibility to maintain. We are very appreciative of all parents' and carers' efforts to model, encourage and reward superb behaviour and excellent manners - both in school and at home. Thanks for your support.

STAFF CAR PARK IS NOW CLOSED: REVISED PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS FOR Y2 PUPILS

Parents of pupils in Year 2 should come to the main gate on Sutcliffe Avenue to pick up their child at the end of the school day. **The staff car park is no longer open to parents to walk through at the start or end of the day.** Please do not try to cut through the staff car park by going under the barriers as you could hurt yourself or damage the barrier. Many thanks in advance for your complete cooperation.

SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM

From Monday 12th 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.

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 after noon. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 23 rd April	Saint George's Day
Friday 23 rd April	Closing date for parents' comments about Relationships Education (4pm)
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 13 th May	Ascension Day
Thursday 13 th May	Eid ul Fitr
Friday 21 st May	Break up for 2 week Whitsuntide holidays
Sunday 23 rd May	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 7 th June	School reopens at 8.30am

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

Mr J Murray
Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School