



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## **STICKING TO THE GUIDANCE**

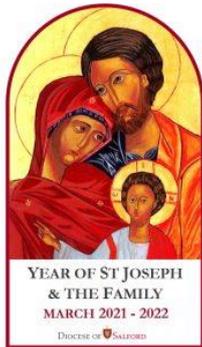
Thankfully we are having a good run of weather but - with good weather - comes the temptation to relax our approach to social distancing. Also, the gradual easing of national restrictions can make it difficult to remember the rules as they change, so here is a link to the [current guidance and restrictions](#). We hope these will help to clarify what we can and cannot do. Please remember that good weather, maybe being vaccinated and/or a negative LFD or PCR test result does not mean that we can adopt a more relaxed approach to COVID safety. Social distancing, adhering to all our risk assessment requirements and the hands/face/space message must continue at all times. This approach will reduce the risk of infection and the impact on our school and community.

## **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY**

All the above will be even more important if the good run of weather continues in to the bank holiday weekend. This is a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May because it is a public ('Bank') holiday.

## **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.



## **FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER**

Pope Francis has announced the Year of St Joseph from 8th December 2020 – 8th December 2021 and also a Year of the Family from 19th March 2021 – 26th June 2022. St Joseph has two feast days in the liturgical calendar of the Church. The first is March 19<sup>th</sup> (Joseph the Husband of Mary) and the second one we celebrate this coming Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> May: Joseph the Worker.

Let us pray:

*Joseph the worker, husband, father  
Pray for the workers, that they may have dignity,  
Pray for the husbands, that they may be loving,  
Pray for the fathers, that they may be patient and wise.  
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](http://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 **GROWING**.

## **APPLYING FOR A 2021 NURSERY PLACE AT ST RICHARD'S**

We are currently starting to send out offers of places for children due to start in our Nursery in September 2021. If your child is 3 years old before the end of August you should contact the school office **as soon as possible** for an application form.

## **RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION PARENTAL CONSULTATION**

Many thanks to the very small number of parents who responded to our invitation to comment on our plans for teaching Relationships Education at St Richard's from this term onwards. The parental consultation window closed last Friday. All the parents who responded provided positive and measured comments on our Relationships Education plans.

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

An important message from Father Dever:

*'There is nothing we can do at present regarding the sacramental programme. The earliest date we may begin preparation might be the end of June. Realistically it looks like being the Autumn term – with First Holy Communions for our current Year 3 children in late October/Early November 2021 (when they will be in Year 4). There is just no way that we can give dates at this time. We just hope and pray that the steps to end lockdown will be successful and return us to some sort of normality.*

*I am sorry that I cannot be more definite at this stage but that is the situation we find ourselves in. I feel sure parents will understand especially if they are reassured their child's First Holy Communion will take place as soon as we can arrange it.'*

## **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.

## **PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM THE SUN**

Advance reminder for when the weather is hot and sunny: Please ensure that your child is provided with effective protection from the sun. You should apply sun cream to your child before you bring them to school. On a particularly hot day if you feel they may need a top up, this will not be applied by staff in school although they will assist your child if necessary.

## **SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM**

Summer uniform may now be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of a 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:**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Public 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,

Mr J Murray  
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