



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 13th May 2021

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

A prayer on the Feast of the Ascension by Diana Sutherland:

*Lord Jesus, you became man and came to live among us.
 For love of us, you suffered and died for us.
 Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day.
 Today you return to your Father and our Father,
 But you promised to remain with us till the end of time,
 And to send us the Holy Spirit.
 We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus.
 Come Holy Spirit, purify and transform us,
 Kindle within us the fire of your love.
 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 is **CARE**.

A MESSAGE TO YEAR 6 PARENTS ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A message from Father Michael Deas, our Deanery Coordinator for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

'The Diocese of Salford has changed the age at which children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to when they are in Y8. So your child is due to be Confirmed in Easter 2023. Confirmation is the next sacramental milestone after First Holy Communion, when a person 'confirms' their faith and is strengthened by the Holy Spirit. All the preparation for this Sacrament will be organised on a local deanery level, or in your local parish. At this time, we are just contacting you to make you aware and so that you can register your interest. So, if you and your child are interested in taking part in the preparation and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please fill out and submit the attached Google Form and your parish priest will contact you with more information in the future.'

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5V-Fk5l15fc7DnxY9v5XyjU5KWjEsVqNDSGtHxrZh232rCg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>

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.

HAPPY EID AL-FITR 2021

After all the discipline and sacrifice of Ramadan, we would like to say well done and wish all our Muslim pupils and their families a very happy and safe Eid Al-Fitr 2021. Eid Mubarak.

UNITED NATIONS DAY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The day that we break up for our Whitsuntide holiday (Friday 21st May) is also the UN Day of Cultural Diversity. We would like to celebrate this day – and our own amazing diversity – by encouraging all our pupils (and staff) to come to school on Friday 21st May either in their national costume/dress, or national colours. All clothing and shoes must be sensible and appropriate for a day at school. There is no cost for this non-uniform day.

PLEASE DO NOT DO A 'DRIVE-BY' DROP OFF

I want to remind all our parents who drop off their children by car that 'drive-by drop-offs' are dangerous and we ask you not to do this, especially as it means stopping on zig-zag yellow lines outside school - which is against the law. Instead of attempting this and possibly endangering the safety of your own and other people's children, please give yourself plenty of time in the morning, park further away from school and walk the last few hundred metres. This is a much safer way to begin the school day and is part of the 'Park and Stride' approach that we should be adopting. Many thanks in advance for your support.

SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM

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

EARLYBIRD OFFER ON SCHOOLWEAR

One of the school uniform suppliers which many of our parents use (MCS Stores Schoolwear) are offering early bird reductions at the moment (and until 10th July 2021). More details are available on their website: <https://mcsstores.co.uk/>

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: -

comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| 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
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