



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 6th May 2021

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is a special month of devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. This May, we could try to set some extra time aside in order to look up to Mary as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist us whenever we are in need. In the Catholic tradition, we pray to Mary to intercede for us with her Son, we do not worship Mary. This month, we could ask Jesus to grant us a small amount of the heroic patience, angelic kindness and heavenly wisdom which Our Mother Mary demonstrates in such gracious abundance.



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 **LOVE**.

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.

EID AL-FITR

Eid al-Fitr 2021 takes place on either Thursday 13th May or Friday 14th May this year (depending on the sighting of the new moon). Eid al-Fitr, also called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. We would like to wish all our Muslim pupils and their families a very happy Eid al-Fitr 2021.

UNITED NATIONS DAY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

On Friday 21st May the UN's World Day for Cultural Diversity takes place. At St Richard's there are over 33 different first languages spoken by our pupils. We are proud to offer a warm welcome and we respect all who come to St Richard's. This is part of our mission to witness to the values of God's kingdom.

WELL DONE FOR EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR & MANNERS

The superb behaviour and excellent manners of the pupils who attend our school remain noteworthy. These valuable gifts are everyone's responsibility to maintain. We are therefore always very appreciative of all parents' and carers' efforts to model, encourage and reward superb behaviour and excellent manners - both in school and at home. Many thanks for your ongoing support with this, which is greatly appreciated.

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 earrings are not allowed in school under any circumstances and that all pupils should wear sensible black shoes to school – not trainers.

EARLYBIRD OFFER FROM MCS STORES 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:

Thursday 13 th May	Ascension Day
Thursday 13 th May or Friday 14 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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