



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## FURTHER BUBBLE CLOSURE AT ST RICHARD'S

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June our R1 Bubble was sent home as a result of a member of class testing positive for COVID-19. This means that R1 will have to self-isolate and learn from home using Google Classroom and paper-based resources until Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. C13 Bubble will also return to school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, [announced](#) on Monday evening, 14<sup>th</sup> June, that he was not able to say that the country has met all four tests for proceeding with Step 4 of the road map out of COVID-19 restrictions and that it is therefore sensible to wait just a little longer. The government's aim is that this will give time for the vaccination programme to protect people from the virus in light of the new variant. The Prime Minister said that he felt confident we will not need to wait beyond 19 July 2021 and that the government will monitor the position every day and if, after two weeks, the risk has diminished then Step 4 might proceed sooner.

In light of all this, please note that at St Richard's we are keeping all of our current protective measures in place at the very least until there is a further announcement on Step 4 of the roadmap. These measures will remain in place to help reduce transmission of the virus.

## DELTA VARIANT CONCERNS

Greater Manchester remains an **Enhanced Response Area** due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in the region. As a result, it is very important that we all stick carefully to all the measures in place locally - including at our school - which are designed to reduce COVID-19 transmission, including parents maintaining social distance and wearing masks at drop-off and pick-up times.

## IF YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT OF SOMEONE WHO TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

David Regan (Director of Public Health for Manchester) has asked that all pupils who are identified as a contact of a positive Covid-19 case access PCR testing where this is age-appropriate. By using PCR testing, positive results can be sent for genomic sequencing at specialist laboratories, helping Public Health England (PHE) to identify variant of concern cases and their spread. It is therefore very important for everyone who has been identified as a contact to take a PCR test and stop any onward spread. Even if your PCR test result is negative, you must still self-isolate for the full ten days.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and all the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance. The DfE - and the Governing Body of St Richard's - expects us to apply these rules. As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. **Please do not do this.** Instead, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday as this will be unauthorised and may lead to a penalty notice/fine.

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GUIDANCE

The DfE has asked schools to remind parents that people should not travel to 'amber' and 'red' countries, and that strict rules on testing and quarantine remain in place to protect public health and the vaccination programme. Further information can be found in the [guidance on red, amber and green list rules for entering England.](#)

## SUPPORT YOUR CHILD TO READ DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Please see both posters on page 2 of this week's newsletter for full details of the Summer Reading Challenge 2021.

We really hope that you will be able to take part.

## 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 is **CALM**.

## 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 afternoon but if you wish to receive the newsletter directly to your phone, laptop, tablet or PC 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and you will be added to the mailing list.

## 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

*(Please note that some of the dates below are provisional and subject to change, depending on COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time)*

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Class Photos
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Partner Primary Day at St Peter's RC High School
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Pupil Reports issued to parents today
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Awards Assembly at 9.15am (more details and guidance will follow)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Pupils break up for Summer holidays today
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception - Y6 return to school

With every best wish,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher  
St Richard's RC Primary School



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

# WILD WORLD HEROES

Presented by the Reading Agency.  
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## JOIN THE WILD WORLD HEROES THIS SUMMER!

5 July–18 September

You're invited to join our free Summer Reading Challenge. The Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

Join at your local library to receive your free joining pack, and start reading books to earn your medal and certificate.

[www.manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge)



### What can I read?

Any books (not just wild books)! Why not try some poetry, information books, magazines and your favourite storybooks? They can be books from your local library, or any of our free eBooks and eAudiobooks from BorrowBox.

### Activities

Join us for activities, arts, competitions and wild stuff to inspire you to keep reading, including weekly online drawing sessions with Steve Smallman!



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### Write a book review

Tell us about that book you couldn't put down! Four winners will each scoop a bundle of fabulous new books and a Kindle Fire!

### Prize draw

We love giving away prizes for reading, so this year we'll be giving away a £100 toyshop voucher to one lucky prize draw winner! There are goody bags for 22 runners-up too.

### Find out more

For all the information about Wild World Heroes, including the activity programme and BorrowBox, visit [www.manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

