



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 23rd
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WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word team continue to support families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. This week's (yesterday's) edition is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/goodness?pid=MTA101634&v=38.19>
This Wednesday's Word is **GOODNESS**.

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK MAY 2022

The Key Stage 2 SATS tests (which the DfE has confirmed Year 6 pupils will sit this academic year) are timetabled from Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May 2022. It is vitally important that all our Year 6 pupils are in school for the whole of this week. Please make a note now in your diary or calendar.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Under the current national arrangements, if your child is a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19 and they are not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, they will not have to self-isolate. We hope this means that we will have very few (if any) 'bubble closures' like we did last year.

However, in order to protect everyone in school (and at home) it is still vitally important that parents do not send their child to school if their child has any symptoms of COVID-19, however mild. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature.
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child demonstrates any of the above symptoms whilst they are in school, you will be contacted and asked to come for them immediately and keep them off school at least until your child has had the result of a PCR test. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test.

REMOTE EDUCATION PROVISION 2021-22

We have updated our Remote Learning procedures for this academic year and this information now available on the school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/home-learning/> This policy comes into effect from Monday 27th September 2021.

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

THE RETURN OF BLUE BOOK BAGS

Blue book bags (which children use to bring reading books and homework between home and school) have been reintroduced in some classes this week and the rest of the classes will reintroduce them next week. If your child does not currently have a school book bag or if it is worn-out then you will be able to order a new book bag from school quite soon. We are currently waiting on delivery of more book bags. More details to follow next week.

IMPROVING PLAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Manchester City Council is committed to improving play opportunities for children, but they need your help! MCC want to know how satisfied children are with play opportunities in Manchester and what they can do to make them even better. Please find below the links to two play satisfaction surveys, there is one for children and one for parent/carers.

The consultation period closes in a week (Thursday 30th September) and MCC would really like as many children and parents/carers to complete the surveys as possible. The information collected will be used to update the Manchester Play Strategy.

Children's

survey: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gxEUx3c4H0iSIUS64KrcIIUf9EMnxGdHjipovGpvZGdUM0ZBUTdWN1BNVFRWSU0wNDhUUzBVRzIWTs4u>

Parent/carers'

survey: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gxEUx3c4H0iSIUS64KrcIIUf9EMnxGdHjipovGpvZGdUOVFIVIIINE5NEZQVvK5NR0NLQ0E3VjKxTS4u>

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR 2022

Parents of pupils who are currently in Year 6 must apply for a secondary school place by the closing date of **5pm on Monday 1st November 2021**. The application portal opened on 1st July 2021 at: https://lealive.manchester.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR 2022

The closing date for applying for a Reception place for your child for a September 2022 start is Monday 17th January 2022. Manchester City Council will send offers of places to those who applied on-time on National Offer Day, 19th April 2022. Please remember a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. Applying late means you have less chance of getting your preferred school. Please apply online and on time at: <https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

THE BIG ASK SURVEY RESULTS

Earlier this year, you may recall that (through this newsletter) the Children's Commissioner asked all children in England to complete a survey, to show the true voice of this generation. The results are in and the Children's Commissioner would like to say thank you. Over half a million children responded, the largest survey of its kind in history, and at a landmark moment for young people growing up in this country.

At a critical time, as we emerge from the pandemic, children told the Children's Commissioner how the past year has affected them and what needs to happen now to put them at the heart of the recovery. **The great news is that, despite the sacrifices they have made, the majority of children say they are happy.**

Children were united – they told the Children's Commissioner they want to get back to school, to get on, do well and to have fulfilling lives. Children cared deeply about their family, their communities, their wellbeing and are an ambitious, excited generation. They want to make a contribution to a better world, a greener world, rooted in fairness of opportunity for everyone. The Children's Commissioner is now making sure children are being heard. You can read the full [report](#) here.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

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