



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 4th November 2021

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE!

Welcome back to St Richard's everyone. We hope that you had a restful half-term break and we wish everyone in our community all the best of luck for the half-term ahead.

AUTUMN TERM VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

We are holding a whole school virtual Parents Evening on Wednesday 17th November, with appointments available from 1.15pm – 3.15pm and from 4pm to 6pm. It is important that you make an appointment so that your child's class teacher can let you know how they are doing in school. All appointments will last 5 minutes.

We will be using new and easy to use online software called 'School Cloud' for both the appointment booking system and the 5-minute video appointments with your child's class teacher. Your child should have brought home a letter today which clearly states the name of the teacher that you must make your parents evening appointment with. The School Cloud system works with mobile phones as well as laptops, PCs and tablets. You will be able to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment(s).

Please visit <https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. The appointment booking window will open at 4pm on Monday 8th November and will remain open until 4pm on Monday 15th November. Changes to appointments or new appointment requests will not be possible after this date. A parents' video guide can be viewed here: [Parent Guide for Video Appointments](#).

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

We are very grateful that 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/gift?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=42.6>. This week's Wednesday Word is **GIFT**.

COVID-19 UPDATE

It remains 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.

Manchester Health Authority have also identified some common wider symptoms which parents should also be mindful of for both themselves and their children and which may lead you to taking a Lateral Flow Device or a PCR test. These symptoms are:

- Headache that lasts a long time
- Feeling tired and unwell
- Muscle or full body aches
- Sore throat
- Blocked nose or runny nose
- Diarrhoea, feeling sick or vomiting

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

At St Richard's we are really proud of our broad, balanced and exciting school curriculum. We want parents and carers to be aware of and take an interest in what your children will be learning during the school year. With this in mind, we invite and encourage you to visit <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2021-22/> in order to see the wide range of subjects on offer at St Richard's. If you click on any of the hyperlinks in your child's year group long term plan, you will see the 'Learning Journeys' that your child will follow this year. Please ask your child about their Learning Journeys.

FREE COMMUNITY PATCHWORK QUILT WORKSHOPS



Levenshulme Inspire are putting on free workshops in November for anyone who wants to create a patch for their community quilt. Anyone can book onto one of the 12 free workshops that are running from next week.

Inspire are encouraging families to do these workshops together. It would be wonderful to have our school represented on the patch.

You don't need to have any sewing experience and can come with your children, family and friends.

To get involved please book on one of our 12 **FREE** workshops running throughout November. Contact Charlotte via email charlotte.frances@lev-inspire.org.uk or phone 0161 676 8540

Workshop dates from the 1st November:

Monday	11-12:30pm
Thursday	6-7:30pm
Saturday	10-11:30am

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>

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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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