



St. Richard's RC Primary ADVENT Newsletter 2021



Thursday 16th December 2021

HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

We break up for the Christmas holidays tomorrow, Friday 17th December. **We return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.** Many thanks for all your support in 2021. We wish all our pupils, parents and staff a very safe, happy and holy Christmas holiday and a very successful start to 2022.



NATIVITY PLAY AND CAROL CONCERT LINKS

Please click on any or all of the four links below in order to view our recent Nativity plays and carol concerts. Congratulations to all involved. We hope you enjoy watching them.

[Nursery](#)

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS AT ST RICHARD'S

The first mass of Christmas will be celebrated at St Richard's RC Church on Friday 24th December, starting at 6.30pm. We would be delighted if you could make every effort to attend this mass with your child(ren). A ParentMail text was sent out on Tuesday this week asking parents who wanted their child to read and/or sing at this mass to let the office know by phone by 4pm today – Thursday 16th December. All children must be accompanied at this mass by a parent or carer.

Please check the home page of the school website just after 12 noon on Christmas Eve. There will be an updated message there (but only if plans have had to change).

Information about all the masses and special services over the Christmas period at St Richard's Longsight and St Mary's Levenshulme (the two churches in our parish of St Robert of Newminster) is available at www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richards-parish-church/ and the children will hopefully be bringing a paper copy home before we break up.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND VIRTUAL VISIT FROM SANTA

We had a wonderful Christmas dinner day on Tuesday this week – my salutations and compliments to all involved. Today many of our younger classes received a virtual visit from Santa. We hope that the children enjoyed this and that their Christmas will be a wonderful time when it arrives.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 2022-23

Please find on the second page of this newsletter the approved holiday pattern for next academic year (2022-2023). Please remember that holidays and requests for extended leave in term time will not be authorised and are likely to lead to a penalty notice and fine.

WINTER HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

The Government has provided Manchester Local Authority with funding for a Winter Household Support Fund. As well as assigning some of the funds to support Free School Meals (FSM) during the holidays, Manchester are also using it to give a one off grant payment to families who are in receipt of Council Tax Support.

- Those who are eligible for the grant payment, will receive a cheque in the post by 17 December.
- Families do not need to make a claim.
- Not all families who are entitled to FSM will receive this one off grant payment, as the criteria for Council Tax Support is different.
- More information about the Winter Household Support fund is online: www.manchester.gov.uk/hstf

RETURNING EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEETS

The closing date to return the emergency contact sheet was Friday 10th December 2021. We still do not have all of these forms back. It is vital that we have up-to-date contact information for ALL our pupils just in case we need to get in touch with parents immediately (which is sometimes the case). You must provide two separate emergency contacts on the form. If you only provide one, then office staff from school will be in touch to request a second one. Please help us to avoid having to make this call.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER DEVER

Father Dever has asked me to pass on his deep appreciation to all our pupils and parents who responded so generously to the appeal to raise much needed funds for the parish of St Richard's by holding four non-uniform days this winter. As I am sure you will recall, this was due to the necessary cancellation of the St Richard's Christmas Fair due to COVID-19. Well done and many thanks everyone.

CONSULTATION ON THE REVISION OF ST RICHARD'S ADMISSION POLICY FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

A consultation period on revisions to our current admissions policy began on Friday 10th December 2021 and any comments or objections must be received by 4pm on Monday 24th January 2022. Please find below the link to the proposed St Richard's Admission Policy 2023:

[Proposed St Richard's Admission Policy 2023](#)

The same information is available on the school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/admissions/> Following approval from the Governing Body of St Richard's, the proposed changes will bring our school into alignment with the current model admissions policy from the Diocese of Salford. Should you wish to make any comments or objections, please forward them to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk no later than 4pm on Monday 24th January 2022. All comments or objections will be considered and the final admission arrangements will be determined by 28th February 2022.

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>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD #LOVED CAMPAIGN

This Advent, the charity Caritas Diocese of Salford is running a #Loved campaign for children and families in our diocese. Please support the appeal in any way that you can by donating online if you are able at:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/advent-appeal-2021/>



With every best wish for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School



**ST RICHARD'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2022/2023**



Autumn Term 2022			
Staff In-Service Day	Monday	5 th September	9am – 4pm
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	6 th September	9am – 4pm
Pupils start	Wednesday	7 th September	8.58 am
Nursery pupils staggered intake days		7 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th September	8.50 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	21 st October	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	31 st October	8.58 am
Staff In-Service Day	Friday	25 th November	9am – 4pm
Term Ends	Friday	16 th December	3.30pm

Spring Term 2023			
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	3 rd January	9am – 4pm
Pupils re-start	Wednesday	4 th January	8.58 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	17 th February	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	27 th February	8.58am
Term Ends	Thursday	6 th April	3.30 pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday	8 th April	7.30 pm

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Summer Term 2023			
Pupils re-start	Monday	17 th April	8.58am
Bank Holiday	Monday	1 st May	School closed
SATs (Year 2)		Throughout May	
SATs (Year 6)	Week beginning	8 th May	
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	26 th May	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	12 th June	8.58 am
Term Ends	Tuesday	25 th July	3.30 pm
Staff In-Service Day	Wednesday	26 th July	9 am – 4 pm

HOLIDAYS & REQUESTS FOR EXTENDED LEAVE IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED