



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER

We are sending out this paper copy of the newsletter as we break up for half-term as a reminder to all our parents to make sure you always read the newsletter in order to be aware of all the news and important events going on at St Richard's. We can't send a paper copy out every week unfortunately. The newsletter is viewable on the school website every Thursday afternoon but, if you email us with your email address and permission, we can have the newsletter emailed directly to you every week.

WE BREAK UP FOR HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS TOMORROW

We break up for February half-term holidays after school tomorrow and we return to school on **Monday 28th February**. There may be changes to COVID-19 regulations in England coming into effect during our half-term break. Please don't expect to see any immediate changes at St Richard's when we come back after the holidays as we will need time to work these out safely.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

The season of Lent will begin on our first Wednesday back after half-term (2nd March) with Ash Wednesday. Lent lasts for forty days. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and helping others.



CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL LENT 2022

At St Richard's, we will be supporting 'St Joseph's Penny' during Lent. All the money raised by St Joseph's Penny is used to support Caritas in the Diocese of Salford. Caritas is a Catholic charity which responds to poverty and social injustice in our local area. All contributions are gratefully received and deeply appreciated. If you are able, please consider making a donation via the link at: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/SJP22>

FRANCIS HOUSE'S CREME EGG APPEAL

This year, we will be supporting Francis House's Crème Egg appeal. We will be running a competition to see which class can collect the most Crème Eggs (or other chocolate eggs similar in size to a Cadbury's crème egg). The eggs that your child brings into school will be donated to Francis House to sell across the city and there will be a small prize for the class in our school that collects the most. The competition will run from 18th February to 18th March 2022. Any contributions of chocolate eggs from any manufacturer (crème egg sized) would be greatly appreciated; thank you for your support in advance. More information about the appeal can be found here:

<https://www.francishouse.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/our-annual-fundraisers/easter-chick-knit/>

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor at St Richard's. If you are interested, please email comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk with your full name, the full names and year group/class of children that you have at St Richard's and a telephone number on which someone from school could contact you to discuss the vacancy and answer any questions that you may have. The closing date for self-nomination papers to be received (available from school) is **Monday 28th February at 12 noon**.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD TO START NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2022?

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 and you would like them to attend full time in the Nursery at St Richard's RC Primary School from September 2022, then please contact the school office as soon as possible for an admission form. Your child will be added to the waiting list for admission to our Nursery class in September 2022. Places are in high demand and offers are starting to be sent out this week.

Thursday 17th February 2022

WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

The first Thursday back on our return to school (Thursday 3rd March) is World Book Day. Here at St. Richard's we will be celebrating the day by asking the children (and staff) to dress up as book characters. It is planned to have various book related activities in each class during the course of the day. A letter with further details and activities will be sent out tomorrow.

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS OVER HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

As I am sure you are aware, we break up for February half-term tomorrow, Friday 18th February and we return to school on Monday 28th February. Manchester City Council has approved the use of the Household Support Grant to fund supermarket vouchers over the February 2022 (one week) half term holidays, for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). This is in response to the reduction in Universal Credit and expected fuel increases and the financial pressures facing many of our families. As with previous school holidays, school will send you the vouchers during the week prior to the holiday.

HOCKEY WINNERS

Our hockey team became joint East Manchester Hockey Champions on Thursday 10th February at Cedar Mount High School and - like the basketballers - they have qualified for the city finals.

The team played 4 games - winning the first 3-1 against St Francis' B, the second 6-0 against Ashbury Meadow and the third 3-1 against Armitage. In the last game they had to play St Francis' A, who had also won all their games. Our heroes managed a last minute equaliser to make the score 2-2 and ensure a share of the title. The secret behind the team's success was the expert coaching they received with the wooden hockey sticks during PE lessons from Ms Taylor, Ms Kenneally, Ms McNamara and Mrs White. We are all looking forward to the final in March at Manchester High School for Girls. The team are Lilly, Maisie, Alisha, Greater and Trey. A big thanks to Mr Neilson for overseeing and coordinating the whole team.



MCR ACTIVE FREE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Over the February half-term holidays, MCRactive are running FREE holiday activities for children aged 5-16 years. The booking links are now live. All the activities across the city and booking information can be found on the following link: <https://www.mcractive.com/activity/free-school-holiday-activities-in-manchester>

Spaces do fill up quickly so to avoid disappointment please book as soon as possible. Please only book a space if your child will definitely be attending. If you book and they can no longer attend, please ensure you cancel your space (directly through Eventbrite) so that their space opens up for another child to take up the opportunity. If you have any other questions, please contact the organiser, Steve Williams, at s.williams@mcractive.com

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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