



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 3rd February 2022

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place next week (7th -13th February 2022). This year's theme is **Growing Together**. At St Richard's we will be using this week to encourage our children to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2022



Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Safer Internet Day

2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD BY CAR

Please do not park on or near the yellow zig-zag road markings close to the entrances to school on Sutcliffe Avenue, Wilpshire Avenue or Norton Avenue. This is illegal. It is illegal because it is dangerous. We have asked Traffic Enforcement Officers to visit our school as often as they can at the start and end of the school day. They will issue penalty fines to anyone breaking the law and endangering the safety of children who attend this school. The Traffic Enforcement Officers issued three fines outside our school last week. They are going to be around school more often – so please be warned.

Instead of risking a costly fine, please build 5 more minutes in to your morning and end of day routines in order to allow you to park up safely and legally and walk your child into school without endangering them or anyone else. Thank you for your complete understanding and cooperation.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

There was a specially themed menu (including fortune cookies) in school on Tuesday 1st February 2022 in order to celebrate the start of the Chinese Year of the Tiger. On Tuesday 8th February the children on school dinners will be enjoying a Mexican themed menu featuring chilli con carne (or chilli con Quorn), tortilla chips, rice, baked potato, soured cream, sombrero biscuits and fresh fruit – yum!



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

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/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=51.7>

This Wednesday's Words is **FOLLOW**.

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS OVER HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

As I am sure you are aware, we break up for February half-term on Friday 18th February and we return to school on Monday 28th February. The 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.

EVEN MORE BRILLIANT BASKETBALL NEWS!

Last Tuesday, St Richard's became East Manchester Basketball Champions in an exciting tournament at St Peter's basketball centre. In the first game we won 4-2 against St Francis A. In the second game we drew 4-4 against Armitage and in the third game we beat St Francis B 4-2. All 3 games were played in a friendly and sporting way. The team have now qualified for the Manchester Basketball Finals, which take place at St Peter's in two weeks' time. Isaiah was the top scorer and won an award for self-belief. Sabrina won the Respect award for her kind and fair behaviour. The rest of the squad were Keveah, Leyton and Steve.



RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read this newsletter every week. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon but if you wish to receive the newsletter 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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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