



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 24th March 2022

TOMORROW IS 'A DAY FOR UKRAINE'

Tomorrow, Friday 25th March, we will be holding 'A Day for Ukraine' with all pupils being invited and encouraged to dress in yellow and blue non-uniform in return for a £1 donation. All money raised will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee charity.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to all our pupils (mainly Year 3) who received the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time in St Richard's Church last Friday morning. The pupils received the sacrament in a reverent and appreciative way. Many thanks to Father Dever and to school staff for providing support to these children on their sacramental journey.

PARENTS' EVENING THANKS

Many thanks to all our parents who made it to virtual parents' evening on Wednesday afternoon or evening this week. I am sure that you found the information provided by your child's classteacher to be useful and I hope that you found the experience to be both stress-free and time-saving. On behalf of the whole staff I would like to thank all our parents for all that you do to support the education and wider development of your children. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Class 11's Parents Evening was unavoidably postponed but we will make arrangements to hold this as soon as possible and will notify C11 parents about this separately.

THANK YOU MUMS!

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. I am sure that all our boys and girls would like to join us in thanking all our mums (and all those who act in the place of mums) for all the love and support that you give to your children.



NURSERY READING INFORMATION SESSIONS

Many thanks to all our Nursery parents who attended the Nursery Reading Information sessions which were provided by our Nursery staff last Thursday and Friday. It was lovely to see such a strong turnout of parents back in school after so long.

UPDATED ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Attendance is a key factor in ensuring good or better pupil progress. We aim for outstanding attendance and outstanding pupil progress. With this aim in mind, from Monday 28th March 2022 we have a new and updated Pupil Attendance Policy in place. This policy seeks to deal even more effectively with any pupil's attendance which is less than good. Please read the policy here: <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Attendance-policy-March-2022.pdf> and please ensure that your child's attendance and punctuality is always outstanding.

YEAR 6 SATS DATES 2022

This year the Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place **between Monday 9th May 2022 – Thursday 12th May 2022**. Over this period, pupils will sit 6 different tests and it is vitally important that they are in school for all of these tests and ready to do their very best.

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL LENT 2022

At St Richard's, we are 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>

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

COVID-19 REMINDER

Please be aware that the DfE have advised all schools that, in the unlikely event of a parent insisting on their child attending school when they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, schools can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

VACANCIES FOR TWO LUNCHTIME ORGANISERS

We have vacancies for two lunchtime organisers to start at St Richard's after the Easter holidays. The advert, job description, person specification and application form will all be available at noon on Thursday 17th March at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/vacancies/>

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR EASTER AND WHIT

Manchester City Council has approved funding for free school meal vouchers for **two weeks Easter break** for children eligible for free school meals to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face.

As St Richard's only has 1 week's holiday at Easter, the £30.00 that you will receive next week will be for 1 week at Easter and 1 week at the end of May (Our Whit holiday). As this holiday in May is for 2 weeks, you may be issued with another £15.00 for the second week of the holiday nearer the time, but this is dependent on school receiving the funding for this from the Council. Therefore, please be mindful when you receive the £30.00 vouchers next week that this is for 1 week at Easter and 1 week of the May holiday.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is back to its usual format this week. If you or your children are as yet undecided about how you could manage to pray some extra prayers this Lent, the Wednesday Word is the ideal aid to age-appropriate prayers which are linked to the Sunday Gospels throughout the season of Lent. I am sure that you would find this a rewarding whole-family activity. Please go to: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=56.14> This week's Wednesday Word is **FORGIVENESS**

FRANCIS HOUSE CREME EGG APPEAL

Our Crème Egg Appeal finished last week. Well done and many thanks to everyone who took part. We collected a phenomenal **2921** eggs with Class 4 collecting the most eggs (234) in EYFS/KS1 and Class 10 (759) collecting the most eggs in Key Stage 2. Thanks to everyone who contributed and to Mrs Bentley for organising the appeal.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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