



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

## A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE FROM CAFOD

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.

## COVID-19 UPDATES

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, the Prime Minister announced the removal of measures put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic as we learn to live with the virus. Here is what you need to know and what this means for St Richard's:

### Are there any changes to self-isolation?

The Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **However, adults and children who test positive are still advised by the Government to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.** In addition, the Government no longer asks fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days. In addition, routine contact tracing has ended. Staff, children and young people who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 should attend their education settings as usual.

### Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?

If a child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged: stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should get a PCR test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. If they test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice (see above in red)

**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.**

## 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/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=52.9>

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent began yesterday with Ash Wednesday. We are grateful that our Nursery and Reception children received ashes from Father Dever in school. All our other pupils had watched a special assembly about what we are called to do during Lent (please see below too). We wish each other the best of luck and pray for the success of everyone's Lenten efforts this year.



## 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 are supporting Francis House's Crème Egg appeal. We are 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 is now open (many thanks for the donations so far) and will run until 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.francis-house.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/our-annual-fundraisers/easter-chick-knit/>

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

If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 already.

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

The children and staff looked fantastic in their World Book day 2022 costumes today – well done to everyone for your efforts! The best three competition entries in each class were awarded certificates today. World Book Day is a wonderful reminder of both the importance and the joy that reading gives to us all.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

Headteacher  
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