



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022



## **HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!**

We hope that you had a happy and restful Easter holiday. Easter is not just a one day celebration but a whole season (the longest of the liturgical year) which lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> June 2022). Throughout this season we will be praising God for the blessings of His Son's resurrection whilst looking forward to the Holy Spirit inspiring us to prayer and action and giving us the grace to love our neighbour.

## **NEXT MONDAY IS A BANK HOLIDAY**

Next Monday - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - is a Bank Holiday and so we have an extended weekend. School will be closed to all staff and pupils on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

## **WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

The Wednesday Word team continue to support families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. These are available every Wednesday by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/lent-easter-card?pid=MTA101634&v=57.15>

This week's Wednesday Word is **WITNESS** and is the final week of the Lent and Easter Booklet version.

## **UPDATED WHOLE-SCHOOL COVID RISK ASSESSMENT**

The DfE stated on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 that the population now has 'much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.' We have therefore adjusted our Whole School COVID-19 Risk Assessment as a result. This will be available on the homepage of the website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/> from tomorrow afternoon. Please read it carefully so that you have an understanding about the new guidance and advice around COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

## **EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR & MANNERS**

The superb behaviour and excellent manners of the pupils who attend our school are noteworthy. These valuable gifts are everyone's responsibility to maintain and develop. We are very appreciative of all parents' and carers' efforts to model, encourage and reward superb behaviour and excellent manners - both in school and at home. Many thanks.

## **YEAR 6 SATS DATES 2022**

This year the Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place between Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 are ready to do their very best. Good luck everyone.

## **YEAR ONE PHONICS INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.45pm, Miss Hutchison (Year 1 classteacher and Phonics Subject Leader) will be leading a Phonics Information Meeting for Year One parents. During this meeting, Miss Hutchison will explain what your child is expected to do and how you can support your child at home. The meeting will start at 2.45pm in the St Richard's Hall. If you are attending, please be at the main gate on Wilpshire Avenue by 2.40pm and you will be escorted to St Richard's Hall. A letter with all the information on has been sent out separately. Please fill out the slip provided on this letter and return it to school on or before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. We look forward to seeing you then.

## **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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

## **NO DRIVE-BY PICK UPS OR DROP-OFFS**

No matter how insistent parents are, staff at St Richard's will not dismiss pupils towards cars of parents driving by school at the end of the day. This applies to Wilpshire Avenue, Sutcliffe Avenue and to Norton Avenue. Parents should park safely and considerately and in good time to receive their children in person and on foot or to wait for them in their parked up vehicle (if parents deem that their child is old enough). The Highway Code states that yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where parking, stopping or waiting is **strictly prohibited**. In addition, please do NOT park across the barriers of the staff car park. Many thanks in advance.

## **RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER EVERY THURSDAY**

The newsletter is only occasionally sent out as a paper copy. It is usually sent out as an email and posted on our school website every Thursday afternoon. If you don't already receive the weekly newsletter by email every Thursday afternoon then please just send your preferred email address to [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and request that you be added to the mailing list.

## **SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM**

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April and as an alternative to winter uniform, pupils may wear summer uniform. Summer uniform may be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of blue and white gingham dress. Girls may also wear white tights or black, white or grey socks as part of summer uniform. Boys' summer uniform consists of dark grey trousers or shorts, light blue polo shirt and plain navy school sweatshirt (preferably with the school logo and no other logo allowed).

Many thanks in advance for always sending your child to school in smart and full school uniform. Please remember that jewellery including ear rings are not allowed in school under any circumstances and that **all pupils should wear sensible black shoes – not trainers**.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Mr J Murray

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St Richard's RC Primary School