



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## **NEXT WEEK IS HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, this coming Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. During Holy Week in school, we will be recalling the events leading up to Jesus' death whilst also looking forward to His Resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. This is why we are still in school. We wish all our families the peace, hope and joy of the coming Easter season.



## Holy Week

## **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

The Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Richard's RC Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022, starting at 7.30pm. We would be delighted if you could make every effort to attend this mass with your child(ren). Parents who would like their child to read and/or sing at this mass should let the office know by phone by 4pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. All children must be accompanied at this mass by a parent or carer.

Information about all the masses and special services over the Easter period at St Richard's Longsight and St Mary's Levenshulme (the two churches in our parish of St Robert of Newminster) will be available at [www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richards-parish-church/](http://www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richards-parish-church/) as soon as possible.

## **RAMADAN MUBARAK**

We wish all our Muslim families a holy and successful Ramadan. We suggest that no child below Year 6 should fast. Even with Year 6 pupils, we want parents to be aware that this year, Ramadan falls during very important weeks of the school year and that the absence of fluids in particular could have a negative effect on your child's performance and concentration in school. If you do decide that your child at St Richard's is fasting this Ramadan, please send a letter to your child's classteacher to say so or please phone the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.

## **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 are ready to do their very best.

## **CHANGES TO CLASS 8 STAFF AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS**

We are sad to announce that both Miss McGinn and Mrs Hamlett will be leaving St Richard's when we break up for Easter after school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Miss McGinn has been at our school since September 2015. We wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Hamlett has worked at St Richard's since 1997 but was also a pupil at the school and also a St Richard's parent. As you can see, she has dedicated herself to the life and community of St Richard's for many years and from many perspectives. A huge "thank-you" goes to Mrs Hamlett.

I am sure that you will join us all in thanking both Miss McGinn and Mrs Hamlett for their many contributions to the life of the school and in wishing them both all the best for the future. From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, when we return from the Easter break, Miss Meade (who is new to our school) will be Class 8's class teacher. I am sure you will make Miss Meade very welcome. Mrs Prunty (who is an experienced teaching assistant at St Richard's) will also be joining Class 8. We are also sad to be saying goodbye at Easter to two of our lunchtime organisers – Miss Scholes and Mrs Haydock. We thank them for their many contributions to the life of St Richard's and we wish them both the very best for the future.

## **IF YOU CARE, PARK ELSEWHERE**



We have gone to considerable effort to get all the yellow zig-zag road markings on three sides of the school site re-painted recently. We are also very grateful to Tim Grimshaw at the Waterman Group who have made funding available for us to have some new pupil-shaped signs which we hope will make the message even clearer to parents and carers **not to park or stop on the zig-zag lines around school** on Sutcliffe, Wilpshire and Norton Avenue. Parking on yellow zig-zag lines is prohibited to all vehicles at all times. We are delighted that Traffic Enforcement Officers continue to patrol school in the mornings and afternoons in order to ensure that parent parking is always safe and legal. Thank you all very much in advance for your complete cooperation at all times.

## **SUMMER UNIFORM RULES AFTER EASTER**

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, when we return to school, 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).

## **RECEPTION READING & PHONICS WORKSHOPS**

Information sessions take place this afternoon from 2.30pm – 3.15pm for Reception 1 parents and carers and tomorrow afternoon from 2.30pm – 3.15pm for Reception 2 parents and carers. Please make every effort to attend these sessions as it is lovely to have parents back in school and because you will be given important information from your child's classteacher about how your child can make the best possible progress with their reading and phonics. Many thanks in advance.

## **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 received last week are 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 that the £30.00 vouchers that you have been sent are for 1 week at Easter and 1 week of the May holiday.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

Headteacher  
St Richard's RC Primary School