



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 12th May 2022

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children from Year 3 (and one or two others) will be receiving First Holy Communion in two groups over the next fortnight. The first group will receive Holy Communion for the first time a week today (Thursday 19th May) and the second group will receive the sacrament for the first time on Thursday 26th May. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers at this special time for them.



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/love?pid=MTA101634&v=59.18> This week's Wednesday Word is **LOVE**.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We thank all our parents and carers who do so much to make sure that pupil attendance and punctuality at St Richard's remain above national average. Excellent school attendance and punctuality are essential for all pupils and we expect all our pupils to be in school and on time every day.

Our revised Attendance Policy explains how we seek to ensure high levels of attendance and punctuality. It is available to read here: <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Attendance-policy-March-2022.pdf>

Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and school and the local authority are able to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance. The DfE – and the Governing Body of St Richard's – expects us to apply these rules. Please do not take holidays during term time. Instead, please plan your family holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take your children out of school on holiday as this will be unauthorised and may lead to a penalty notice/fine. Many thanks in advance.

PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM THE SUN

This is an advance reminder for when the weather is hot and sunny this term: Please ensure that your child is provided with effective protection from the sun. You should apply sun cream to your child before you bring them to school. On a particularly hot day if you feel they may need a top up, this will not be applied by staff in school although they will assist your child if necessary.

UPDATED WHOLE-SCHOOL COVID RISK ASSESSMENT

We have recently updated our Whole School COVID-19 Risk Assessment in order to reflect current DfE guidance and advice. This risk assessment is currently available on the homepage of the school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/>. Please read it carefully so that you have an understanding of the current guidance and advice around COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR HEALTHY 5 – 11 YEAR OLDS

The DfE have requested that we pass on the following information:

'Healthy 5 to 11 year olds are now being offered vaccinations outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres. It remains important that those most at risk from COVID-19 are protected with vaccinations. For more information, we have updated our blog on [vaccinations for clinically vulnerable children and young people](#).

For all 5 to 11 and 12 to 15 year old vaccinations, visit [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#), to get vaccinated without needing an appointment. Parents should have received a letter from the NHS with more information about how to get their child vaccinated.

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 do not currently receive the weekly newsletter by email every Thursday afternoon then please just send your preferred email address to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk and request that you are added to the mailing list.

WELL DONE YEAR 6!

This week saw our Year 6 pupils undertake their end of primary school Year 6 KS2 SATs tests. All the pupils worked really hard and we could not have asked more of them in terms of their effort and application. Well done girls and boys! I would also like to express huge thanks to all their teachers and teaching assistants for all their hard work. Many thanks also to parents and carers who made sure pupils were well fed and rested and in school on time every day.

IF YOU CARE, PARK ELSEWHERE

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 their child 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**.

If you feel that you must drive and park close to school at the beginning or end of the school day in order to pick up your child(ren), please be particularly considerate to our neighbours in the houses on Norton, Wilpshire and Sutcliffe Avenues. Please do not park across or obstruct their drive ways in any way. Many thanks in advance for your complete cooperation.

SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM

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

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School