



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 19th May 2022

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first group of our mainly Year 3 children will be receiving First Holy Communion for the first time this evening in St Richard's Church at 6.30pm. The second group will receive the sacrament for the first time on Thursday 26th May at 6.30pm. Please continue to remember these children and their families in your prayers at this very special time.

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/peace?pid=MTA101634&v=60.19>
This week's Wednesday Word is **PEACE**.

WEEKLY CLASS MASSES HAVE STARTED BACK UP

We are delighted that children from St Richard's are once again attending Wednesday morning masses. Already in this Summer term, pupils from Years 5, 4, 3 and 6 have enjoyed this important return in our spiritual diet.

FACE-TO-FACE ASSEMBLIES HAVE STARTED BACK UP

We are also really pleased and excited that face to face assemblies for pupils in Key Stage two and then in EYFS & Key Stage One are regularly taking place every Friday. These are Good News assemblies where a whole range of pupil achievements are celebrated and rewarded. Each week they provide a wonderful focal point for the collective efforts of the children in school.

Y5 COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

Last week our Year 5 pupils were kindly invited to attend Computing workshops at our feeder high school, St Peter's RC High School. Elora in C10 said, "It was great because we could explore different things on the computers".

Y3 STONE AGE WORKSHOP

Last Wednesday, undergraduate students from Manchester University came to St Richard's to deliver a workshop to pupils on the Stone Age – a Learning Journey that the children had undertaken in History. Isabelle in Class 6 explained, "It was a really exciting afternoon. Emily and I got to hold an archaeologist's timeline!"

WE CANNOT SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE 8.30AM

We cannot supervise children before the school gates open at 8.30am. Please ensure that your children are supervised and behaving well in the mornings as they wait to come into school.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY 2022

This coming Friday (20th May) is the Friday closest to United Nations Cultural Diversity Day (which is Saturday 21st May this year). Whilst we won't be dressing up on this day this year, we are still incredibly proud of the strength that is generated at St Richard's by our amazing cultural diversity. Teachers will be acknowledging Cultural Diversity Day in class on Friday 20th May and will be undertaking some activity that draws on what the children know about their (and others') cultural traditions.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II's PLATINUM JUBILEE

On Friday 27th May we break up for our Whitsuntide half-term holidays. During these holidays, the Queen (and the nation) will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. The Platinum Jubilee marks 70 years of our monarch's reign. Queen Elizabeth II will be the first British monarch to reach this milestone. On Friday 27th May we will be celebrating this historic event by asking pupils and staff to dress in red, white and blue non-uniform. On this day, there will be some special learning and other events in school to mark the event.

LANCASHIRE CRICKET DAY

Last Friday we were delighted to invite into school coaches from Lancashire Cricket Club who undertook some fantastic cricket activities with our Year 6 and Year 4 classes. Isaiah in C13 enthused, "The cricket coaches were really knowledgeable and knew a lot about the game and they passed this on to us really well."

Below is a poster with information about Lancashire Cricket Foundation's free cricket sessions which are currently running for Years 3 to 6 at Cedar Mount Academy on Monday evenings.



FREE CRICKET SESSIONS!

More info, contact Howard Shore:
hshore@lancashirecricket.co.uk/07834 416264



Wicketz Manchester is open to anyone in the community wanting to try a new sport. We aim to create a happy and welcoming community club which supports young people to develop as people.

VENUE: Cedar Mount Academy, Wembley Road, M18 7DT

WHEN: Mondays 5.30 - 7pm

WHO FOR: Boys and girls of all abilities, ages 8-11 (school years 3-6)

WHAT TO BRING: A drink (not fizzy), and a snack

**Make friends.
Have fun.
Stay healthy!**

SELECTING PUPILS FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

In order to deal most fairly with greater demand than places available, a new arrangement for the allocation of places in our after-school clubs will be in operation for the final half-term. The present 'first come, first served' allocation of places will be replaced by a new merit system based on the Class Dojo rewards (or similar) given for good work and behaviour used in Key Stage 2 classes. Places will be given in each class to the eight pupils who have the most Dojo points (and who want to take part) in the school's free after-school sport provision. This will act as an incentive and reward for pupils who consistently work hard and behave well.

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.

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.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Mr J Murray

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