



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 26th May 2022

WE BREAK UP TOMORROW FOR HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

We break up for a two-week half-term holiday tomorrow, Friday 27th May. We return to school on Monday 13th June. We wish all our pupils, families and staff a very happy and restful break.

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Today, Thursday 26th May, Christians around the world mark The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. For 40 days after His resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Gospels tell us that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth. The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven in front of his disciples at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first group of our mainly Year 3 children received Holy Communion for the first time at St Richard's Church last Thursday. It was a lovely occasion and many thanks to all who attended and were involved in making it such a joyous event. The children were fantastic. The second group will receive the sacrament for the first time tonight - Thursday 26th May - at 6.30pm. Please continue to remember these children and their families in your prayers at this very special time.

PENTECOST IS CLOSE!

The Feast of Pentecost takes place on Sunday 5th June - whilst we are on our Whitsuntide break. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church and is the start of the Church's mission to the world. Pentecost is a happy festival. The first Pentecost came when people from many different nations were in Jerusalem, celebrating the Jewish festival of Shavuot. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. It arrived as a strong wind and it settled as tongues of fire. The apostles soon found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=3&v=61.20>. This week's Wednesday Word is the holiday version which will last for the next three weeks (including Pentecost). This week's Wednesday Word is **HELPER**.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II's PLATINUM JUBILEE

Tomorrow, 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. Tomorrow 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 amazing events in school to mark the event.

FSM VOUCHERS OVER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

The council has approved the use of the Household Support Grant to fund supermarket vouchers over the May 2022 half term holidays, for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). This week you will be issued with a £15 voucher per eligible child. As we previously advised, the other £15 was issued to eligible parents in April prior to the Easter break, when £30.00 was issued.

ONLINE SAFETY OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Keeping children safe online is important all the times but it is extra important during holiday periods. Our school website contains important information about keeping children safe online, so please have a look. If you allow your children online, please be proactive in monitoring how your child uses the internet on either PC, tablet, laptop or mobile phone.

MCR ACTIVE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY – MAY HALF TERM

MCRactive are offering hundreds of free places for children to access a variety of activities and a free meal over the half term holidays in Manchester for those on benefit related free school meals. To book your child's space, sign up for a MCRactive Go account at <https://www.mcractive.com/> as well as to book free Spring Half-Term activities. Once signed up, log into your account – **Find Activities** – Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' **Use code when asked: 15918** to book free eligible activities. Bookings will close 24 hours prior to the activity taking place.

TODAY IS 'THANK A TEACHER DAY'

On behalf of all the parents and pupils at St Richard's, I am sure you will join me in thanking all the amazing educators at our school – teachers, teaching assistants, administrative staff, facilities staff, catering staff and lunchtime organisers – all of whom do an amazing job to provide the children of our community with such a wonderful education. MANY THANKS EVERYONE!

CHILD VACCINATIONS AT THE ETIHAD

The Greater Manchester Vaccination Centre (at the Etihad Football and Tennis Centre) have availability to enable all 5 to 16 year olds to get a COVID-19 vaccination over the half term holidays. Please see the poster below.

IT'S TIME TO GET VACCINATED!

Etihad Football and Tennis Centre
Opening times for ages 5+

Monday 8am - 8pm
Tuesday 8am - 8pm
Wednesday 8am - 3:30pm
Thursday 8am - 8pm
Saturday 8am - 3:30pm
Sunday 8am - 3:30pm

NO BOOKING NEEDED!

Designated child friendly area with toys, colouring books and your own personalized certificate of bravery at the end with a selfie stop!

9 Sportcity Way M11 3DU

With many thanks and best wishes for Whitsuntide,

Mr J Murray

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