



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 5th May 2022

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is a special month of devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. This May, we could try to set some extra time aside in order to look up to Mary as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist us whenever we are in need. In the Catholic tradition, we pray to Mary to intercede for us with her Son. This month, we could ask Jesus to grant us a small amount of the heroic patience, angelic kindness and heavenly wisdom which Our Mother Mary demonstrates in such gracious abundance.



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/life?pid=MTA101634&v=58.17>
This week's Wednesday Word is **LIFE**

EID AL-FITR

Eid al-Fitr 2022 took place earlier this week. Eid al-Fitr, also called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide which marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. We hope that all our Muslim pupils and their families had a very happy Eid al-Fitr 2022.

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 now 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 about 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 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 and request that you be added to the mailing list.

WELL DONE MISS CARR AND WELCOME LEO!

We are delighted to announce that Miss Carr has had her baby. Leo was born during the Easter holidays and mum and baby are both doing very well. We send our best wishes and congratulations to the whole family.

YEAR 6 SATS DATES 2022

Next week, the Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place (between Monday 9th May 2022 and Thursday 12th May 2022). We wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best and we thank them – and their teachers and teaching assistants – for all their hard work.

Over the testing period, pupils will sit 6 different tests and it is vitally important that all Year 6 pupils are in school for all of these tests and are ready to do their very best. Many thanks in advance.

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

Since Monday 25th 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 a 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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