



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## **DEATH OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

I am sure that you will share in the sadness at the death of Queen Elizabeth II last Thursday. May she rest in peace. We observed an impeccable two-minute silence in school last Friday at 10am and pupils did have (and will continue to have) opportunities to discuss this significant event in their lives and the life of our nation with staff in school. Coming so soon after our whole school celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee before the summer holidays, I am certain that all our pupils have a very good understanding of how significant the reign of Queen Elizabeth II has been. We now pray for His Majesty King Charles III as he assumes his new role and responsibilities whilst simultaneously mourning the loss of his mother.



## **SCHOOL IS CLOSED ALL DAY ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

*The date of the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II has been confirmed as Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and St Richard's RC Primary School will be closed all day to pupils and staff on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.*

**Nursery children who were due to start at St Richard's on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September should now come to school for the first time on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September instead.**

## **INTRAHEALTH FLU VACCINATIONS**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Intrahealth will be administering a flu vaccination to pupils from Reception to Year 6 for all those children whose parents have provided consent. The closing date to return consent was yesterday, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

IntraHealth have been delivering immunisation programmes since 2009 and Nasal flu programmes since 2013. In 2019, they delivered the nasal flu and secondary school immunisation service to 500,000 children across schools in Greater Manchester, Hull, Lancashire, Rotherham and Sheffield.

## **STAYING IN TOUCH AND INFORMED BY NEWSLETTER**

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. The newsletter will only be printed and handed out very occasionally – approximately once every half-term. Usually, the newsletter is only available electronically. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. However, if you wish to receive the newsletter directly every week by email, then you simply have to send:

1. Your full name
2. Name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) at our school
3. Preferred email address
4. The message *'I consent to school using my email address in order to send me a copy of the newsletter each week of term.'*

to [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and you will be added to the mailing list.

## **RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER**

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

## **PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**

As well as keeping in touch with events in school via the newsletter, please remember that lots of really useful information about school is also available on our school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/>  
The term dates for this academic year are available. Also of interest to parents will be our Curriculum 2022-23 pages (found under 'Key Information' on the home page). Here you will find up to date and in depth information about what your child(ren) will be learning in their class throughout the year.

## **WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

Thankfully, the Wednesday Word team continue to support children and their families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. This week's (yesterday's) edition is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/trustworthy?pid=MTA101634&v=68.9>  
This Wednesday's Word is **TRUSTWORTHY**.

## **PARISH GARDEN PARTY ON SUNDAY AND NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW**

In return for £1 we would still like all pupils to come to school in non-uniform tomorrow, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. This is to help raise vital funds for our parish ahead of St Robert's Garden Party, which is still going ahead and which will take place from 12 noon onwards this coming Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the grounds of St Richard's Church. Please do come along to support this event.

## **PLEASE DO NOT CUT THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK**

The staff car park next to Father Dever's house is out of bounds and should not be accessed by parents. Squeezing past or under the drop-down barriers is potentially very dangerous. Nor should parents and carers be accessing the car park via the key-padded pedestrian gate. Please take a minute extra and stay safe by going the slightly longer way around from Wilpshire to Sutcliffe Avenue and vice versa. Many thanks in advance.



## **INTERNATIONAL NO CAR DAY**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is World Car Free Day. It is hoped that, all around the world on this day, people will be able to experience streets free of motor traffic. It would be wonderful if as many of us as possible could choose safe car-free alternatives in order to get to and from school on this day. Next Thursday might be the ideal opportunity to park further away from school and walk the

last five or ten minutes. It would be good for health, good for the environment and good for improving road safety on the streets around our school.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

Headteacher  
St Richard's RC Primary School