



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



## **WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!**

We hope that you had an enjoyable break. All the staff have been delighted to have the children back in school and we have seen and heard lots of lovely manners and great behaviour already. We welcome all our new pupils and new staff. I am confident that, once again, we will all strive relentlessly together throughout the year to ensure that the children of St Richard's continue to receive a truly outstanding education.

## **PRAYER OF ST RICHARD**

Our school prayer is printed below in the hope that you may occasionally wish to pray this prayer at home as a family this year:

*Thanks be to Thee my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits that You have given me, for all the pains and insults that You have borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know You more clearly, love You more dearly and follow You more nearly, day by day.*

## **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 (like today) very occasionally. 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)

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Many thanks for your wonderful efforts in sending your child(ren) to school in such smart uniform. May I remind parents that no earrings (or any other jewellery) can be worn by pupils. Girls may wear smart school trousers, grey or black tights (white with summer uniform) or grey, black or white socks. However, leggings or footless tights are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn. No make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Smart black school shoes are the only footwear allowed – no trainers please.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY**

At the start of each school day it is vitally important that all our pupils arrive on time. There is a very generous window of opportunity for this at St Richard's - between 8.30am and 8.58am. Punctuality is essential as it sets the tone for the whole day, reduces pupil anxiety and maximises learning opportunities. At the end of the day we always expect **parental punctuality** – picking your child(ren) up on time. Many thanks in advance for your full support and cooperation.

## **SWIMMING THIS TERM**

Children now in Year 4 (Classes 7 and 8) will be swimming from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September until the end of the academic year. They will be walking to the swimming baths every Friday. More details will follow in a separate letter.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

## **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/care?pid=MTA101634&v=67.8>. This Wednesday's Word is **CARE**.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS TERM**

Our after-school activities will be starting back up this half-term in the week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Please keep a look out for further details.

## **NON-UNIFORM DAY A WEEK ON FRIDAY**

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

## **SPONSORED WALK/RUN FOR CARITAS SALFORD**

You may recall that, in the week before we broke up, we raised an amazing £485.83 for Caritas Diocese of Salford through our support of 'Miles that Matter'. This actually went up to **£530.98** by the time we sent the cheque to Caritas. We had a lovely letter from Caritas recently to explain how the money will be used:

*Thank you so much to your students for taking part in our Miles that Matter Event. We have received your cheque of £530.98 from your fundraising efforts. Your gift will help our refugee services to continue to welcome, protect, promote and integrate refugees and asylum seekers into life in the North West.*

*Please let your staff, pupils and their families know that they are helping to pay for a much-needed practical response, such as food, essentials and activity sessions. But their fundraising also means we can provide the trained professionals that give 1:1 advice and support, transforming lives and reducing the number of people experiencing poverty, discrimination or disadvantage.*

*Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers those that Caritas Salford is supporting during these difficult times. Thank you again for sharing what you have with those in need. Together, we will ensure that no one is left behind. God bless your whole school community.*

*Kind regards,*

*Kirstie Davidson  
Individual Giving Officer  
Caritas Diocese of Salford*

With many thanks for your continuing support and looking forward to another very successful school year together,

*Mr J Murray*

Headteacher  
St Richard's RC Primary School