



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 13th October 2022

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is much more than a list of prayers. It is a rich spiritual exercise designed to bring us closer to Mary and to her son, Jesus. This month is a wonderful time to pray the Rosary at home as a family.



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's (yesterday's) edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=7&v=72.4> and it is the half-term holiday special edition that will last until Wednesday 2nd November.

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE

St Richard's is a very successful school and our children play an incredibly important part in making and keeping it so. We aim for an environment which enables and encourages all members of the community to strive for excellence. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, on time, every day that school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. Ensuring a child's regular attendance at school is a parent's legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution. Our school attendance target is set at 1% above the national average and for 2022-23, our whole school attendance target is 97%.

For more details, please read our full Attendance Policy at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Attendance-policy-March-2022.pdf>

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

National Online Safety (NOS) have created free online safety guides for schools to share with parents and carers. This campaign is called '#WakeUp Wednesday'. Please click [here](#) to read this week's parent guide, which is all about **ROBLOX**

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR 2023

Parents of pupils who are currently in Year 6 must apply for a secondary school place by the closing date of **5pm on Monday 31st October 2022**. Please visit: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_or_september_2023/4

APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR 2023

The closing date for applying for a Reception place for your child for a September 2023 start is Monday 16th January 2023. Please visit: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4

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

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK MISS AHSAN

Tomorrow we say a fond farewell to Miss Ahsan, who has been a teaching assistant at St Richard's since September 2015. We wish her all the best with her upcoming wedding and married life.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

Originally observed in the USA, BHM was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987. At school, all our pupils will be learning about the contributions made by significant black men and women from or in Britain in the week commencing Monday 17th October.



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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

HELPING OTHERS AT HARVEST

We are supporting Caritas Cornerstone Day Centre's Harvest Donations appeal by collecting the following items:

Coffee and Sugar
Squash/Cordial
Chick Peas
Tinned Meats
Tinned vegetables
Tinned potatoes
Cook-in pasta sauce
Rice and spaghetti
Vegetable stock cubes

Tinned Fruit/Custard/Rice Pudding
Toiletries – men's razors, Deodorant, shower gel
New men's and women's socks and
Shopping vouchers for any supermarket
Cook-in curry sauce
Condiments

Many thanks to everyone who has already donated. Any donations that you are able to make to help homeless people in our local area would be gratefully received. Donations should be brought to class by your child up until the closing date of **Wednesday 19th October**. Our Caritas Ambassadors will be coordinating the appeal and will be helping to deliver the harvest of donations to Cornerstone before we break up for Autumn half-term.



WHEELS & AXLES WORKSHOP IN YEAR 2

This week, Year 2 welcomed Amanda Morrow into school to complete a Design and Technology Workshop linked with Vehicles. During the morning session in Class 3, the children discussed and researched the different types of vehicles that they see in everyday life. They then designed and made their own imaginative and creative vehicles that were very impressive! Mariam said, *"I'm so happy with the food truck I've made, it's going to sell pizzas, chips and cupcakes."* The children had a fantastic day and were provided with a great opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in DT.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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