



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 20th October 2022

WE BREAK UP FOR HALF-TERM TOMORROW

We break up for our half-term holidays after school tomorrow, Friday 21st October. We wish you all a safe and restful half-term break. Please be particularly careful as some Halloween events are likely to take place during the break and it will also be the start of bonfire season - and fireworks. See below for some safety guidance about this. School reopens at 8.30am on Monday 31st October.



'BANG OUT OF ORDER' FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's bonfire safety campaign is aimed at protecting against - and preventing - harm occurring during the Halloween and Bonfire period. More details and resources are available at <https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/bangoutoforder/>

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS EVENING DATE

Our Autumn Term Parents Evening will take place on **Tuesday 22nd November 2022**. Please make a note in your diary. On the afternoon and early evening of this date, we will again be using our virtual parents' evening platform called 'School Cloud'. There will be short video call between parents and teachers (a bit like Zoom or FaceTime). This will last 5 minutes. You will be able to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Full details will follow shortly after the half-term holidays about how parents will be able to book appointments using School Cloud's online booking system.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week'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 still the half-term holiday special edition that will last until Wednesday 2nd November.

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 **INSTAGRAM** (which, as you will see, has an age-rating of 13+ and therefore should not be accessed by anyone under that age, so none of our children).

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_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 note: a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. It is **vital** that you get your application in on time. 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

PHOTOS ON CLASS WEBPAGES FOR AUTUMN ONE

Please have a look at this half-term's collection of photos for your child's class. These are available under the written information on your child's class page on the school website by clicking 'Click here to see a sample of our work.' More photos will be added at the end of each half-term.

CLOCKS GO BACK DURING THE HALF-TERM BREAK

In the United Kingdom, the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October (this year, that is **Sunday 30th October 2022**). Please make sure that you adjust the time at home (I know most mobile phones do this automatically) so that your child arrives at the correct time for school the next day, Monday 31st October – our first day back after the holidays.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY – OCTOBER HALF-TERM

MCRactive are offering thousands of FREE places for children to access a variety of activities and a FREE meal over October half-term in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. To book your child's space: Sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcactive.com/> Once signed up, log into your account – Find Activities – Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' Use code when asked: 26584 to book free eligible activities.

MORE GIRLS' FOOTBALL SUCCESS

On Tuesday 18th October 8 girls from Year 6 visited Levenshulme High School to compete in a Manchester schools' football tournament. They played 6 games that lasted 5 minutes each. The results were: 3 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. The Year 6 girls played amazingly well and were marvellous ambassadors for the school. We are extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves and the team spirit that they shared. Well done girls! Thank you to all the parents who came to watch, your positive comments and encouragement was a great support to our team.

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.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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