



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 6th October 2022

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'. Every Wednesday, NOS produce guides to focus on specific online platforms and applications (and their potential risks) which they believe parents should be aware of. We will be linking Wakeup Wednesday information in this newsletter from now on as part of our role to inform parents and carers, to help keep children safe and to help reduce incidents of social media misuse. Please click

[here](#) to read this week's parent guide, which is all about Minecraft.

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 visit:

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4

HARVEST DONATIONS

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

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| Coffee and Sugar | Tinned Fruit/Custard/Rice Pudding |
| Squash/Cordial | Toiletries – men's razors, Deodorant, shower gel |
| Chick Peas | New men's and women's socks and |
| Tinned Meats | Shopping vouchers for any supermarket |
| Tinned vegetables | Cook-in pasta sauce |
| Tinned potatoes | Rice and spaghetti |
| Cook-in pasta sauce | Condiments |
| Rice and spaghetti | |
| Vegetable stock cubes | |

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 taken by your child to their class from tomorrow (Friday 30th September) until the closing date of Wednesday 19th October. Our Caritas Ambassadors will be coordinating the appeal and helping to deliver the harvest of donations to Cornerstone before we break up for Autumn half-term.

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.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Last Friday, Mrs Bentley and two of the Caritas Ambassadors attended the Hope in the Future event at St. Bede's College to learn all about social action within schools. At the event, our two team members spoke on stage about the fantastic projects and work that we do here at St. Richard's and shared some of our Caritas work in our big books with other schools. Gabriela in Class 10 said, "It was a great opportunity to meet with other schools and discuss how we can make a difference in our school and community. I felt very privileged and grateful to be asked to speak at the event and we had an extremely fun day."

GIRLS' FOOTBALL SUCCESS

On Tuesday 27th September eight of our Year 6 girls were selected to play in a football tournament at Levenshulme High School. They played five games against primary schools in the local area and performed exceptionally well. Their team spirit and resilience were exemplary. Three games resulted in a draw, they won one game with two fabulous goals and they lost a game against very tough opposition. All of the girls involved thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and they can't wait for the next one which will take place just before half term. In addition, it was fantastic to have some parents spectating as their encouragement was greatly appreciated by our team.

YEAR 5 EGYPTIAN FASHION WITH MR NORTH

Both of our Year 5 classes have received visits from Mr North this week. His day long workshops are supporting pupils' learning in their History (Ancient Egypt) Learning Journey. Haniya in Class 9 writes, "On Tuesday 4th October we had Mr. North come to visit our class to teach us about Egyptian fashion. We made necklaces, mirrors and bracelets in the morning and after lunch we made collars out of pasta and then painted them. We had a great time with Mr. North and I really appreciate that he came and gave his time to our class."

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR AUTUMN HALF-TERM

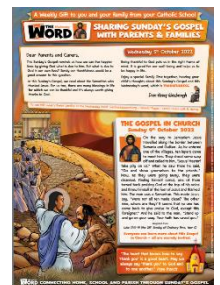
We are pleased to confirm that Manchester City Council has agreed to fund payments of £15.00 per week for every FSM eligible pupil. These vouchers will be distributed to schools to fund FSM Vouchers Schemes in Autumn 2022 half-term, Christmas 2022 holidays, and Spring half-term 2023.

LUNCHTIME ORGANISER VACANCIES

We currently have two Lunchtime Organiser vacancies. Please see the advert at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/vacancies/> The application form, job description and person specification are all available on the same page of the website or are available as paper copies in school.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

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/thankfulness?pid=MTA101634&v=71.3> This Wednesday's Word is **THANKFULNESS**



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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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