



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 17th November 2022

ODD SOCKS & ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022

We have been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2022 this week. To help symbolize the fact that all our differences are a strength and a source of celebration, the children at St Richard's are invited to wear odd socks (or colourful/patterned tights) until tomorrow, Friday 18th November.



AUTUMN TERM PARENTS EVENING 2022

Please visit <https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your Parents Evening appointments for the afternoon or evening of Tuesday 22nd November. The appointment booking window will remain open until 4pm tomorrow, Friday 18th November. **Changes to appointments or new appointment requests will not be possible after this date.**

Please watch the parents' video guide at:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

This is only 7 minutes long but does provide you with all the information that you need to have a successful virtual parents evening.

On Tuesday 22nd November, please make sure that **YOU** start the appointment with your child's teacher by logging into <https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and pressing the 'start appointment' button shortly before your appointment time and then waiting for your teacher to connect.

CHRISTMAS DATES 2022

Please make a note of the following dates for Christmas 2022. More details (with ticket information etc) will follow as soon as possible.

Tuesday 6th December – Nursery Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend)

Wednesday 7th December – Year One Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend)

Thursday 8th December – Reception Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend)

Monday 12th December – Year Two Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend)

Tuesday 13th December – Children's Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper/non-uniform Day

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church at 6pm

Wednesday 4th January – Pupils return to school

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

This is a reminder that St Richard's will be closed to all pupils all day on Friday 25th November as this is a staff INSET day.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY – THE METAVERSE

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 the Metaverse

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The year's Parish Christmas Fair for our parish, the parish of St Robert of Newminster, will take place at St Mary's Community Centre, Elbow Street, Levenshulme, on Sunday 4th December straight after 11am Mass. Raffle tickets are now available before and after mass for the Parish Christmas raffle, £1 a strip. The draw will take place at the Parish Christmas Fair. Prizes include a TV, a Christmas hamper, a coffee machine – and lots more.

Parents of children at St Richard's are warmly welcome to support this important social and fundraising event for our parish. There are three ways that you can consider helping: **Donations** of toys, chocolates, bottles, toiletries, fancy goods, etc can be left at the parish office or placed in the box at the back of church. Cake stall donations can be brought on the day before the fair or before 11am mass on 4th December. **Volunteers** are needed on the day to set up stalls, help out on stalls and serve tea and coffee. Thirdly, you can come along and **attend** the fair.

YEAR 6 PULLEYS AND GEARS WITH AMANDA MORROW

Shelby in Class 12 writes, "On Wednesday 9th November, Amanda Morrow taught us how to make and use our own moving vehicles. Firstly, we made the bottom of our vehicles. Then we added our battery packs on top. We added a pulley and an elastic band. After lunch, we put our vehicles together and there were many different designs. We then tested them and they all worked. It was a great day!"

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MP ABOUT ADVICE SURGERIES

Mr Afzal Khan, MP for Manchester Gorton, has asked us to let parents know that he holds regular advice surgeries across Manchester Gorton for his constituents but that you must book an appointment to see him. Please email afzal.khan.mp@parliament.uk or call 0161 226 5546 to make an appointment. Please make sure that you include your full name, address, postcode, contact phone number and details about your case.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/mercy?pid=MTA101634&v=75.7> and this week's Wednesday Word is **MERCY**.

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

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have one vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing Body at St. Richard's and we are inviting our parents to consider becoming a governor. Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting regularly throughout the year to support and challenge the school. If you are interested to find out more, please phone Mrs Marshall, our Business Manager and Clerk to the Governing Body on 0161 224 5552 by Friday 25th November.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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