



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 3rd November 2022

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE!

Welcome back to St Richard's everyone. We hope that you had a restful half-term break and we wish everyone in our community all the best for the half-term ahead.

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 about how parents will be able to book appointments using School Cloud's online booking system will be sent out next week and will appear on the newsletter next week too.

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.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word (now back to its usual format after the holiday edition) is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/heaven?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=73.5> and this week's Wednesday Word is **HEAVEN**

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 **FIFA 23**

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 9

Yesterday evening our Class 9 (Y5) pupils performed Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Contact Theatre, Manchester as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Congratulations to all the children because their performance was simply outstanding. Many thanks to all the adults in school and to C9 parents who made it possible for the children to rehearse and then perform so wonderfully, as well as develop personally and gain such strong cultural capital.

CONSULTATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS IN MANCHESTER

Please read the following message from Michelle Devine, Head of Access and Sufficiency at Manchester City Council:

As the parent / carer of a young person of statutory school age, I am writing to inform you that Manchester is currently consulting on a change to its admission arrangements on policy on how the council manage waiting lists. The consultation will open on 31st October 2022 and last for 6 weeks, closing on 16th December 2022. For full details of the proposed admission arrangements as well as the opportunity to complete a feedback questionnaire please visit <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/consultations>

'BANG OUT OF ORDER' FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

This coming weekend is Bonfire/Guy Fawkes weekend. 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/>



GET IN TOUCH IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH FINANCES

We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter. You may also consider accessing the following:

Check you are paying the right amount of tax:

Make sure you are on the right tax code. If you are not, you might be due a refund. Use the [Money Saving Expert's](#) free tax code calculator to find out.

Claim any benefits you are entitled to:

Use one of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits you could be claiming:

- > [Turn2us](#)
- > [Policy in Practice](#)
- > [Support for migrant families](#) – use this calculator if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds

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
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