



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 1st December 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the second Sunday of Advent (this coming Sunday, 4th December) we hear about the prophet John the Baptist – a voice crying in the wilderness, completely focused on his mission to prepare a way for the Lord. John tells us to 'repent'.



As we continue on our Advent journey, let us think about what we should be sorry for. Which aspects of our lives do we know to be not quite right? What habits and behaviours do we need to change? How can we improve in order to serve our neighbours, rather than just ourselves?

PARENT SURVEY AND A CHANCE TO WIN A £10 GIFT VOUCHER

We hope that you are very happy to send your child(ren) to St Richard's and that you and they have an overwhelmingly positive experience as a result of being part of our school community. We are requesting that you share your views with us by completing our Autumn Term 2022 Parents' Survey. The survey is an online Google Form which you can access by clicking the correct hyperlinked year group below:

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Year One](#) [Year Two](#)
[Year Three](#) [Year Four](#) [Year Five](#) [Year Six](#)

It should only take a few minutes to complete. There is a £10 gift voucher for one randomly selected completed questionnaire **per year group** (so if you complete a questionnaire for each child that you have at St Richard's then you stand a chance of winning more than once).

Your email address will be requested when you complete and return the survey but this information will be used **only** to notify you if you win the £10 gift voucher in the random prize draw. You do not have to give your email address in order to complete and return the survey.

To qualify for the draw, you must have returned your survey(s) before the closing date of **4pm on Friday 9th December**. There is a limit of one response per child. Many thanks in advance for completing the survey as your views are very important to us.

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Tuesday 13th December (our school Christmas Dinner Day for pupils) we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. The suggested donation for this fundraiser is £1. However, we know times are tough, so please remember that donations are optional and any amount you can spare will be greatly appreciated.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Also, this year, whatever anyone donates will make double the difference because the UK government is going to match all donations to Christmas Jumper Day. All that extra cash will go towards a wonderful cause, helping 200,000 mums and babies in Kenya get the food and medicine they need. There's absolutely no need to buy your child a new jumper. It's Christmas Dinner Day on Tuesday 13th December (pupils on packed lunches are encouraged to decorate their sandwich boxes on this day) and pupils can wear any sensible non-uniform of your choice.

PUPIL DATA FORMS

Pupil data collection forms came home in an envelope this week with your child. Please check, sign, date and return these forms as soon as possible and by **Friday 16th December** at the latest. It is vitally important that we always have the most up to date and accurate information about your child(ren) – if we need to contact you at short notice, for example.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the **Wednesday Word** is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/preparation?pid=MTA101634&v=77.9> and this week's **Wednesday Word** is **PREPARATIONS**.

MANCHESTER'S FREE COST OF LIVING ADVICE

Manchester's FREE Cost of Living Advice Line (0800 023 2692) providing support with benefits, rent, debts, bills, food and getting online. Translation and Sign Video services are available. Or you can text on 07860 022876 or visit the web page on <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/coladvice>

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY – TIKTOK

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

CHRISTMAS DATES 2022

Please make a note of the following dates for Christmas 2022. More details (with ticket information etc) have been sent out in separate letters this week. Whilst we are not charging for admission, we will be collecting for Francis House Children's Hospice at all our Christmas concerts.

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 HOLIDAY PATTERN 2022-23

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, 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 a penalty notice (a fine) or even prosecution. **Holidays, trips abroad or extended leave in term time are not permitted and will not be authorised.**

On page 2 of the newsletter this week is the updated school holiday pattern for the current academic year at St Richard's (2022-23). This includes the King's Coronation Bank Holiday. Please keep this safe, refer to it and please ensure that you do not take holidays in term time.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School



ST RICHARD'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2022/2023
Version 2



Autumn Term 2022			
Staff In-Service Day	Monday	5 th September	9am – 4pm
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	6 th September	9am – 4pm
Pupils start	Wednesday	7 th September	8.58 am
Nursery pupils staggered intake days		7 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th September	8.50 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	21 st October	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	31 st October	8.58 am
Staff In-Service Day	Friday	25 th November	9am – 4pm
Term Ends	Friday	16 th December	3.30pm

Spring Term 2023			
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	3 rd January	9am – 4pm
Pupils re-start	Wednesday	4 th January	8.58 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	17 th February	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	27 th February	8.58am
Term Ends	Thursday	6 th April	3.30 pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday	8 th April	7.30 pm

Summer Term 2023			
Pupils re-start	Monday	17 th April	8.58am
Bank Holiday	Monday	1 st May	School closed
Bank Holiday – King's Coronation	Monday	8 th May	School closed
SATs (Year 2)		Throughout May	
SATs (Year 6)	Tues-Fri	9 th – 12 th May	
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	26 th May	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	12 th June	8.58 am
Term Ends	Tuesday	25 th July	3.30 pm
Staff In-Service Day	Wednesday	26 th July	9 am – 4 pm

HOLIDAYS & REQUESTS FOR EXTENDED LEAVE IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED