



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP ALL OF US SAFE**

Winter viruses and infections such as Covid-19, Flu and Scarlet Fever continue to make people ill at the moment. Please keep your child off school if they have a high temperature. Do not let them come back until they feel better and the fever has gone. Many thanks in advance.

## **WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is back to the usual weekly format, following the Christmas 2022 holiday version of the last few weeks. This week's edition is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/witness?pid=MTA101634&v=80.3> and this week's Wednesday Word is **WITNESS**



## **APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

The closing date for applying for a Reception place for your child for a September 2023 start is **NEXT MONDAY** - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It is vital that you get your application in on time.

**Please note: having a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception.** Please visit:

[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2023/4](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4)

## **SUBSIDISED SWIMMING LESSON OFFER**

From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, MCRactive are offering a 50% discount on swimming lessons for children in receipt of free school meals at all Manchester City Council owned swimming pools. This offer will allow a 50% discount for your child at the following centres:

- Arcadia Leisure Centre
- East Manchester Leisure Centre
- Hough End Leisure Centre
- Moss Side Leisure Centre
- North City Family and Fitness Centre
- Wythenshawe Forum

Places are limited within this subsidised programme. Please speak to a member of staff at your local leisure centre and they will guide you through the registration process for your child. All registrations will be verified as eligible with school, and parents should take this newsletter with them when registering.

## **RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER**

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any other aspect of school life. Any comments that we receive will be read and considered. These should be emailed to: [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WINTER SUPPORT BOOKLETS**

To help local people with the cost of living crisis, Manchester City Council and the voluntary sector have produced a series of neighbourhood service guides which parents can now access online. The booklets outline much of the local support that is available, including food banks, warm hubs, befriending services and other local offers. The booklets are accessible at:

[www.manchesterlco.org/winter](http://www.manchesterlco.org/winter)

If you click on a neighbourhood in the list, it will bring up the online version. You can download the PDF booklet version from each page.

## **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'. At St Richard's we provide a weekly link to a different topical e-safety issue so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their internet use. This week's guide is all about **staying safe on new devices** and can be viewed [here](#)

## **LEARNING JOURNEYS**

The most up to date version of what your child will learn throughout the whole of this year - and in every subject - is always available on the school's website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2022-23/>. By clicking on the blue hyperlinked long-term plan for the relevant year group, you will be able to see your child's long-term plan - all the topics that they will cover in each subject this year. Many of these topics are also hyperlinked. If you click on these hyperlinks, you will find lesson-by-lesson plans called 'Learning Journeys' which provide even finer detail about what your child has already learned in Autumn term 2022 - and will be learning in Spring and Summer Term 2023. Please take a look.

## **UPDATED CLASS PAGES ON SCHOOL WEBSITE**

We have updated the information on all our class pages for the start of the new term. Please re-familiarise yourself with this key information about your child's class routines and please also have a look at the fantastic photos and descriptions of learning that have been posted to each class page.

## **RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week so that you know what's going on at St Richard's. **The newsletter is only very occasionally sent out as a paper copy.** The latest version of the weekly newsletter can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. We are happy to email the newsletter to parents every week if they request this service. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter each week but wish to receive the newsletter every Thursday by email, then simply 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](mailto: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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