



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023



Thursday 19th January 2023

POSSIBLE TEACHER STRIKE ACTION

The National Education Union (NEU) announced on Monday 16th January that its ballot of teacher members in England has met the threshold required to commence industrial action. The NEU has announced national and regional action in England on the following dates which could possibly affect St Richard's. These dates are:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Tuesday 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Should the NEU decide to proceed with industrial action on these dates, we will let parents know (with as much notice as possible) whether this means St Richard's will have to close, will be able to stay fully open or may have to restrict attendance to certain groups of pupils on these dates.

OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT

We have devised a new and more memorable Mission Statement for our school community. The Mission Statement seeks to define our purpose (why we exist) as a school. Here is the updated version:

'The mission of St Richard's is that we know, love and follow Christ by looking after each other and trying our best every day.'

Included with our Mission Statement we would like some descriptions of **how** we will all live out our mission in school. We are therefore asking our parents to help us create these descriptions by completing the following sentence starters with some specific examples. We would be delighted if you could come up with one good example for each of the questions below and then send your answers into school using comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

1. At St Richard's, we will know Christ by ...
2. At St Richard's, we will love Christ by ...
3. At St Richard's, we will follow Christ by ...
4. At St Richard's, we will look after each other by ...
5. At St Richard's, we will try our best by ...

Many thanks in advance for your contributions – all of which will be considered for inclusion as part of our new Mission Statement. Please email in your suggestions by 4pm on Friday 27th 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 available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/community?pid=MTA101634&v=81.4> and this week's Wednesday Word is **COMMUNITY**

CLASS ASSEMBLIES ARE STARTING BACK UP

We are delighted to announce that our class assemblies are back in place for 2023. These are wonderful occasions where we invite parents to share in an assembly produced by their child's class. Below are details of which class assemblies are coming up this half term. They all begin at 9am in the main school hall.

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 26 th January	Class 10
Thursday 2 nd February	Class 4
Thursday 9 th February	Class 6
Thursday 16 th February	Class 2

Details of class assemblies taking place after February half-term will follow in a future newsletter.

Y6 ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS WITH AMANDA MORROW

Praise in Class 13 writes, *'On Tuesday, Amanda Morrow helped us to learn how to make a night light and we all designed a theme for it. We first tested different ways of how we can use electricity. We used different conductors to light a bulb and then made a buzzer and motor work. Then we started on our designs. There were lots of different beautiful designs and the day went very well.'*

MANCHESTER'S 2023 HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND PROGRAMME

The application process for Manchester's 2023 holiday activity fund programme is now open. The deadline for applications is the **31st January 2023**. Please use the link: www.manchester.gov.uk/hafgrant for access to the prospectus and application form. Please read the prospectus thoroughly as changes have been made to the criteria and also the application process. If you have any questions or if you require a downloadable application form, please email haf@mcractive.com

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

We continue to signpost parents to National Online Safety's free online safety guides for parents and carers. This campaign is called '#WakeUp Wednesday'. At St Richard's this means that 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 **How to Combat Online Bullying** and it can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

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.

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

LEVENSHULME FAMILY FUN DAY

Please see the next page for full details about Levenshulme Family Fun Day on Saturday 28th January 2023.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School

FREE

LEVENSHULME

Family Fun Day

BE A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES!

JOIN US FOR FOR INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT IN YOUR AREA

INCLUDING:

FAMILY FUN AND WORKSHOPS

FREE HOT DRINKS AND FOOD

CLOTHES SWAP

COVID VACCINATION VAN

CITIZENS ADVICE MANCHESTER

WELLBEING STALLS

ADVICE AND GIVEAWAYS TO HELP YOU SAVE MONEY THIS WINTER

SATURDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 12PM - 4PM

ACROSS 3 VENUES

12-2PM CHAPEL STREET PARK

& THE BLUEBELL,

2-4PM LEVENSHULME OLD LIBRARY

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