



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## TEACHER STRIKE ACTION NEXT WEEK

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced national and regional action in England on four dates which could affect St Richard's. **The first of these dates is next Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.**

At the time of writing, it looks very likely that the NEU will proceed with industrial action next Wednesday.

Tomorrow (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January) your child will bring a letter home, stating which classes will not be able to come into school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February as a result of this industrial action. Please make sure that you receive a copy and, if you don't, please email [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and a copy will be emailed to you. A text message will also be sent to all parents.

## FRANCIS HOUSE'S CREME EGG APPEAL

We will once again be supporting Francis House's Crème Egg appeal. We will be running a competition to see which class can collect the most Crème Eggs (or other chocolate eggs similar in size to a Cadbury's crème egg). The eggs that your child brings into school will be donated to Francis House to sell across the city and there will be a small prize for the class in our school that collects the most. The competition will run from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Any contributions of chocolate eggs from any manufacturer (crème egg sized) would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support in advance. More information about the appeal can be found at <https://www.franchishouse.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/our-annual-fundraisers/easter-chick-knit/>

## 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](mailto: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 tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=82.5> and this week's Wednesday Word is **HAPPINESS**.

## CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES 2023

Below are details of which class assemblies are coming up this term. They all begin at 9am in the main school hall. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Class 4
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 2
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class 7
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3

## 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 **31<sup>st</sup> January 2023**. Please use the link: [www.manchester.gov.uk/hafgrant](http://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](mailto: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 **Twitter** and it can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

## BASKETBALL SUCCESS

On 17<sup>th</sup> January, Miss McKnight and Miss Taylor took a team of nine Year 5 and 6 children to a basketball competition at St Peter's RC High School. We played three games against schools in the local area resulting in a loss, a draw and a fantastic win. As part of the competition the children from opposing teams had to score St Richard's against the School Games Values, which are:

Self-Belief      Honesty      Passion  
Teamwork      Respect

We came joint second in the competition scoring 82 points out of a possible 90. This is a fantastic achievement. Harrison (C11) said, "The competition was excellent, we all worked well as a team and the other schools were respectful. We really enjoyed it!"

## 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)

## LEVENSHULME FAMILY FUN DAY

Please see the next page for full details about Levenshulme Family Fun Day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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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