



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## IT'S MOTHER'S DAY ON SUNDAY

This coming Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> March) is the fourth Sunday in Lent and is the half-way point of the season, 21 days before Easter Sunday. The Church calls this half-way point 'Laetare Sunday'. 'Laetare' means 'to rejoice'. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration and a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigours; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight.

It is no coincidence that Laetare Sunday is also Mothering Sunday. This link has been in place since medieval times. So it's very appropriate that we celebrate our mums (and those who stand in for them) this coming Sunday...

Dear God our Father,  
This Sunday we give thanks for all mothers (and those who stand in for them) who so generously and freely give love, comfort and guidance to their children every day. We ask you to provide them with the strength to continue doing their work. We ask you to give them patience and let them see that they are loved, appreciated, and respected. We thank them for the sacrifices they make every day. Amen.



## VISIT FROM GM FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Year 2 pupils had a visit on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service. The firefighters gave all the children a safety talk which was really informative and the children listened and responded really well.

Kai in Class 4 said, 'I enjoyed dressing up in the firefighter's clothes. The helmet was really heavy and the clothes were very warm. The boots were so strong!' Both Y2 classes went out to see the fire engine. The children all got to squirt the hose!

**GMFRS are providing free smoke alarms to parents who phone this number to request them: 0800 555 815**

## SPRING TERM PARENTS EVENINGS

Face to face parents' evenings will take place in school next Monday and Tuesday. The online booking system closes at 4pm today. EYFS and KS1 Parents Evening will take place from 1.15pm – 6pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and will take place in the Main School hall (for Mrs Fildes' Nursery children and both Reception classes) and in St Richard's Hall for Class 1, Class 3 and Class 4 teachers and parents (Mrs Taggart has already held a C2 Parents Evening).

Key Stage 2 and Mrs Kelly's Nursery children's Parents Evening will take place from 1.15pm – 6pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and will take place in the Main School hall (for Year 5 and Year 6 teachers) and in St Richard's Hall (for Year 3 and Year 4 teachers and Mrs Kelly). Children's work will be available for parents to look at on the day of their appointment. No children should attend the evening sessions, as we will not have a crèche facility in operation.

## FRANCIS HOUSE CRÈME EGG THANKS

The final results are in and we managed to collect a phenomenal 3210 eggs in total. This is fantastic and many thanks to everyone for your kind and generous efforts.

## SCIENCE WEEK AND MATHS (STEM) DAY

This week we have enjoyed British Science Week and International Day of Maths at St Richard's. A whole range of exciting and engaging Maths and Science activities have taken place. Zunairah in C13 explained, "We had a fantastic time! Our classroom turned into a laboratory for the day. It was a great success." Michal added, "It was the best STEM Day ever! It will never be forgotten. The experiments were really cool to do." Many of the children's outfits on Tuesday (for our STEM Day) were very creative. Well done and many thanks for your support.

## CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES 2023

Below are details of which class assemblies are coming up this half-term. They both begin at 9am in the main school hall. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly. Details of other class assemblies will follow as soon as possible.

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class 3
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 7

## DO NOT GO THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK

Parents and pupils must not cut through the staff car park next to St Richard's Church and should **never** attempt to squeeze past or go under the car park barriers because this is potentially very dangerous. Parents must not attempt to open the green pedestrian gate that leads into this car park. Many thanks in advance for your complete cooperation.

## 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 iPads and can be viewed [here](#)

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is available to read by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/healing?pid=MTA101634&v=87.10> and this week's Wednesday Word is **HEALING**

## 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)

## FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER EASTER

Manchester City Council has approved funding for free school meal (FSM) vouchers for children eligible for benefits-led free school meals. As in previous holidays, school will issue the vouchers to parents. Even though we only have a week and a day off at Easter, two weeks' vouchers will still be issued. This means that if MMC agrees to fund vouchers going forward (i.e. May half term), eligible families at St Richard's will only receive vouchers for one week at May half-term.

With many thanks for your continuing support

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