



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 2nd March 2023

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to school everyone for the second half of the Spring term. We hope that you all had a great break. Many thanks for ensuring that your child(ren) returned to school in smart St Richard's uniform. The season of Lent began during the half-term break. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and giving. We pray that these actions may bring us all closer to God and closer to each other.

OUR UPDATED MISSION STATEMENT

Our updated Mission Statement has been finalised. It is designed to let everybody know why we are here and what we aim to achieve. We have designed the Mission Statement to be short, memorable and easily understood by both adults and children. We have consulted and taken on-board the views of all staff, governors, children and parents. Please have a read of the updated full Mission Statement (with examples of how we will live out our mission) on the second page of this week's newsletter. Please encourage your child to learn our new Mission Statement (the sentence in the box at the top of the sheet). Many thanks in advance.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

Whilst we decided not to dress up for World Book Day today, we have ensured that the children have really enjoyed sharing their favourite book and have continued to develop their love of books and reading on World Book Day 2023 today. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see all our children develop a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

FRANCIS HOUSE CRÈME EGG UPDATE

The children managed to collect 633 eggs in the week before we broke up for half-term. This takes the total to an amazing 2388 eggs collected so far. Well done everyone!

APPLYING FOR A GRAMMAR SCHOOL PLACE FOR 2025

Trafford Consortium have asked us to pass the following important information on to Year 5 parents:

"In 2022, the Trafford Grammar Schools Consortium announced a change of provider for candidates wishing to take the entrance examination in September 2023. The move to GL Assessments was necessitated by the withdrawal of CEM from the market and has been made by grammar schools across the country. To ensure the return of examination results before parents complete their local authority school selections, GL Assessments have informed us that we must bring the entrance exam date earlier for this year. This will enable them to complete the necessary marking and standardisation on time. We wish to announce, therefore, that the Trafford Consortium's entrance examination will now take place on Tuesday 5 September 2023. Further details about the application process will be released on our school websites after Easter."

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES 2023

Below are details of which class assemblies are coming up this half-term. They all 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 rd March	Class 3
Thursday 30 th March	Class 7

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

DO NOT GO THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK

Parents 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 onto this car park. Many thanks in advance for your complete cooperation.

UPDATED PHOTOS ON CLASS PAGES OF WEBSITE

Please take a look at the fantastic photos and descriptions of learning that have been posted on each class page to showcase the fantastic range of learning which took place at St Richard's last half-term.

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 **Artificial Intelligence Solutions** and can be viewed [here](#)

YEAR ONE PHONICS MEETING FOR PARENTS

On Thursday 9th March, Year One staff will be holding a Year One Phonics Information Meeting for all Year One parents. During this meeting, you will hear what your child will be expected to do and how you can support your child at home. The meeting will start at 2:45pm in the St Richard's Hall. Please be at the main gate on Wilshire Avenue by 2.40pm and you will be directed to St Richard's Hall. Please make every effort to attend this important event.

NURSERY SEPTEMBER 2023 ADMISSIONS REMINDER

If your child is on the waiting list for a Nursery place in September 2023, you should have received a letter offering you a place. **Please reply by Friday 10th March at 4pm.** If you have yet to submit an application this should also be done by the same date.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week, the Wednesday Word is back to its usual format. It is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/encouragement?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=85.8> and this week's Wednesday Word is **ENCOURAGEMENT**

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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School



**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**



We will know Christ by...

- Praying
- Going to Mass
- Being fully involved in our assemblies, collective worship and class prayers
- Working hard in our Religion lessons
- Hearing the messages contained in the Gospels

We will love Christ by ...

- Loving each other as He loved us
- Praising and worshipping Him
- Trying to follow His example
- Welcoming and caring for everyone, no matter what their situation, background, race, gender, age, disability or religion



We will follow Christ by ...

- Helping those less fortunate than ourselves
- Forgiving each other
- Sharing His unconditional love
- Practising His example and that of the saints and other holy people

We will look after each other by ...

- Listening to each other
- Saying sorry when we make a mistake
- Being polite to each other
- Being full of care and respect for each other
- Taking on responsibilities for others

We will try our best by ...

- Listening carefully to our teachers and staff in school
- Giving our best in every lesson
- Persevering, showing resilience and not giving up
- Coming to school on time every day

