



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 30th March 2023

WE ARE STILL IN SCHOOL

NEXT WEEK

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, this coming Sunday, 2nd April. During Holy Week in school next week, we will be recalling the events leading up to Jesus' death whilst also looking forward to His Resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday, 9th April. This is why we (and lots of other Catholic schools) are still in school next week (**we break up for Easter on Thursday 6th April**). We wish all our families the peace, hope and joy of the coming Easter season.



Holy Week

END OF TERM ASSEMBLIES

Next week we will have end of Spring term awards assemblies for all the children. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend their child's assembly. All the assemblies start at 9am in the main school hall and are on the following days:

- **Tuesday 4th April: EYFS (R1 & R2) & Year 1 (C1 & C2)**
- **Wednesday 5th April: Year 2 (C3, C4), Year 3 (C5 & C6) & Year 4 (C7 & C8)**
- **Thursday 6th April: Year 5 (C9 & C10) & Year 6 (C11, C12 & C13)**

EASTER VIGIL MASS

The Easter Vigil Mass (the first mass of Easter) will be celebrated at St Richard's RC Church on Saturday 8th April 2023, starting at **6.30pm**. We would be delighted if you could make every effort to attend this mass with your child(ren). All children must be accompanied at this mass by a parent or carer. **If you have a child in Key Stage 2 and would like them to do a reading at this mass (and they will definitely be attending), please email comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk with your child's first and last name, their class and year group as soon as possible. Readings will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.**

Information about all the masses and special services over the Easter period at St Richard's Longsight and St Mary's Levenshulme (the two churches in our parish of St Robert of Newminster) as available at www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richards-parish-church/

SACRAMENT OF FIRST FORGIVENESS

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) in St Richard's Church last Friday. They were all wonderful. Please remember all these families in your prayers at this special time.

YEAR 5 COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP

On Thursday last week, all our Year 5 pupils were at St Peter's RC High School for a Comic Book Workshop. Emanuella in C10 writes, 'We went to St. Peter's and made comic strips about our own superheroes: mine was called Ophelia Fox. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, but my favourite part was choosing the powers and abilities that my superhero has. It was a thrilling experience and all members of the class enjoyed it because it was exciting to see what life is like at high school and we got the chance to illustrate our creative ideas. The winning comic strip is going to be professionally created and illustrated, so we can't wait to find out who this is!'

YEAR 6 SATS DATES 2023

This year the Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place between **Tuesday 9th May 2023 – Friday 12th May 2023**. Monday 8th May is an extra bank holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III. During KS2 SATs Week, pupils will sit 6 different tests and it is vitally important that they are in school for all of these tests and are ready to do their very best.

NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

This is a reminder that tomorrow is a non-uniform day for all children at St Richard's. The suggested voluntary contribution is £1. Further details are available on the letter send out on Monday 27th March.

NO BIRTHDAY SWEETS IN SCHOOL

This is a reminder that at St Richard's we do not allow sweets or chocolates to be brought into school on the occasion of a child's birthday.

RAMADAN MUBARAK

We respectfully suggest that no child below Year 6 fasts during Ramadan. Even with Year 6 pupils, we want parents to be aware that this year Ramadan falls during very important weeks of the school year and that the absence of fluids in particular could have a negative effect on your child's performance and concentration in school. If you do decide that your child at St Richard's is fasting this Ramadan, please send a letter to your child's classteacher to say so or please phone the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.

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 **stronger passwords** and can be viewed [here](#)

SUMMER UNIFORM RULES AFTER EASTER

From Monday 17th April 2023, when we return to school, and as an alternative to winter uniform, pupils may wear summer uniform. Summer uniform may be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of blue and white gingham dress. Girls may also wear white tights or black, white or grey socks as part of summer uniform. Boys' summer uniform consists of dark grey trousers or shorts, light blue polo shirt and plain navy school sweatshirt (preferably with the school logo and no other logo allowed).

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's version of the Wednesday Word is the holiday version that you will be able to access over the Easter break. The team behind the Wednesday Word have generously produced this lovely resource for free for the past three years (since the start of the Pandemic). Please share the Wednesday Word as a family over Easter by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=89.2>

With many thanks for your continuing support

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