



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 9th March 2023

FATHER DEVER IS RETIRING

After 33 years as our parish priest, Father Dever has announced that he will be retiring at Easter this year. We thank Father Dever for the very significant role that he has played in the life of our school and parish community in that time. I am sure that you will join me in offering Father Dever congratulations and best wishes, as well as prayers of thanks and support, as he prepares for a thoroughly well-deserved and well-earned retirement. Upon his retirement, Father Dever will also be stepping down as Chair of the Governing Body of St Richard's RC Primary School. We thank Father Dever for the energy, challenge and support that he has provided St Richard's in carrying out this role.

Father Boniface Ambe will be taking over from Father Dever after Easter. I am sure that we will give Father Ambe all the help and support that he needs as he takes over pastoral responsibility for the parish of St Robert of Newminster (St Richard's Longsight and St Mary's Levenshulme).

SPRING TERM PARENTS EVENINGS

This half-term, face to face parents' evenings will take place in school. School Cloud will be used for booking appointments. More details will follow in a separate letter.

EYFS and KS1 Parents Evening will take place from 1.15pm – 6pm on Monday 20th 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 21st 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).

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. This evening, your child should bring home a separate letter with full details.

SCIENCE WEEK AND MATHS (STEM) DAY

Next week is British Science Week and it is International Day of Maths is on Tuesday 14th March. At St Richard's we are therefore celebrating 'STEM Day' (STEM = 'Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths') on Tuesday 14th March. On this day, exciting and engaging Maths and Science activities will be taking place for all our pupils. On Tuesday 14th March children are encouraged to come to school in low-cost/home-made Maths/Science related costumes or come to school in non-uniform with a Maths/Science link (eg – a football shirt with a number on the back, a shirt or top with spots, stripes or lines on it, etc). There is no cost for this.

FRANCIS HOUSE CRÈME EGG UPDATE

The children managed to collect an extra 202 eggs last week. This takes the total to an amazing 2590 eggs collected so far. The collection closes tomorrow, Friday 10th March. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to such a great cause.

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

NEU STRIKE ACTION NEXT WEEK

The National Education Union has announced that members will be taking industrial action next week, on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023. Children will be bringing a letter home tomorrow (Friday) to let parents know 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 classes of pupils on these dates.

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 Spotify and can be viewed [here](#)

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 tomorrow, 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

The Wednesday Word is available to read by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/god-s-love?pid=MTA101634&v=86.9> and this week's Wednesday Words are GOD'S LOVE

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

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
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