



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Friday 28th April 2023

LAST SUNDAY WAS ST GEORGE'S DAY

Here's a little prayer (better late than never) which can be prayed to commemorate St George's Day – or can be prayed anytime, especially with the King's Coronation coming up on Saturday 8th May:

Heavenly Father,
Please give us the bravery of St
George to stand up for what we
believe. Give us the strength to
overcome the 'dragons' in our lives
and in the world. Give us the
compassion to always help people
who we see in distress. Amen.



NEU STRIKE ACTION NEXT WEEK

The National Education Union has announced that members will be taking industrial action on Thursday 27th April 2023 (yesterday) and Tuesday 2nd May 2023 (next Tuesday – straight after the bank holiday). St Richard's will be partially open on both days. Children brought a letter home on Friday 21st May to let parents know whether their class will be in school or not on both days.

NEXT MONDAY IS A BANK HOLIDAY

Next Monday - Monday 1st May - is a Bank Holiday and so we have an extended weekend. School will be closed to all staff and pupils on Monday 2nd May 2023. School will be open on Tuesday 2nd May but only for those classes mentioned in last Friday's letter.

CELEBRATING THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

We will be having a non-uniform (red, white and blue) day and special assemblies on Friday 5th May in order to mark the coronation of a new monarch. The last coronation in England took place in 1953 for Queen Elizabeth II. Our EYFS children will be having a garden party and there will be a wide range of coronation-themed activities for all our pupils on what we hope will be a memorable day of celebration.

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.

STAYING SAFE OVER THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

Please enjoy the upcoming bank holidays but we want all our pupils to remember to stay safe when out and about, close to roads or water and also when online.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is back to its usual (weekly) format this week. Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=90.3>
This Wednesday's Word is **FOLLOW**

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Below are details of class assemblies which 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 18 th May	Class 1
Thursday 25 th May	Class 9
Thursday 29 th June	Reception 1
Thursday 6 th July	Class 5

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 **OFCOM's Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report 2023** and can be viewed [here](#)

EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR & MANNERS

The superb behaviour and excellent manners of the pupils who attend our school are noteworthy. These valuable gifts are everyone's responsibility to maintain and develop. We are very appreciative of all parents' and carers' efforts to model, encourage and reward superb behaviour and excellent manners - both in school and at home. Many thanks.

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM

Now that we are in Summer term, 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).

Many thanks in advance for always sending your child to school in smart and full school uniform. Please remember that jewellery (including ear rings) are not allowed in school under any circumstances and that all pupils should wear sensible black shoes.

PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM THE SUN

Advance reminder for when the weather is hot and sunny: Please ensure that your child is provided with effective protection from the sun. You should apply sun cream to your child before you bring them to school. On a particularly hot day if you feel they may need a top up, this will not be applied by staff in school although they will assist your child if necessary.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Mr J Murray

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