



St. Richard's RC Primary Holy Week Newsletter 2023



Thursday 6th April 2023



WE BREAK UP FOR EASTER TODAY

Today, Thursday 6th April, we break up for our Easter holidays. We return to school on Monday 17th April. We wish all our pupils and their families, as well as all our

dedicated and hard-working staff and governors a very happy and holy Easter break. Thank you everyone!

THIS WEEK IS HOLY WEEK

Holy Week began last Sunday, with Palm Sunday. During Holy Week in school, we have been recalling and reflecting on the events leading up to Jesus' death whilst also looking forward to His Resurrection, which we celebrate this coming Sunday: Easter Sunday. Tomorrow is Good Friday, when Christians commemorate Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. It is traditionally a day of sorrow, penance, and fasting. We wish all our families the peace, holiness, hope and joy of the Easter season.

RETURNING ST JOSEPH'S PENNY BOXES

Many thanks to everyone who has been filling their St Joseph's Penny boxes throughout Lent, in order to fulfil our Lenten duty to help others and to raise valuable income for Caritas Diocese of Salford. Children should return their penny-filled box to school in the week that we come back after Easter. The closing date for the return of boxes is Friday 21st April. Many thanks in advance for all your fund-raising efforts throughout Lent.

HAPPY RETIREMENT FATHER DEVER

When we return to school after the Easter holidays, Father Dever will have retired. We thank Father Dever for all his hard work and spiritual leadership of the community of St Richard's for the last 33 years. We wish Father Dever all the very best for a well-deserved retirement. We presented Father Dever with a whole school card and gift following the choir's wonderful performance of 'Resurrection Rock' in the school hall on Monday afternoon.

HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING?

All our parents play a crucial role in supporting their children's learning and children at St Richard's do better at school because of this. Please have a good look at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2022-23/> over the Easter break. This page of our school website lets parents see what their child(ren) will be learning in school this year.

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. Times of all the other Holy Week and Easter masses and services in the Parish of St Robert of Newminster are available at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richards-parish-church/>

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is currently 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>

THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Brianna in C6 writes, 'On Friday 31st March in the



afternoon, the Eco-Council went around the streets close to school and helped tidy the area by litter-picking. I enjoyed every little bit of it. It was an important job because we need to keep our local environment clean and tidy.'

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.

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 **Managing Device Stress and Anxiety** 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).

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

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