



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## **TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

Today, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Christians around the world mark The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. For 40 days after His resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Gospels tell us that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth. The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven in front of his disciples at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TONIGHT 6.30PM**

The children from Class 5 who have been on the Sacramental Programme this year will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this evening, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.30pm in St Richard's Church. On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm, it will be the turn of the children from Class 6. At

both masses there will also be very welcome guests from other schools who will be making their First Holy Communion. Please remember to pray for all these children and their families who are about to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

## **WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/friendship?pid=MTA101634&v=93.5> This Wednesday's Word is **FRIENDSHIP**

## **NON-UNIFORM FOR UN DAY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

The Feast of Pentecost takes place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May this year. Given that the first Pentecost was a multi-national celebration, it seems very appropriate that - the day that we break up for our Whitsuntide (another word for Pentecost) holiday (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023) - is also the day that we will be celebrating UN Day of Cultural Diversity at St Richard's. We will be celebrating this day - and our school's amazing diversity - by encouraging all our pupils (and staff) to come to school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May either in their national costume/dress, or in national colours. All clothing and shoes must be sensible and appropriate for a day at school. There is no cost for this non-uniform celebration.

## **UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER'S COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

We hope that some of our families may consider attending the [University of Manchester's Community Festival](#) on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 from 11am to 4pm.

The event is for all ages and will include live experiments, interactive demonstrations and musical performances as well as the chance to meet university staff, students, and community partners. There will also be free face painting and sporting challenges including a climbing wall.

## **FATHER DEVER'S RETIREMENT PARTY**

In recognition of his many years in the service of our community, Father Dever is having a retirement party on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary's Community Centre, after the 6.30pm Mass. Music provided by Pat Jordan. Bar and refreshments will also be available. Everyone is welcome!

## **CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES**

Below are details of class assemblies and celebrations which are coming up this term. They all begin at 9am in the main school hall (unless otherwise stated below). Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly/celebration.

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 1
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 9
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception 1
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 5
9.15am on Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in St Richard's Church
9.15am on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Awards Assembly

## **ONLINE SAFETY - PRACTICAL HELP FOR PARENTS**

Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) has commissioned Smoothwall (an ICT safety company) to deliver a summer workshop (taking place Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023) for parents to find out more about how to keep their child(ren) safe online. MSP say, *'Join our Online Safety Parent Workshop with child safety specialist Katherine Howard on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00-7.00pm. Learn more about how to keep your child safe in their online world. Katherine will also introduce you to free online resources and our parental control app. Click the link to join the webinar: [https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kmJlLcBcTv\\_mwZ07FbLx8fQ](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kmJlLcBcTv_mwZ07FbLx8fQ)*

## **SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM**

Now that we are well into the 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 earrings) is not allowed in school under any circumstances and that all pupils should wear sensible black shoes.

## **FSM VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS**

The council has approved the use of the Household Support Grant to fund supermarket vouchers over the May 2023 half term holidays, for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). Next week you will be issued with a £15 voucher per eligible child. As we previously advised, the other £15 was issued to eligible parents in April prior to the Easter break, when £30.00 was issued.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Mr J Murray

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