



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## **WE BREAK UP TOMORROW FOR HALF-TERM**

We break up tomorrow for our two-week summer half-term holidays. We return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. We wish everyone a safe, peaceful and enjoyable break.

## **THIS SUNDAY IS PENTECOST**

The Feast of Pentecost takes place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May - whilst we are on our Whitsuntide break. Whitsuntide is another name for Pentecost. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church and is the start of the Church's mission to the world. Pentecost is a happy festival. The first Pentecost came when people from many different nations were in Jerusalem, celebrating the Jewish festival of Shavuot. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. It arrived as a strong wind and it settled as tongues of fire. The apostles soon found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.



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

The children from Class 6 who have been on the Sacramental Programme this year will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this evening, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.30pm in St Richard's Church. There will also be very welcome guests from other schools who will be making their First Holy Communion on

Thursday evening. 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.

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

We will be celebrating UN Day of Cultural Diversity at St Richard's tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

## **SCHOOL MEALS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023**

School has heavily subsidised the cost of a school meal since food prices doubled in the Autumn term. Food and utility prices are continuing to rise so, unfortunately and for the first time since we started our own catering in September 2013, we have no alternative but to increase the cost of a school meal to **£2.35 per day** from September 2023.

## **WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

The Wednesday Word is in its holiday format for the next three Wednesdays (including yesterday). Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family over the holidays by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=94.6>

## **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 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\\_kmJLcBcTv mwZ07FbLx8fQ](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kmJLcBcTv mwZ07FbLx8fQ)

## **DO NOT TAKE HOLIDAYS IN TERM-TIME**

Holidays in term time will not be authorised but a written request for permission should still be sent to the Headteacher prior to booking any holidays. The school Governors have decided that any time off for travel during term time will not be authorised. Therefore, absence of this kind will be marked as unauthorised on the school register.

Due to government legislation which came into place from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, parents may be issued with a Penalty Notice if a pupil is taken out of school during term time. Each such Penalty Notice incurs a fine of £120 for each responsible parent/carer. This is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution.

## **SUMMER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

MCRactive are offering thousands of FREE places for children to access a variety of activities; a FREE meal over the Summer Half-Term Holidays in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. To book your child's space: Sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcractive.com/> Once signed up, log into your account - Find Activities - Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' Use code when asked: 79113 to book free eligible activities.

With many thanks and best wishes for the half-term holidays,

Mr J Murray

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