



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023



Thursday 28th September 2023

The mission of St Richard's is that we know, love and follow Christ by looking after each other and trying our best every day.

HARVEST DONATIONS

We are supporting Caritas Cornerstone Day Centre's Harvest Donations appeal by collecting the following items:

Coffee and Sugar	Tinned Fruit/Custard/Rice Pudding
Squash/Cordial	Toiletries – men's razors, Deodorant,
Chick Peas	shower gel
Tinned Meats	New men's and women's socks and
Tinned vegetables	Shopping vouchers for any
Tinned potatoes	supermarket
Cook-in pasta sauce	Cook-in curry sauce
Rice and spaghetti	Condiments
Vegetable stock cubes	

Any donations that you are able to make to help homeless people in our local area would be gratefully received. Donations should be taken by your child to their class from tomorrow (Friday 29th September) until the closing date of Wednesday 18th October. Our Caritas Ambassadors will be coordinating the appeal and helping to deliver the harvest of donations to Cornerstone before we break up for Autumn half-term.

YEAR 5's ANCIENT EGYPTIAN DAYS

Tony North delivered all-day immersive History Workshops this week, on both Tuesday and Wednesday, to all our Year 5 pupils. Aila in Class 10 writes, 'Yesterday, we had a really fun day with Tony North. We made different types of jewellery and Egyptian collars. The most exciting thing was having some people dress up as Egyptians.'

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

As well as keeping in touch with events in school via the newsletter, please remember that lots of really useful information about school is also available on our school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/>

The term dates for this academic year are available. Also of interest to parents will be our Curriculum 2023-24 pages (found under 'Key Information' on the home page). Here you will find up to date and in-depth information about what your child(ren) will be learning in their class throughout the year. Please also visit your child(ren)'s class page(s).

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Please see below links to a range of services for advice and support with the cost of living:

Manchester's FREE Cost of Living Advice Line: Support with benefits, help and advice about rent, debt, bills, food support and help to get online (support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data). The advice line is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm on **0800 023 2692**. You can also text on 07860 022 876 or visit manchester.gov.uk/coladvice

Manchester's web page for help with the cost-of-living crisis: A comprehensive guide to the financial help and practical support available to Manchester residents

Local help and support: Information about support and advice in your local area

Manchester's web page for those in financial difficulty: Providing information on housing/council tax, FSM, fuel, travel and cash grants, furniture and white goods

Free SIMS/internet data for those eligible

Help with internet use, digital inclusion and use of computers in our libraries

Governments **Help for Households** campaign

Social Tariffs: Low-cost broadband and phone service packages, for those on low incomes. Check the Ofcom website to see if you can switch to a social tariff.

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Below are details of class assemblies coming up between now and Christmas. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly.

Date	Class assembly for:
9am on Thursday 5 th October	Class 6
9am on Thursday 12 th October	Class 4
9am on Thursday 19 th October	Class 8
9am on Thursday 23 rd November	Class 10

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=104.8>

This Wednesday's Word is **CHANGE**.

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 link most weeks to a different topical e-safety issue so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their computer and internet use. This week's edition of Wake Up Wednesday is about what parents and carers need to know about **WHATSAPP**. Please read more [here](#)

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENTS

In order to develop digital responsibility and to promote appropriate online behaviour, every child at St Richard's must sign an Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA). The AUA will come home with your child tomorrow, Friday 29th September. All AUAs must be returned **to your child's class teacher** by Friday 6th October in order to ensure that your child continues to access all the wonderful online learning opportunities available at St Richard's. Without a signed Acceptable Use Agreement, your child's access to computers at St Richard's will be suspended until the AUA is returned. Many thanks in advance for a prompt return of the AUA to your child's class teacher.

STAYING IN TOUCH AND INFORMED BY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. The newsletter will only be printed and handed out very occasionally – approximately once every half-term. Usually, the newsletter is only available electronically. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. However, if you wish to receive the newsletter directly every week by email, then you simply have to 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.

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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School