



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023



Thursday 12th October 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.

NON UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

On Friday 13th October (tomorrow) we are having a non-uniform day in school in order to raise money for school funds – all of which will then be spent on the children of St Richard's. Children should wear sensible and appropriate non-uniform tomorrow in return for a £1 donation to school funds. Many thanks.

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 – Deodorant,
Chick Peas	shower gel
Tinned Meats	New men's and women's socks
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 until the closing date of Wednesday 18th October (next Wednesday). 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. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR 2024

Parents of pupils who are currently in Year 6 must apply for a secondary school place by the closing date of 5pm on

Tuesday 31st October 2023. Please visit:

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_or_september_2023/4

APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR 2024

The closing date for applying for a Reception place for your child for a September 2024 start is Monday 15th January 2024. Please visit:

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4

PLEASE PARK FURTHER AWAY AND WALK THE LAST BIT

National Road Safety Week 2023 takes place from Monday 20th November to Friday 24th November 2023. The theme of Road Safety Week 2023 is "Let's talk about speed". It is important to remind ourselves that road safety is important every week of the year. With this in mind – and if you drive your child to school – please consider parking a little further away and walking your child the last part of the way to school. The fewer cars in the immediate vicinity of the school, the better and safer it will be. This should lead to a calmer and safer start and end of the school day for everyone.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

Originally observed in the USA, Black History Month was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987. At school, all our pupils will be learning about the contributions made by significant black men and women from or in Britain in the week commencing Monday 16th October.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of free places for children to access a variety of activities as well as a free meal over the October 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 at <https://www.mcractive.com>

Once signed up, log into your account – Find Activities – Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity'. Use code 663587 when asked in order to book free eligible activities. Please also visit <https://loadstodo.co.uk/> to view additional free holiday activities and other opportunities taking place across the city.

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 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/invitation?pid=MTA101634&v=106.8>
This Wednesday's Word is **INVITATION**

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 the multi-player online game called 'AMONG US'. Please read more [here](https://www.nos.gov.uk/)

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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