



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 19th 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.

WE BREAK UP FOR HALF-TERM TOMORROW

We break up for our half-term holidays after school tomorrow, Friday 20th October. We wish you all a safe and restful half-term break. Please be particularly careful as some Halloween events are likely to take place during the break and it will also be the start of bonfire season - and fireworks. See below for some safety guidance about this. School reopens at 8.30am on Monday 30th October 2023.



'BANG OUT OF ORDER' FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's bonfire safety campaign is aimed at protecting against - and preventing - harm occurring during the Halloween and Bonfire period. More details and resources are available at <https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/bangoutoforder/>

FRESH WATER THEATRE VISIT TO YEAR 2

It was as if our Year 2 children travelled back in time to 1666 and the Great Fire of London last week when Fresh Water Theatre visited Class 3 and Class 4. Janice in Class 4 writes, 'It was amazing and I was really excited. I got to dress up as a maid. I even pretended I was making bread. I put some wood in front of the oven then I went to bed when I woke up there was a huge fire!'

YEAR ONE FINDING OUT ABOUT HISTORY AT FIRST HAND

The children in Year One (Class 1 and Class 2) have been learning about Belle Vue as part of their History Topic. Mrs Marshall was kind enough to visit both classes last week to show and tell more about our local area in the past. Nylah in Class 1 writes, 'Mrs Marshall showed us lots of photos of Belle Vue in the past. She told us stories about the old circus and theme park. She used to visit there at the weekends ...just like my Grandad'.

YEAR SIX SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

All our Year 6 children have enjoyed Science workshops with Mr North in recent days. Hashir in Class 11 writes, 'In Class 11 we had Mr North in for a Science workshop about Evolution and Inheritance: Adaptations. We got to see a praying mantis and some of us got to hold it as well! Also, we did some other enjoyable activities. We had games like the Camouflage Game and a Peppered Moth Simulator.'

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS EVENING DATES

Most of our Autumn Term 2023 Parents Evenings will take place in the week commencing Monday 20th November 2023. 5-minute appointment times will be available between 1.15pm and 6pm. These will be face to face meetings in school with your child's classteacher. School Cloud will be used - but just for booking appointments. Mrs Fildes' Nursery Parents Evening will take place on Monday 13th November. Most other EYFS and KS1 Parents Evenings will take place from 1.15pm - 6pm on Monday 20th November and will take place in the main school hall for Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 and in St Richard's Hall for Mrs Kelly's Nursery children and Reception 1 class. Reception 2's Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 7th December to allow Mrs Wade time to get to know the children. Key Stage 2 Parents Evening will take place from 1.15pm - 6pm on Tuesday 21st November and will take place in the main school hall (for Year 5 and Year 6 teachers) and in St Richard's Hall (for Year 3 and Year 4 teachers). No children should attend the evening sessions, as we will not have a crèche facility in operation. Full details will follow in a separate letter after the half-term break.

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_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

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special-booklet?pid=MTA101634&p=7&v=107.9> and it is still the half-term holiday special edition that will last until Wednesday 1st November.

PHOTOS ON CLASS WEBPAGES FROM AUTUMN ONE

Please have a look at this half-term's collection of photos for your child's class. These are available under the written information on your child's class page on the school website by clicking 'Click here to see a sample of our work.' More photos will be added at the end of each half-term.

CLOCKS GO BACK DURING THE HALF-TERM BREAK

In the United Kingdom, the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October (this year, that is Sunday 29th October 2023). Please make sure that you adjust the time at home (most mobile phones do this automatically) so that your child arrives at the correct time for school the next day, Monday 30th October - our first day back after the half-term break.



Parents whose children receive benefits-related free school meals will be receiving a £15.00 voucher this week for the October half-term holiday.

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

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 **TIKTOK**. Please read more [here](#)

With many thanks for your continuing support and hoping you all have a safe and happy break,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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