



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023



Thursday 5th 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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is much more than a list of prayers. It is a rich spiritual exercise designed to bring us closer to Jesus through his mother, Mary. This month is a wonderful time to pray the Rosary at home as a family. In school during the month of October, many of our KS2 children will be taking up the 'Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge' and will try to pray one decade of the Rosary each 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 – Deodorant, shower gel
Chick Peas	New men's and women's socks
Tinned Meats	Shopping vouchers for any supermarket
Tinned vegetables	Cook-in curry sauce
Tinned potatoes	Condiments
Cook-in pasta sauce	
Rice and spaghetti	
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. 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

NON UNIFORM DAY ON FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER

On Friday 13th October (not tomorrow but the Friday after) we are having a non-uniform day in school in order to raise money for school funds – all of which is then spent on the children of St Richard's. Children should wear sensible and appropriate non-uniform on Friday 13th October in return for a £1 donation to school funds. Many thanks.

CRICKET COACHING AT ST RICHARD'S

This half term we have again had the privilege of welcoming Mr Ghazanfar, a fantastic cricket coach from Lancashire Cricket Foundation. He has been working with our Year 5 pupils to develop their cricket skills and understanding of a fantastic sport. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the weekly sessions and the after-school club with Mr Ghazanfar, Mr Neilson and Miss McKnight. Thais in Class 9 said, *"Cricket club is a really cool activity where you have fun and get better at the sport each week."*

Parents may be interested to know that Burnage Academy for Boys has places available for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils cricket sessions, with separate groups for boys and girls on Saturdays (starting this coming weekend). Places are limited and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. They run for 5 weeks. There will be additional blocks of 6 weeks later in the year. After sign-up, you will be emailed if you have been successful in securing a place. You must have registered and received confirmation, and must not just turn up at the sessions. [the direct link is here too.](#)

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. Class 4's planned assembly has been postponed and will be rescheduled for later in the academic year – apologies for any inconvenience.

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/messenger?pid=MTA101634&v=105.8> This Wednesday's Word is **MESSANGER**

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 **SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE**. Please read more [here](#)

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENTS

Every child at St Richard's must sign an Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA) in order to access computers and the internet in school. All AUAs must be returned to your child's class teacher by **tomorrow, 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.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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