



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 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.

## AUTUMN TERM 2023 PARENTS EVENING DATES

Please visit <https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> in order to book your parents evening appointments, having first read the letter that came home to most parents on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The appointment booking window will only be open for the length of time specified on your letter – which is tomorrow (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November) at 2pm in almost all cases. Changes to appointments or new appointment requests will not be possible after this date so please make sure that you book an appointment before 2pm tomorrow.

## SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

This is a reminder that St Richard's will be closed to all pupils all day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November as this is a staff INSET day.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4)

## LEVERS & PULLEYS IN YEAR 6

All our Year 6 classes have had – or shortly will have – a Pulleys and Levers all day workshop with Amanda Morrow. Janet in Class 13 writes, 'Last week, on Tuesday, Amanda visited us to do a workshop on pulleys and levers. By the end of the day we all ended up with amazing, unique and 'home-made' motorized vehicles.'

## ECO-COUNCIL NEWS

On Friday afternoon, the KS2 Eco Council completed a walk around our local area to locate nature murals which celebrate local biodiversity. Rich, the artist who completed a mural at our school, joined us and helped us to identify the variety of birds we saw whilst on our journey. The afternoon was enjoyed very much by all.



## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/talent?pid=MTA101634&v=109.1>. This week's Wednesday Word is **TALENT**

## ATTENDANCE SUCCESS

Our whole school attendance figure for the whole of the first Autumn half-term 2023 was **96.9%**. This figure was provided on a comparative report by Manchester local authority. The report listed every school's Autumn 1 attendance figures. St Richard's had the 5<sup>th</sup> highest attendance of all 158 primary schools in Manchester LA. Well done everyone for a fantastic effort – let's see how high we can climb by Christmas!

## 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

## CLASS 10's ASSEMBLY DATES

Parents of Class 10 children are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly at 9am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023

Our Parish Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow St, Manchester M19 3PY, starting at noon. Please make a note in your diary and please make every effort to attend and support the parish both socially and in its fund-raising efforts. St Richard's RC Primary School will be running the Chocolate Tombola and face painting. We would very much appreciate donations of chocolate (any size from a small bar to a large box!). Children can bring these into school from tomorrow (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November) up until the closing date for donations of 4pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

If there are any parents who could help prepare the Chocolate Tombola on the morning of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (9am – 12 noon) and/or could help to run the Chocolate Tombola or face-paint at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, please let us know – we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please email [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) to let us know what you would be able to do. Many thanks in advance.

## COST OF LIVING SUPPORT AND ADVICE

The following resources are available to anyone who is challenged by the cost of living at the moment:

**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](https://www.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.

**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.

**Warm Welcome:** You can find out more about Warm Welcome spaces near you by accessing the web pages and map at <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>.

**Food Banks and Community Grocers:** There are both referral and non-referral foodbanks across Manchester. You can find your nearest online at [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org) or [www.greatertogethermanchester.org](http://www.greatertogethermanchester.org).

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

**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 and web pages <https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living> for information and support with benefits, income, rent and bills, pension, subsidised travel, childcare and maternity costs.

**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.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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