



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 2nd 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.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a happy and restful break. Halloween will have come and gone by the time you read this newsletter but this coming weekend is Bonfire/Guy Fawkes weekend. 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/>

OUR HARVEST FUND-RAISING EFFORTS

On Thursday 19th October our Caritas Ambassadors, accompanied by staff from school, dropped off (at the Caritas Cornerstones Day Centre) the amazing amount of items which our families had been generously donating. Below is a letter of thanks from Cornerstones:

Dear St Richard's,

Thank you for your school's huge donation of food to Cornerstone Day Centre! We really appreciate your kindness. The cost-of-living crisis is affecting everyone, leading to fewer financial and practical donations at a time when demand is higher than ever, with more people needing to access our services locally. Your generosity will help make it possible for us to ensure that people have the support they need to prevent them from being homeless; that people who do become homeless are helped to secure safe accommodation with the support they need to make a new home; and that no one has to sleep rough. Thank you again for sharing what you have with those in need.

Cornerstones



Above: Year 6 pupils getting ready to load up the mini-bus

Below: Our Caritas Ambassadors just about to deliver St Richard's contributions to Cornerstones.



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 class teacher. 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 about how to book an appointment will follow in a separate letter next week.

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. The usual term time edition will be available on Wednesday 8th November.

PHOTOS ON CLASS WEBPAGES FROM AUTUMN ONE

Please have a look at last 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.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER

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

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Below are details of our final class assembly before Christmas. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly.

Date	Class assembly for:
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 **dealing with upsetting content**. Please read more [here](#)

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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