



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023

Thursday 9th 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.

ARMISTICE DAY REMEMBRANCE 2023

Tomorrow we will commemorate Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday by holding a short service of remembrance in assembly, including observing a period of silence and reflection.



ODD SOCKS & ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023

We are fortunate to have very few incidents of bullying at St Richard's. Some of the reasons for this are our emphasis on being part of a kind and diverse community - and our staff's proactive approach to dealing with unkind words and actions (please see our mission statement above). With this in mind, we will be taking a full part in Anti-Bullying Week next week. To help symbolize the fact that all our differences are a strength and a source of celebration, the children at St Richard's are invited to wear odd socks (or colourful/patterned tights) on Monday 13th November 2023 ... and for the rest of the week if they want to!

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.

Your child will bring home a letter next Monday with a reminder of which class they are in, which teacher you must make your appointment with and what date your child's parents evening will take place on.

Once you have received your letter, please visit <https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. The appointment booking window will only be open for the length of time specified on your letter. Changes to appointments or new appointment requests will not be possible after this date.

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/wisdom?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=108.1>

It is back to the usual version and this week's Wednesday Word is **WISDOM**.

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 'X' (the new name for Twitter). Please read more [here](#)

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.

SUPPORTING YOUR RECEPTION CHILD'S SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION AT HOME

We are holding Reception parents' information sessions where staff from school will be providing you with some very good advice about how you can support and develop your child's speech, language and communication at home. This will also have a positive impact on your child's progress and development in school. We have arranged two sessions (but you only have to attend one of them):

Parents of Reception 1 children - Wednesday 15th November at 2pm

Parents of Reception 2 children - Thursday 23rd November at 2pm

Both sessions will take place in St Richard's Hall. The sessions will last approximately 45 minutes and we urge you to attend as we believe there will be many benefits from you hearing the information, advice and strategies presented.

COMPLETING HOMEWORK EVERY WEEK

Please support your child to make as much progress in school as possible by providing every encouragement for them to complete their weekly homework tasks. Many thanks in advance.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023

Our Parish Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 9th December 2023 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow St, Manchester M19 3PY, starting at 11am. 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. More details will follow next week.

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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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