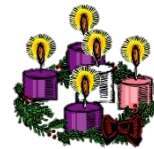




St. Richard's RC Primary Advent Newsletter 2023



Thursday 7th December 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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the second Sunday of Advent (this coming Sunday, 10th December) we hear about the prophet John the Baptist – a voice crying in the wilderness, completely focused on his mission to prepare a way for the Lord. John tells us to 'repent'.

As we continue on our Advent journey, let us think about what we should be sorry for. Which aspects of our lives do we know to be not quite right? What habits and behaviours do we need to change? How can we improve in order to serve our neighbours, rather than just ourselves?



MCR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY INFORMATION

MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of FREE places for children to access a variety of activities and a FREE meal over the Christmas holidays in Manchester for those on benefits-related free school meals. To book your child's space: Sign up for an MCRactive Go account

<https://www.mcractive.com/>

Once signed up, log into your account – Find Activities – Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' – Use code when asked: 99765 to book free eligible activities. Please also visit <https://loadstodo.co.uk/> to view additional FREE holiday activities and other opportunities taking place across the city.



**Save the
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SAVE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Monday 11th December (our school Christmas Dinner Day for pupils) we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. The suggested donation for this fundraiser is £1. However, we know times are tough, so please remember that donations are optional and any amount you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

Monday 11th December is also the day of the Christmas Lunchbox competition so if your child is on sandwiches they are very welcome to decorate their lunch box on this day. The best ones in each class will win a small prize.

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/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=113.2>

This week's Wednesday Word is **HOPE**

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023

Our Parish Christmas Fair will take place this coming Saturday (9th December) at St Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow St, Manchester M19 3PY, starting at 12 noon. 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 (many thanks for your amazing response for donations) and face painting.

AMANDA MORROW'S YEAR 5 SCIENCE VISITS

Last week, Amanda Morrow ran day-long Science workshops with both of our Year 5 classes. Peculiar in Class 10 writes, *'With Amanda, we made a circuit with a battery and a buzzer. We then designed our buzzer game with questions about maths. We stuck the questions and answers on the game and completed the game.'*

CHRISTMAS DATES 2023

Please make a note of the following dates for Christmas 2023. Details with ticket information etc. have been sent out to the relevant classes. Whilst we are not charging for admission, we will be collecting for Francis House Children's Hospice at all our Christmas concerts.

Date:	Event:
Saturday 9 th December	St Robert's Parish Christmas Fair (at St Mary's Parish Centre, Levenshulme) starting at 12 noon.
Monday 11 th December	Children's Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper/non-uniform Day (suggested £1 donation to Save the Children)
Tuesday 12 th December	– Nursery Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 13 th December	– Reception Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 13 th December	– Year One Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend)
Thursday 14 th December	Year Two Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend)
Friday 15 th December	Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Monday 18 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 20 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 20 th December	Pupils break up for Christmas
Sunday 24 th December	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church at 5pm
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Pupils return to school

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School