



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 25th January 2024

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.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/teacher?pid=MTA101634&v=117.3>

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

MORE BASKETBALL NEWS!

Following last week's success, St Richard's basketball team was promoted to the much tougher 'XL' league competition at Belle Vue National Basketball Centre this week. Rayan in C12 writes, *'On Tuesday our basketball team went to Belle Vue. At first, we were really excited for the competition but when we went inside we were nervous. Our first match was against St Francis' and, at the start, we were doing really well but then they started to score points and we eventually lost. We carried on to the next team. We were again doing well but they started to tackle the ball from us and scoring and we did not have time to come back and we lost again. We won our next two matches though and – out of 8 teams – we were placed fifth overall.'*

DO NOT GO THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK

Parents must not cut through the staff car park next to St Richard's Church and should never attempt to squeeze past or go under the car park barriers because this is potentially very dangerous. Parents must not attempt to open the green pedestrian gate that leads onto this car park. Many thanks in advance for your complete cooperation.

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 **smart phone safety tips for young people**. Please read it [here](#)

VACANCY FOR A SCHOOL CLEANER

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic cleaner to join our team on a permanent basis. The successful applicant will be working as part of a team of cleaners, caretaking and facilities staff who pride themselves on achieving exceptional levels of cleanliness at our school. The post is for 16¼ hours per week, all year round. The term time working pattern is 2.30pm - 5.45pm, Monday to Friday. The school holiday working pattern is 8.00am to 11.15am Monday to Friday. Full details and the application form are available by visiting <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/vacancies/>

CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS HALF-TERM

We are delighted to announce that our class assemblies are continuing in 2024. These are wonderful occasions where we invite parents to share in an assembly produced by their child's class. Below are details of which class assemblies are coming up this half term. They all begin at 9am in the main school hall.

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 1 st February	Class 9
Thursday 8 th February	Class 4
Thursday 15 th February	Class 5

THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME IS STARTING NEXT WEEK

There is a meeting in school at 6pm on Thursday 1st February for parents and children who are taking part in the Sacramental Programme this year. There is also a Sacramental Programme Mass at 5pm on Saturday 3rd February at St Richard's RC Church. Parents and children who are taking part in the Sacramental Programme this year must attend both events. Parents will receive a separate letter with more details today. Please remember all these families in your prayers.

FRANCIS HOUSE CREME EGG APPEAL



We will once again be supporting Francis House Crème Egg appeal by running a competition to see which class can collect the most Crème Eggs (or other chocolate eggs similar in size to a Cadbury's crème egg). The eggs that the children bring into school will be donated to

Francis House to sell across the city. There will be a small prize for the class in our school that collects the most eggs. The competition will run from **Monday 29th January** until the day we break up for February half-term, on **Friday 16th February 2024**. Any contributions of chocolate eggs from any manufacturer (crème egg sized) would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support. More information about the appeal can be found at <https://www.francishouse.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/our-annual-fundraisers/easter-chick-knit/>

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE SURVEY

There is a national programme which aims to expand the availability of wraparound care for school aged children from September 2024. Manchester City Council would like information from parents and carers to understand the current uptake of and demand for before and after school care. This will help inform their planning and enable them to identify any potential gaps of wraparound provision across the city. Manchester City Council has asked that all primary schools share the link below with parents to complete the online survey by 28th January 2024: <https://forms.office.com/e/bXD1PxqzPn>

ST RICHARD'S HOLIDAY DATES

The school calendar (both for the current as well as next academic year) provides the dates when all pupils must be in school, as well as when our holidays are. This is available at: <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/>. Please ensure that your child is on time and in school every day that school is open to them. We break up for February half-term holidays on **Friday 16th February 2024** and we return to school on **Monday 26th February 2024**.

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any other aspect of school life. Any comments that we receive will be read and considered. These should be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

LONGSIGHT & MOUNT ROAD FAMILY HUB

Please see the second page of this week's newsletter for details about our local family hub, Longsight & Mount Road Family Hub. The Family Hub can support parents and families to identify the issues they are facing and then help them access the services and develop the skills to improve their lives for the better. If you would like any more information, please phone the Hub to speak to a member of the team. Their number is 0161 248 1500.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School

Longsight & Mount Road



Support available

0-19 years (25 Years SEND)

We work in the local community supporting families with children between the ages of 0 – 19 years (25 years SEND) and expectant mothers.

We provide a range of information, advice, guidance and support to families to access services in the Family Hub, and the local area to support their children to develop and thrive.



- Information about groups and activities for families with children aged 0 – 19 years (25 years SEND).

- Information and guidance with families with children with SEND.

- Assisting in nursery, primary school and secondary school applications.

- Supporting parents who are new to the area (Longsight and Mount Road).

- Providing information about courses available in the Family Hub and the local area.

- Information about adult learning opportunities.

- Information about volunteering, peer support and work experience opportunities.

- Support with accessing information and guidance to help with managing children's behavior (e.g. Parenting programmes etc.).

- Information and advice on Antenatal, weaning, immunizations, breastfeeding, toilet training, and healthy eating

- Information and advice around family health, mental health, wellbeing activities/services and financial support/budgeting skills.

- Child safety information and referral for free home safety equipment (subject to eligibility).

- Support for families in hardship to get essential household items, including white goods, clothing, baby equipment (subject to eligibility).

- Information on after school, holiday schemes.



Referrals to other agencies for additional support such as

- IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FAMILY HUB IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY HUB TEAM

- Housing & Benefit advice
OR RING 0161 248 1500

- Support and assistance to fill in forms