



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 1st February 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.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2024

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place next week (5th - 9th February 2024). The theme for Children's Mental Health Week this year is 'My Voice Matters'. Children who feel that their voices are heard have a greater sense of self-esteem. As always at St Richard's, we will be acknowledging and celebrating how our pupils and staff work together to create a positive, supportive and listening environment in order to support mental health and wellbeing. Pupils will be able to wear non-uniform on Friday 9th February in return for a £1 donation, which will be split between school funds and Place2Be.



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 **HEALING**

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

We now use a parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school meals, some uniform and trips. Many parents have already engaged and downloaded the app on their phone. It's easy to sign up and easy to use once installed. We need every parent to download it onto their phones – should you need any help please don't hesitate to come to the school office.

DROPPING YOUR CHILD OFF AT NURSERY

The only way that children at St Richard's Nursery must be dropped off each morning is by parents bringing them to the Nursery entrance on Sutcliffe Avenue at 8.50am. Nursery children must never walk into school with older siblings. Many thanks for your full cooperation.

DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Parents must always drive and park safely and considerately on the streets around school. It would be wonderful if as many of us as possible could choose safe car-free alternatives in order to get our children to and from school on a daily basis. If this is not a realistic option, you can still help to make it safer on the streets around school by parking further away and walking the last five or ten minutes. This would be good for health, good for the environment and good for improving road safety on the streets around our school.

CLASS 11 TRIP TO MEET JO WICKS

Amna in Class 11 writes, 'On Friday 26th January, Class 11 went on an amazing and memorable trip to meet the TV personality, Joe Wicks. This took place at the Aviva Studios in central Manchester. We did an enjoyable high-intensity work-out before having a Q&A session with Joe. After that, we took part in joyous wellness activities where we designed bags and saw scenarios where some of us got to act. It was a really thrilling afternoon.'

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 8 th February	Class 4
Thursday 15 th February	Class 5

THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME IS STARTING TONIGHT

There is a meeting in school at 6pm tonight (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 are currently 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 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 this year's appeal can be found at

<https://www.francishouse.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/our-annual-fundraisers/easter-chick-knit/>

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD TO START NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and you would like them to attend full time in the Nursery at St Richard's RC Primary School from September 2024, then please contact the school office as soon as possible for an admission form. Your child will be added to the waiting list for admission to our Nursery class in September 2024. Places are in high demand and offers are starting to be sent out soon.

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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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