



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter 2023



Thursday 11th April 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.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

We hope that you had a happy and restful Easter holiday. Easter is not just a one day celebration but a whole season (the longest of the liturgical year) which lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (19th May 2024). Throughout this season we will be praising God for the blessings of His Son's resurrection whilst looking forward to the Holy Spirit inspiring us to prayer and action and giving us the grace to love all our neighbours.



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word remains in the Easter holiday version this week. Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting [Easter Special - Magazine - Page 8 \(paperturn-view.com\)](https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2023-24/)

RETURNING ST JOSEPH'S PENNY BOXES

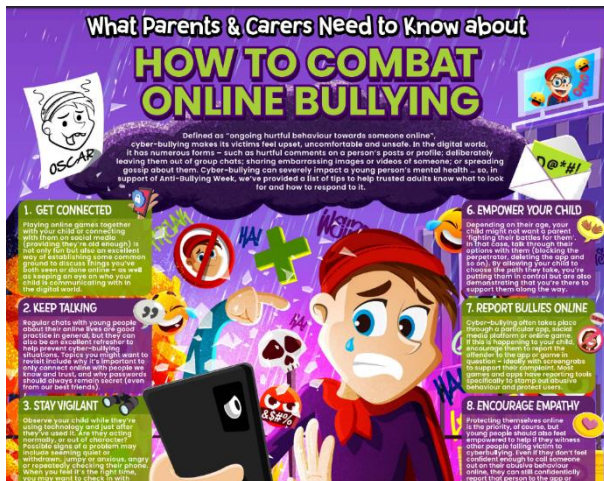
Many thanks to everyone who has been filling their St Joseph's Penny boxes over the Easter break. Children should now return their penny-filled box to school by the closing date of Friday 12th April (tomorrow). Many thanks in advance for all your fund-raising efforts.

EID AL-FITR 2024

Eid al-Fitr 2024 was celebrated this week. Eid al-Fitr, also called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide which marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. We hope that all our Muslim pupils and staff and their families enjoyed a very happy Eid al-Fitr 2024.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

We continue to signpost parents to National Online Safety's free online safety guides for parents and carers. This campaign is called '#WakeUp Wednesday'. At St Richard's this means that we provide a weekly link to a different topical e-safety issue so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their internet use. This week's guide is a useful repeat on **How to Combat Online Bullying** and it can be viewed by clicking [here](#)



PARK AND STRIDE

'Park and Stride' is a simple idea for families who live further away to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school. If you drive your child to school, please consider parking a ten-minute walk from school and complete their journey on foot. This reduces traffic, congestion and road danger around our school gates whilst allowing children the chance to get active for the last part of their journey. Walk to School Week 2024 starts on 20th May this year and it would be great if you were already prepared for this.

HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING?

All our parents play a crucial role in supporting their children's learning and children at St Richard's do better at school because of this. Please have a good look at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2023-24/>

This page of our school website lets parents see what their child(ren) will be learning in school this year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM IN SUMMER TERM

We are now in the Summer term and, as an alternative to winter uniform, pupils may wear summer uniform. Summer uniform may be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of blue and white gingham dress. Girls may also wear white tights or black, white or grey socks as part of summer uniform. Boys' summer uniform consists of dark grey trousers or shorts, light blue polo shirt and plain navy school sweatshirt (preferably with the school logo and no other logo allowed).

RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week so that you know what's going on at St Richard's. The newsletter is only very occasionally sent out as a paper copy. The latest version of the weekly newsletter can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. We are happy to email the newsletter to parents every week if they request this service. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter each week but wish to receive the newsletter every Thursday by email, then simply send:

1. Your full name
2. Name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) at our school
3. Preferred email address
4. The message 'I consent to school using my email address in order to send me a copy of the newsletter each week of term'.

to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk and you will be added to the mailing list.

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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