



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter 2023



Thursday 18th 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.

NEXT TUESDAY IS ST GEORGE'S DAY

Tuesday 23rd April is the feast day of St George, Patron Saint of England. Here's a little prayer which can be prayed to commemorate St George's Day – or can be prayed anytime:



Heavenly Father,
Please give us the bravery of St George to stand up for what we believe. Give us the strength to overcome the 'dragons' in our lives and in the world. Give us the compassion to always help people who we see in distress. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is back to its usual weekly format this week. Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting [Trust - Magazine - Page 2 \(paperturn-view.com\)](https://trust-magazine.com/page-2). This week's Wednesday Word is **TRUST**.

EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR & MANNERS

The superb behaviour and excellent manners of the pupils who attend our school are noteworthy. These valuable gifts are everyone's responsibility to maintain and develop. We are very appreciative of all parents' and carers' efforts to model, encourage and reward superb behaviour and excellent manners – both in school and at home. Many thanks.

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 an almost 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 all about the popular online game TOWNSHIP and it can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

PENALTY NOTICE FINES ARE CHANGING

From 19th August 2024, Penalty Notice Fines will increase from the current £120 to be paid within 28 days (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days) to £160 to be paid within 28 days (which will be reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days). A letter will be sent to every family on Friday regarding the increase. The DfE states 'Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.'

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Below are details of class assemblies which are coming up this term. They begin at 9am in the main school hall. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly.

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 9 th May	Reception 2
Thursday 27 th June	Reception 1

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. We have a new banner outside school on Wilshire Avenue to highlight this upcoming initiative.

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.

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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