



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Thursday 23rd May 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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TONIGHT AT 6.30PM

Last week's First Holy Communion celebration was a truly beautiful occasion – well done and many thanks to all involved. The children from Class 6 (and one more from Class 5) who have been on the Sacramental Programme this year will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this evening, Thursday 23rd May, at 6.30pm in St Richard's Church. Please remember to pray for all these children and their families who are about to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

WE BREAK UP FOR TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY TOMORROW

We break up at the end of the school day tomorrow, Friday 24th May, for our two-week half-term holidays. We wish all our pupils, parents and staff a safe, happy and restful break. We return to school on Monday 10th June 2024.

UN DAY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Many thanks to everyone – pupils, parents and staff – who helped to make Tuesday's celebration of UN Day for Cultural Diversity such a memorable and happy one. Our diversity is one of our many strengths and we are a truly diverse, respectful and joyous community. Well done everyone!

PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM THE SUN

This is a reminder for when the weather is hot and sunny: Please provide your child with effective protection from the sun. You should apply sun cream to your child before you bring them to school. On a particularly hot and sunny day if you feel they may need a top up, this will not be applied by staff in school although they will assist your child if necessary.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE BREAKFAST EACH MORNING?

In the morning, children need to 'refuel' for the day ahead. Their mood and energy can drop by midmorning if they don't eat something for breakfast. Breakfast also kick-starts the body's metabolism, the process by which the body converts the fuel in food to energy. Breakfast consumption in children has also been found to improve cognitive function (particularly memory) and attention. Research also suggests that eating breakfast helps improve academic performance and increases on-task behaviour for children in school.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week (and over the Whitsuntide holidays as the link below is to the holiday version that lasts until we come back to school after the holidays). Please visit [Holiday Card - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](#). This week's Wednesday Word is **FRIENDSHIP**.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

As we start the two-week summer half term break tomorrow, this week's guide is a really useful repeat (from Christmas) of **12 social media online safety tips** and it can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

CONGRATULATIONS MR KEYWORTH & MISS BROADBENT!

On Friday 14th June, Mr Keyworth and Miss Broadbent will be honoured for their long service to Manchester education by being presented with long service awards at Gorton Monastery. Mr Keyworth will receive his 25 years Long Service Award (he has actually been teaching for 36 years but his first 10 years were in another local authority) and Miss Broadbent will receive her 50 years Long Service Award. We congratulate them both and thank them for their long and dedicated service to the children of St Richard's and to primary education as a whole.

ST ROBERT'S PARISH SUMMER FAIR

Saint Robert's Parish (which is the merged parishes of St Richard's Longsight and St Mary's Levenshulme) will be holding a Summer Fayre at St Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow Street, Manchester M19 3PY after 11am Mass on Sunday 30th June 2024. We would like our children and their parents to attend and support this event. The school's GIFT Team will be running a New Toy Tombola (we're face-painting too) and so we would be very grateful for any new toys that you could donate for this really worthwhile cause. These can be small or large toys. Please bring in any new toys (they have to be brand new) after the half-term holidays and leave them at the school office. Many thanks in advance.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK IS THIS WEEK

We have taken part in Walk to School Week all this week and all children have been encouraged to find the 'Magic in Walking'. Every class has been using Living Street's WOW Travel Tracker to log their active journeys with the hope of making this a change to their daily routine - not just for this week.

FSM VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

The council has agreed to fund free school meals vouchers over the May 2024 half term holidays (which start tomorrow) for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). This week you will be issued with a £15 voucher per eligible child. As we previously advised, the other £15 was issued to eligible parents in April prior to the Easter break, when £30.00 was issued.

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Below are details of our next class assembly. This will 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 27 th June	Reception 1

AMANDA MORROW'S VISITS LAST WEEK

Mishelle in C5 writes, *'Last week, Amanda came to visit us to do a science workshop all about forces and magnets. We used all of the wonderful knowledge that we have learnt in this science topic to make a magnetic, maze board game. My board game was based on a magical city and we made our own moving mechanisms for it. Afterwards, we made our own shadow puppet theatres. This was my favourite part of the day as I really enjoyed designing and making my own puppets and then creating a moving scene about each character. The whole class thoroughly enjoyed the day and we cannot wait to see Amanda again.'*

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY FAIR

This free, family friendly community fair will take place on Saturday 8th June from 10am – 4.30pm and promises to be a great day of fun for all ages. The Community Fair is free and open to all. Discover more family friendly activities at <https://universallymanchester.com/>

With many thanks and hoping that you have a happy and restful half-term break,

Mr J Murray

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