



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Thursday 13th June 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 PARISH MASS THIS SUNDAY

The second of our two First Holy Communion masses (which was celebrated on Thursday 23rd May, just before we broke up for the Whitsuntide holidays) was another joyous celebration and the children conducted themselves wonderfully – thanks very much everyone. On Sunday 16th June (this coming Sunday) there will be a celebration mass followed by Communion Breakfast at St Richard's. **This Mass starts at 9.30am** so children will need to be on time. This is a lovely chance for the parishioners of St Richard's to see the first communicants in their wonderful First Holy Communion outfits.



THE FEAST DAY OF ST RICHARD

16th June is the date when, as a school, we traditionally celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Richard of Chichester. Here is our patron's prayer – it would be lovely if we all prayed it at some time this coming Sunday:

*Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits you have given me,
For the pains and insults
Which you have borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
May I know you more clearly,
Love you more dearly,
Follow you more nearly
Day by Day.*

IT'S FATHER'S DAY THIS SUNDAY, 16th JUNE

We would like to wish 'Happy Father's Day' this coming Sunday to all the dads and other adults who take on the role of being a dad to any of the children who attend our school. We hope you all enjoy this coming Sunday. The role that you play, the work that you do, your involvement with and support for your children is vital and is very much appreciated by many people.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class photographs will be taken on Monday 24th June 2024. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform (summer or winter) on this day.

Y6 ANCIENT GREECE WORKSHOPS WITH TONY NORTH

This week and next week, our Year 6 classes will be taking part in an all day long interactive 'time trip' back to Ancient Greece to support work in their current History Learning Journey. Yasin in Class 13 explains, *'On Tuesday, Tony North came in and we learnt about the Battle of Marathon. Then, we made our own Greek helmets and shields. After some time, we reenacted the Battle of Marathon on the playground and used a battle formation called the phalanx, dodging balls instead of arrows! It was a really fun experience.'*

YEAR 4 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday this week, Class 8 were visited by Amanda Morrow who completed a Design & Technology project with the children. The children in Class 8 developed their sewing skills in order to design, make and evaluate their own drawstring bags. Rohaan in C8 reported, *'Yesterday was really fun as we had Amanda in again and this time she taught us how to sew. We first learnt how to do a running stitch on felt which was hard to start off with but got easier with practice. Using this technique, we were able to make our own bags and choose our own designs. My friends said my design looked cool!'*

YEAR 6 VISITS TO THE MARIST CENTRE

All of our Year 6 pupils have visited the Marist Youth Centre in Chorlton this week for day-long retreats focused on transition to high school. Well done to all our pupils and Year 6 staff for helping to prepare for the journey to high school in such a sensible and mature fashion. The staff and children really enjoyed this experience.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is now back to its usual term-time format, following the Whitsuntide holidays. Please visit <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/gods-kingdom?pid=MTA101634&v=131.2>

This week's Wednesday Words are **GOD'S KINGDOM**

CONGRATULATIONS MR KEYWORTH & MISS BROADBENT!

Tomorrow, 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.

EID UL-ADHA 2024

This weekend sees the start of Eid ul-Adha ('Festival of Sacrifice'). This is one of the most important festivals in the Muslim calendar. The festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to. We wish all our Muslim pupils and families a very happy Eid ul-Adha 2024.

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. Volunteers from the school's GIFT Team and CARITAS Ambassadors 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) and leave them at the school office. Many thanks in advance.

ASSEMBLIES AND CELEBRATION DATES

Below are details of our assemblies and other celebrations this half-term. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s events:

Date	Event:
Thursday 27 th June	Reception 1 class assembly (9am in the school hall)
Tuesday 9 th July	Nursery and Reception End of Year Awards Assembly (9.15am in the school hall)
Thursday 11 th July	Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 End of Year Awards Assembly (9.15am in the school hall)
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in St Richard's Church at 9.15am
Monday 15 th July	Class 5, 6 and 7 End of Year Awards Assembly (9.15am in the school hall)
Tuesday 16 th July	Class 8, 9 and 10 End of Year Awards Assembly (9.15am in the school hall)
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Awards Assembly (9.15am in the school hall)

With many thanks for your support,

Mr J Murray

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