



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Thursday 11th July 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.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

Tomorrow, Friday 12th July, your child will be bringing home an envelope containing their annual school report. We hope that you find the format straightforward and easy to understand and we are sure that you will find much in the report to be pleased about and proud of. The deadline for booking a very brief telephone conversation (which is only necessary if you specifically wish to discuss the content of your child's report) has been extended **until 4pm on Monday 15th July**. These phone calls will take place between 3.30pm and 5pm on Tuesday 16th July and parents would have to be available between the whole of this time.

CHILDREN'S SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The pupils from Class 10 performed in the Children's Shakespeare Festival in the afternoon of Thursday 4th July at the prestigious Royal Exchange Theatre in central Manchester. The staff and children put on a captivating version of a segment of the Bard's 'King Lear' to a packed house of very appreciative parents and school staff. Well done boys and girls!



RETURNING SCHOOL READING BOOKS

Please ensure that your child(ren) return all reading books that belong to St Richard's back to school by **TOMORROW** Friday 12th July 2024 at the very latest. This includes colour band books, accelerated reader books and Bug Club Phonics books. It takes a lot of time and effort to sort out our stock of reading books and make them ready for the start of the new academic year so your complete and timely cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024

This year, the Summer Reading Challenge 2024 begins on Saturday 6th July. This year, the Summer

Reading Challenge is called 'Marvellous Makers' Children can join the challenge at a local library or can join online. The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to encourage reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, building reading skills and confidence, and helping to prevent any 'dip' in reading skills while children are out of school. Please take a look at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for further details.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Manchester City Council have agreed to make a one-off payment of £55 per child eligible for free school meals (FSM) to help with the financial pressures that many of our families are currently facing. This one-off payment to eligible FSM pupils is to be paid prior to the end of the summer term.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please try to find time to read the Wednesday Word as a family sometime this week. Please visit <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/listening?pid=MTA101634&v=145.2> This week's Wednesday Word is **LISTENING**

ASSEMBLIES AND CELEBRATION DATES

Below are details of our end of year assemblies this year. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s events:

Date	Event:
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)

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of free places for children to access a variety of activities plus a free meal over the summer holidays in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. To book your child's space visit <https://www.mcractive.com/> and click on the link that says, 'Thousands of free places available for school holiday activities.'

RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER EVERY THURSDAY

The newsletter is only occasionally sent out as a paper copy. It is usually sent out as an email and posted on our school website every Thursday afternoon. If you don't already receive the weekly newsletter by email every Thursday afternoon then please just send your child's name and preferred email address to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk and request that you 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 aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School