



Newsletter

**ST RICHARD'S
SCHOOL**

Inspiring belief in God and one another

SCHOOL EVENTS:

- Monday 17th September – Year 6/5 school trip to HMS Belfast
- Let's Talk PANTS' Parent Session – Monday 24th September 2018 9.00am
- Wednesday 10th October – Y1 Harvest Festival Assembly at St Richard's Church
- Wednesday 10th October – Parents Online Safety Workshop 2.30pm
- Monday 15th October – Stay and Create Morning 9.00-11.00am
- Tuesday 16th October – Year 4/5 school trip to Gunnersbury Park (Romans)
- Thursday 8th November – School photographs

All assemblies start at 8:55am in the hall. You are very welcome to attend any or all of the assemblies to support the children and staff.

Healthy Packed Lunch Policy – Crisps

Please can we remind parents that children are only allowed crisps (baked or low-fat) on Wednesdays, as per the school's Healthy Packed Lunch Policy, which can be found on the school website under Policies. We appreciate your cooperation with this.



Year 3 Summer Projects

Year 3's super summer projects can be seen on display outside the year 3 classroom – they are amazing! We had three actual eruptions from the volcano models and one even shows you what is inside a volcano! We have volcano poems, stories and some very artistic pictures. Well done, and a big thank you to everyone who took part in a summer project. It really helps to kick-start the learning for our exciting topics at school.



After School Clubs:

Clubs will recommence week beginning Monday 17th September for 10 weeks. All clubs will finish week ending Friday 26th November 2018.

Club	Day	Club run by	Open to year groups	Number of places available	Payment for the term
Dance	Tuesday	Boundless	Reception-Year 2	24	£0
Martial Arts	Tuesday	Master Sandiford	Years 3-6	25	£0
Football	Wednesday	Onside FC	Reception-Year 3	16	£20
Football Teams	Wednesday	Onside FC	Years 4-6	16	£20

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Autumn 1 2018
Bible Verse of the half term

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah chapter 4 verse 10

NSPCC – Let’s talk PANTS (The Underwear Rule)

Talking PANTS is an NSPCC and initiative supported by the Hounslow Safeguarding Board which teaches children important messages about how to keep themselves safe from abuse. Through age-appropriate resources and discussions, children are taught five key safety principles through the PANTS acronym:

- P**rivates are Private
- A**lways remember your body belongs to you
- N**o means no
- T**alk about secrets that upset you
- S**peak up, someone can help



As parents are also encouraged to share this important message through simple conversations with their child, Andy de Kauwe from the NSPCC will be coming in on Monday 24th September at 9am to hold a short session for parents to discuss the best ways to talk PANTS at home. A similar session was held last year, which parents who attended found informative and useful. We all want to protect our children so the school would recommend that you attend if possible. Please sign in at the school office after dropping off your child.

Further information and resources, including games, activity packs, the infamous song by Pantosaurus song, can be found at :
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

What do school governors do?

Governors work with senior leaders in the strategic development of the school and in raising standards of achievement. Duties include setting the vision, aims and objectives of the School Development Plan, approving the school budget and appointing the Headteacher. Governors must both support and challenge the Headteacher, so need to gain an understanding of the school’s overall performance to explain its decisions and actions. They do this by attending regular meetings, carrying out school visits. They also attend training to keep up to date with the requirements of their role.

All the appointed governors are listed below:

Karen Harrison	Chair of Governors
Craig Holmes	Vice Chair - Ex-officio Governor
Dionne Hurst	Ex-officio Governor
Lauren McCarthy	Staff Governor
Graham Madge	Foundation Governor
Anne Messer	LDBS Appointed Governor
Cecilia Thwaites	LDBS Appointed Governor
Rachel Vaz	Foundation Governor
Hayleigh Cowell	Parent Governor
Sally-Anne Wyeth	Parent Governor

Water Bottles

There are numerous studies showing the academic benefits of drinking water and staying hydrated throughout the school day. Therefore, we encourage children to come to school with a filled bottle of water each day in a named container. To reduce the amount of plastic waste impacting the environment, we ask that a permanent water bottle/flask is purchased, which can be taken home each evening to be washed and refilled. Children are given the opportunity to refill their bottle at playtimes and lunchtimes.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autumn Term 2018	
Inset Day - Monday 3 rd September	Closed
Inset Day - Tuesday 4 th September	Closed
First Day of Term - Wednesday 5 th September	Open
Half Term Holiday	
Monday 22 nd October - Friday 26 th October	Closed
Last Day of Term - Thursday 20 th December	Open
Christmas Holidays	
Friday 21 st December - Wednesday 2 nd January	Closed
Inset Day - Thursday 3 rd January	Closed
Inset Day - Friday 4 th January	Closed
First Day of Term - Monday 7 th January	Open



Week commencing:
17th September 2018
Lunch Menu 3

