

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 13.12.2024– Term 2 -Week 5

Reflection: Luke 3: 10-18 (the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C)

When the crowds asked John the Baptist, "What must we do?" He answered, "If anyone has two coats they should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and they said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Don't collect any more than you should." Then he said to some soldiers, "Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone, but be satisfied with your pay." By now, a feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandal strap."

"Read the gospels! This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy." Pope Francis

The Church also encourages us to perform Spiritual Works of Mercy. These include: being compassionate; being patient with others even if we are being treated unfairly; forgiving others (even if we feel they don't deserve forgiveness); sometimes giving people more than they deserve.

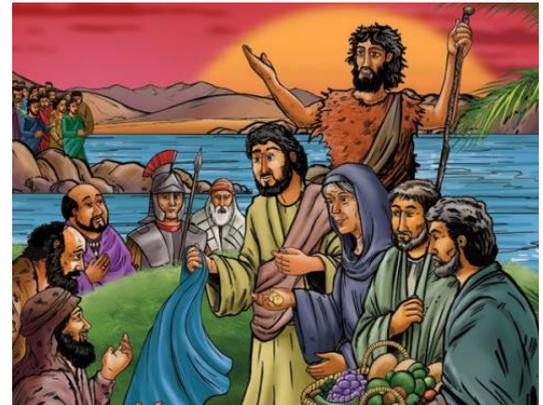
"God is merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful." Pope Francis

Our School Mission this week is who can we show Mercy to during Advent?

Advent Mass

This week we all attended church for our whole school Advent Mass. As always, our Chaplains led the service beautifully and read with such confidence. We thought about the special times when we do our best to say yes to God. We said sorry for the times we may have said no. We thanked God for this special time of year and the opportunity to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus once again.

**Dear Lord Jesus
Please help us to grow in
the virtue of Mercy – to be
open to receiving your
Mercy and showing Mercy
to others.
Amen**



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St Nicks FC

On Monday, St Nicks took on Hannah Moore away from home. It was a competitive match with lots of end-to-end action. Despite losing the game 3-1, we scored a fantastic team goal from a corner kick from Peace, which was flicked on with great skill from Mario and eventually turned in by Abdou, who grabbed his first goal! There were also incredible performances in goal from Luis and Tristan in each half, which earned them the joint player of the match award.

St Nicks Girls FC

We faced Easton primary school in a friendly on a very cold Monday afternoon. St Nicks had lots of opportunities to score but the game stayed very even in the first half. Ivana made some great saves and kept a clean sheet. We played amazingly but the match ended 0-0. Congratulations to Reign and Zuzia, who played their first football match. Well done Girls !

St Nicks FC

The 1st team got back to winning ways in the league with a 6-4 home victory against Brunel Field. It was a tense match, with our players showing an excellent attitude to keep going and eventually close out the match! Captain, Kebba scored two wonderful solo goals, showcasing his great talents. There was also another goal from Aiden, who continues his great debut season and a brace from Acher, our powerful centre forward, showing his clinical edge in front of goal. Player of the match: Martina, who defended with great anticipation and bravery.

Christmas Dinner

Please remember to book your child's Christmas Dinner. Christmas Dinner is on Thursday 19th December.

Reminder – school timings

Please remember doors open for school at 8.40am, children not registered by 9.05am will be marked as late. There is also work being completed from 8.40am so it is important that children are in on time.

End of day, school finishes at 3.15pm and children must be collected on time. Clubs finish at 4.15pm and children must also be collected as the office is closed at this time. Clubs are run voluntarily by staff, if you are late collecting then your child may not be able to attend clubs.



St Nicholas of Tolentine Primary School
**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE!** All are welcome!
Thursday 19th December 2:30 – 4pm
EVENTS:
- **TOMBOLA** - **RAFFLE**
PRIZES – HOT FOOD –
DRINKS – SWEET TREATS
–MUSIC AND MUCH MUCH MORE!
Pennywell Road, BS5 0TJ • 0117 377 2260
Children can be collected from their classrooms at 2:30pm please.

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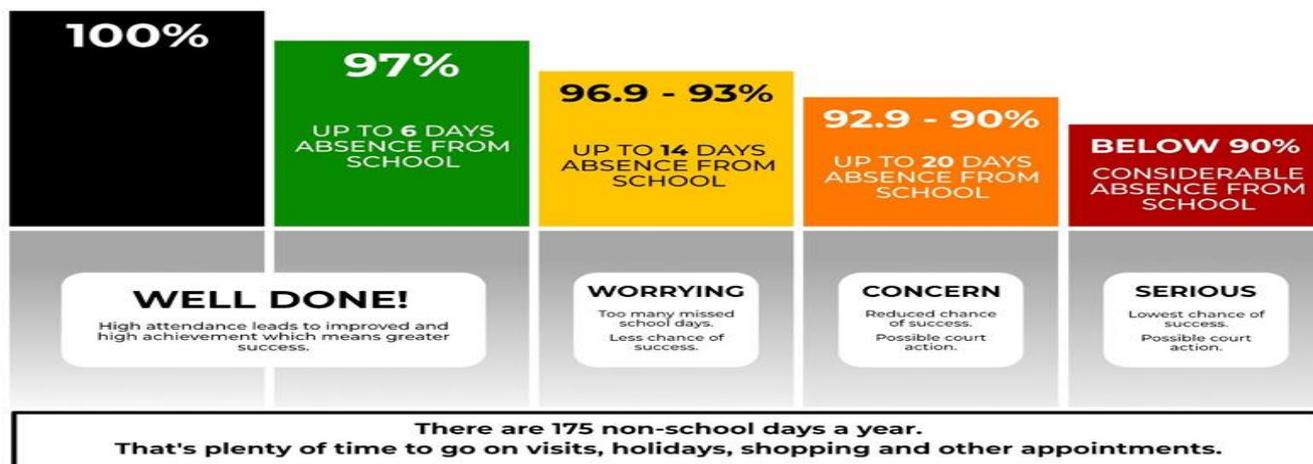
Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	91%	83.8%	7
Emerald Class	93.9%	91.8%	6
Ruby Class	96.2%	94%	13
Amethyst Class	95%	86.7%	1
Sapphire Class	96.4%	92.2%	6
Topaz Class	94.4%	83.7%	8
Total	94.7%	89%	41

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.



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Dates for your Diary:

Term 2

Friday 13th December	Whole School Mass
Monday 16th December	1.30pm – Diamond, Ruby and Emerald Class Nativity at the Church
Tuesday 17th December	Beauty and the Beast Pantomime for children in school
Wednesday 18th December	1.30pm – Carol Concert at the Church Years 1 – 6
Thursday 19th December	2.30pm – Christmas Fair
Friday 20th December	Last day of Term – Talent Show – 1.30pm
Monday 6th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	School starts back for all children

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James