

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 06.12.2024– Term 2 -Week 4

Reflection: Luke 3:1-6 The 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judaea, there was a man named John, a prophet, who was living in the desert. God spoke to him and told him to preach to the people. So John went out to baptise and to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. He told them to change their lives and to turn back to God.

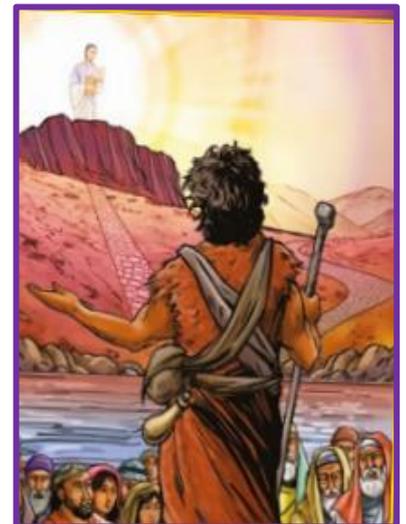
John the Baptist encouraged people to change their hearts. His message is for us too. Good preparation is always important in everything we do. Preparing ourselves well for Christmas will help us to draw closer to Jesus, and so experience and share more of God's love.

"In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas." Pope Francis

"Whoever has peace in his heart 'prepares a place' for the Lord."
St Theoliptos of Philadelphia

Our School Mission this week is how can you prepare well for Christmas?

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to prepare our hearts to receive and to share more of your love as Christmas approaches. Amen.



Advent Wreath Blessing

On Thursday we were joined by Father Richard for our Advent Wreath Blessing Service. We gathered to reflect during the time of Advent. During this time, we think about the special times when we do our best to say yes to God. We say sorry for times we may have said no. We thank God for this special time every year, and for the opportunity to prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus once again.

There is something really special about the Advent season. Waiting gives us time to think and reflect. It gives us time to consider the past.

It is about remembering that Jesus was born into the world, bringing light and hope. All of the lights that we see at Christmas are a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.



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Year 4 sing at St George

Year 4 had an amazing day at St George's concert hall on Tuesday, where we sang on stage with other Bristol schools. Some of us were a little nervous but by the end of it, everyone was singing their heart out and feeling very Christmassy! We are SO lucky to have this trip paid for by Preludes, our incredible music teachers. Thank you to the parents who came along to support (and join in with the singing)!



St Nicks Girl's FC

On Monday, the girl's football team faced Hillcrest in the 2nd round of the cup. The game started evenly, with lots of chances to score. Martina and Tia put a great shift in defence and Lanae showed lots of confidence up front. They showed great resilience despite losing to a strong opposition and were unlucky not to score in the match. Well done to the girls that played!



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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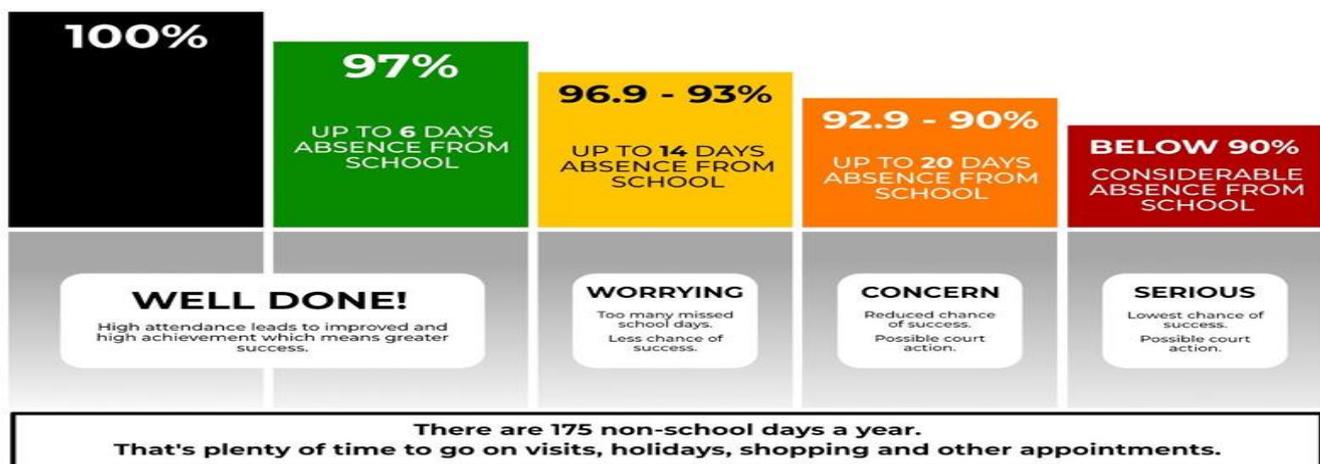
Attendance

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	91.7%	80%	3
Emerald Class	95.7%	94.1%	11
Ruby Class	96.3%	96%	18
Amethyst Class	95.7%	95.7%	7
Sapphire Class	95.9%	89.1%	10
Topaz Class	95.2%	91.3%	14
Total	95.3%	91.7%	63

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
Thursday 19th December	2.30pm – Christmas Fair
Friday 20th December	Last day of Term – Talent Show – Time TBC
Monday 6th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	School starts back for all children

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James