

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 08.11.2024– Term 2 -Week 1

Reflection: Mark 12:38-44 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jesus sat down opposite the Temple treasury and watched the people putting their donations into the box for offerings. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money. Then a poor lady, who was a widow, came up and put in two small coins that were only worth a penny. When Jesus saw this, he said to his disciples, "This poor widow has given more to the collection than all the others. The rich people gave money that they could easily spare. This poor widow has very little money and she needs all of it to live on. Yet she has given everything she had."

We are all unique and valuable to God. Out of His love for us, God has entrusted us with individual gifts to bring to the world – gifts to be shared. The value of our gift is greatly increased when given with love. Sharing our gifts, with love, brings us closer to God.

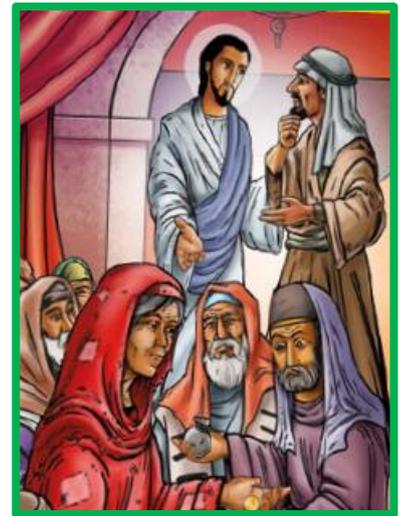
"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community." St Baldwin of Canterbury

Remember that the best gifts cannot be bought – gifts such as love, friendship, kindness, forgiveness and patience.

"Life is a precious gift, but we realise this only when we give it to others." Pope Francis.

We are so blessed at St Nicholas of all the wonderful gifts our children bring to our community.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the many gifts you have given us. Please help us to be generous and cheerful in all we do for you and for each other. Amen.



Ruby Class Assembly

Well Ruby Class really brought the carnival atmosphere to St Nicholas this morning.

They presented their learning from last term, where they had focused on the 7 Saints of St Paul's focusing on St Paul's Carnival. They shared their brilliant carnival masks with the whole school. They were so confident with their speaking – we are all so proud of them. The assembly finished with a whole school carnival dance – with parents evening joining in! Well done Ruby Class.



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Chaplaincy Commissioning

The Chaplains have had a very busy week. On Friday they visited Clifton Cathedral where Bishop Bosco commissioned them into their jobs for this year.

They were each presented with their Chaplain badge which I know they will wear with pride. Our Chaplains are such a fundamental part of our school and we are so thankful for their dedication towards our Catholic Life Journey.

Chaplaincy Training – St Bonaventure’s Church

On Thursday our Chaplaincy team joined lots of schools for a whole school Chaplaincy Day. It was a wonderful chance for them to mix with other children and discuss how they improve the Catholic Life of the school. It was a day full of reflection and lots of craft activities to support prayer life.

Our children were great representatives of our school and their behaviour was commented on by the leaders for how amazing they were. Well done Chaplains.



Tuesday 12th November 2024



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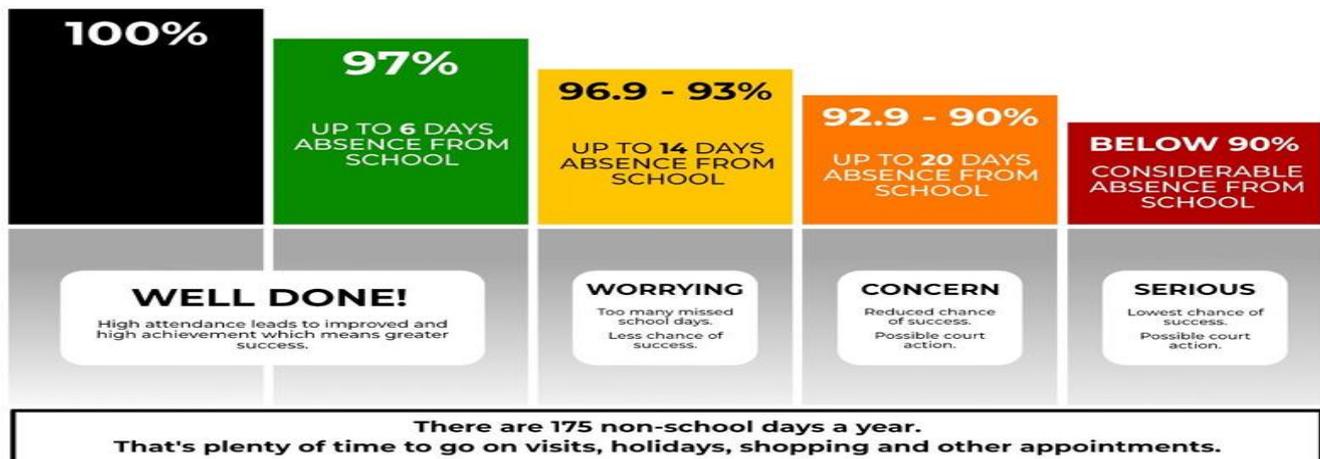
Attendance

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	92.4%	88.1%	7
Emerald Class	94.9%	90%	6
Ruby Class	96.4%	97.9%	14
Amethyst Class	95.6%	96.2%	6
Sapphire Class	96.4%	96.1%	6
Topaz Class	95.6%	92.6%	9
Total	95.4%	93.8%	48

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

Monday 11th November	Anti-bullying Week Remembrance Day Y6 rehearsing at Trinity Centre
Tuesday 12th November	Y5 Forces workshop at Science Creates Odd Socks Day – children can wear Odd Socks
Thursday 14th November	World Diabetes Day
Friday 15th November	Children in Need – wear something Spotty 9am – Emerald Class Assembly 3.10pm – Cake Sale for Children in need
Monday 18th November	UK Parliament Week Y6 Performance at Trinity Centre 3.30pm – 5pm
Tuesday 19th November	Y5 and 6 Basketball Tournament 3.30pm – 6pm – Parent's Evening
Wednesday 20th November	3.30pm – 6pm – Parent's Evening
Friday 22nd November	Individual School Photos – School uniform for all children
Monday 25th November	3.15pm – 7pm Y6 Preludes Concert St George
Tuesday 26th November	Mini Police Visit to HQ
Thursday 28th November	Reception Open morning
Friday 29th November	St Andrew's Day – Wear Blue
Tuesday 3rd December	Y4 Preludes Music Trip
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 – KS2 Carol Concert at the Church
Friday 20th December	Last day of Term
Monday 6th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	School starts back for all children

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James