

*'Where charity and love are, God is there'*

## Newsletter 04.10.2024– Term 1 -Week 4

### Reflection: Mark 10:2-16 The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them, but the disciples turned them away. So, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children." Then Jesus hugged the children and blessed each one of them

*"Let's try to be open to God's word, and open to the Lord's surprises when he speaks to us."* Pope Francis

Jesus is open to everyone – he has time for us and cares for us. Jesus hears our prayers and offers his blessing to every person. Being open to Jesus helps us to be more open to one another.

God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God.

How can we be more open to God and to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: spend a little more time in prayer, which is listening to God - it's openness; invite someone round and let them – not us – choose what to play; try to listen and understand if someone has a problem; be ready to forgive someone who may have upset us; try not to demand our own way; be open and ready to accept praise or correction

**Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be more open to you by being kind and open to the people I meet each day. Amen.**



### Year 6 Class Assembly

To Year 6 started our first round of class assemblies. They taught us all that they have been learning about Windrush and the impact this had on Bristol. They sang brilliantly and really brightened up our morning, they really were 'cool'!



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### Class Assemblies

Our class Assemblies begin this term. Please join us on the dates below to share the wonderful learning taking place.

**Sapphire Class – Y5 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9am**

**Amethyst Class – Y4 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9am**

### Harvest Collections

Please send in any Harvest donations for the St Nicholas Food Bank. Any donations greatly received.



### Parent Workshops

We have planned a number of parental workshops this term to help you in supporting your child at home. We would love to see you at these – there will be coffee and biscuits!

- **Maths – how do we teach Maths? - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm**

**Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.**

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.  
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,  
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,  
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags        |

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website  
[www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.  
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,  
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

Please use the clothing bag provided.  
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

**7th October 2024**

**Please remember - NO UNIFORM**



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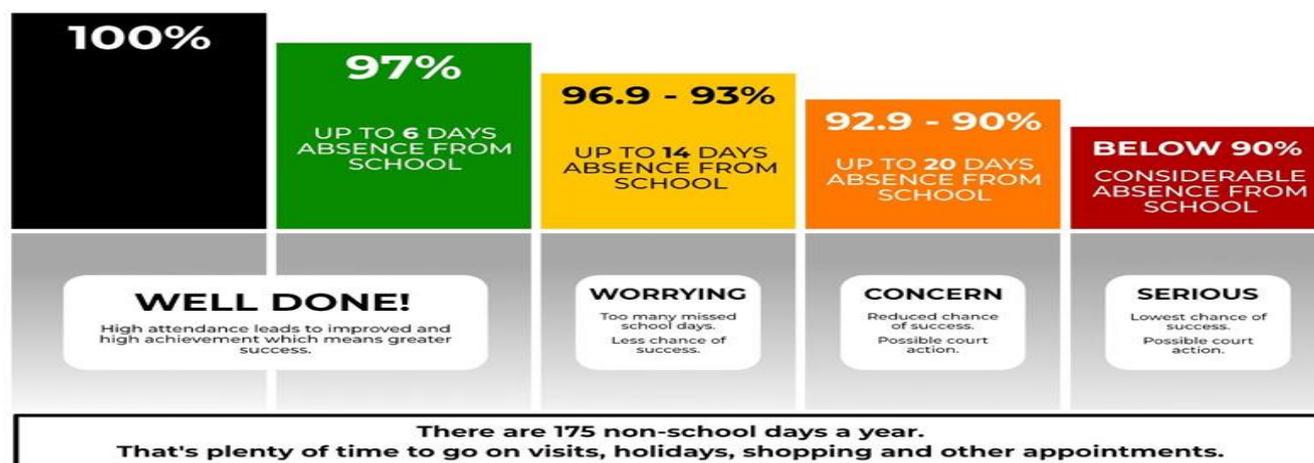
## Attendance

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	93.6%	91.3%	6
Emerald Class	94.4%	94.3%	7
Ruby Class	96.4%	96.4%	14
Amethyst Class	96.8%	100%	10
Sapphire Class	97%	98.7%	8
Topaz Class	96.2%	95.7%	13
<b>Total</b>	95.9%	96.7%	58

## 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:**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Rags to Riches Collection 3.30m - How we teach Maths Parent Workshop
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Book Fair Visiting 9am – Sapphire Y5 Class Assembly 10am – Mini Police Trip to Police Headquarters
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Ruby Class Y1/2 walk to Carmen Beckford Mural
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9am – Amethyst Y4 Class Assembly
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Y5/6 at life Science Building
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	3.15pm - St Nicholas Art Gallery
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9am Whole School Black History Month Assembly – Parents welcome
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	INSET Day – School Closed for Pupils

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James