

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 27.09.2024– Term 1 -Week 3

Reflection: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

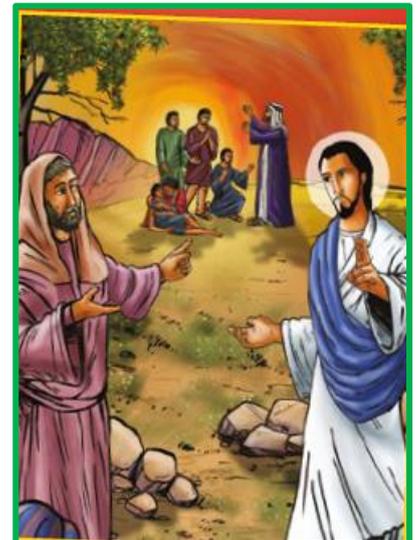
John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out evil spirits in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you most truly, they will most certainly not lose their reward."

"Let us all owe God to fill our hearts with his goodness. A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread." Pope Francis

Whenever we perform an act of goodness for the love of God (without looking for personal praise or for thanks), even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others – showing God's goodness at work in our lives.

We can show our love for God through trying our best to grow in goodness. Each of you decide on a particular act of goodness which you will offer at home, at school or in the parish – to make life better for others this week.

Dear Lord Jesus, you are the source of all goodness. Thank you for all the people who to grow in goodness and become the best that we can be. Amen.



St Nicholas in Bloom

It has been great to have gardening club and green team back on the allotment this term. They were so excited about harvesting their carrots! They also tried a few broad beans (sleeping in a blanket bed) and they are waiting for the pumpkin and the huge tomatoes to ripen. What amazing stewards of creation you all are! Thank you, Miss McAllister, for helping our Green Team to Grow!

You may have noticed that there is an exciting development outside Reception Class. We are in the process of growing our meadow of wild flowers. The children in year 4 helped with planting the first seeds, keep an eye out for those shoots



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European Day of Languages

This year's theme for European Languages Day was Languages for Peace. We are so fortunate to have many languages spoken here at St Nicholas in our wonderful Diverse community. On Thursday the children explored lots of activities and learning around languages.



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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.

Topaz Class – Y6 – Friday 4th October 9am

Sapphire Class – Y5 – Friday 11th October 9am

Amethyst Class – Y4 – Friday 18th October 9am

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!

- Keep your child safe online. Monday 30th September at 3.30pm.
- Maths – how do we teach Maths? - Monday 7th October at 3.30pm

Behaviour Policy

As a school we have worked hard on our positive behaviour policy and recognise the need to praise the positive learning behaviours we see. There are however, a small handful of children who demonstrate some behaviours not in line with our school values and ethos. We are therefore, introducing a new level to our policy in the form of a yellow and red card system.

- Children will be given quiet reminders to improve behaviour
- If no improvement a Yellow warning card will be issued which will result 10 minutes missed play.
- If children can improve behaviour the card will be removed and reset.
- If a further warning is required, this will result in a Red card, meaning removal from class for 20mins and missing half of their playtime – parents will be informed if red cards are issued.
- On a Friday – any children who do not receive yellow cards will be able to be praised with an extra playtime.

We have been discussing these changes with the children, at the end of the term I will consult with children on how they are working. I do ask for your support this year with behaviour, I always listen to all children and am fair – we all want the best for St Nicholas.

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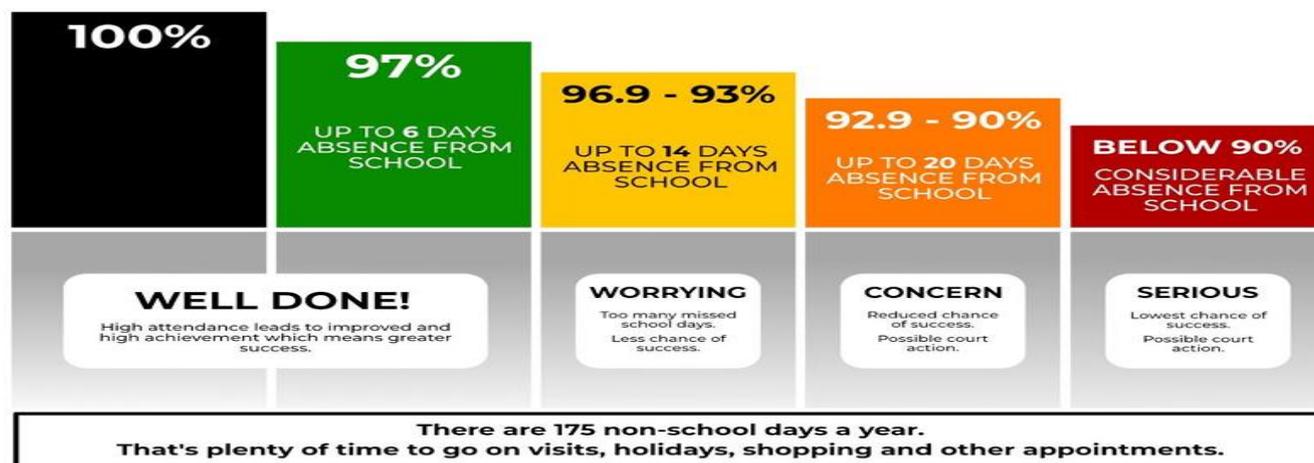
Attendance

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	94.4%	93.8%	7
Emerald Class	94.5%	98.6%	9
Ruby Class	96.4%	96.7%	9
Amethyst Class	96.2%	94.1%	11
Sapphire Class	96.5%	100%	5
Topaz Class	96.4%	94.8%	9
Total	95.8%	97.4%	50

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:

Monday 30th September	Start of Little Way Week 3.30pm - Keep your child Safe online parent workshop
Tuesday 1st October	Start of Black History Month
Thursday 3rd October	Reception- Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccine
Friday 4th October	Diverse Saints Day 9am – Topaz Y6 Class Assembly
Monday 7th October	Rags to Riches Collection 3.30m - How we teach Maths Parent Workshop
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11th October	Book Fair Visiting 9am – Sapphire Y5 Class Assembly 10am – Mini Police Trip to Police Headquarters
Thursday 17th October	Ruby Class Y1/2 walk to Carmen Beckford Mural
Friday 18th October	9am – Amethyst Y4 Class Assembly
Monday 21st October	Y5/6 at life Science Building
Tuesday 22nd October	3.15pm - St Nicholas Art Gallery
Thursday 24th October	9am Whole School Black History Month Assembly – Parents welcome
Friday 25th October	INSET Day – School Closed for Pupils

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James