

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 20.09.2024– Term 1 -Week 2

Reflection: 24th Week in Ordinary Time - Year B Mark 8:27-35

After teaching his disciples about what was going to happen to him (how he would die, but, after three days, rise from the dead), Jesus asked them: "What were you arguing about earlier?" No one answered his question, because they'd been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. So Jesus sat down, gathered his twelve special friends around him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must put themselves last of all and become the servant of all."

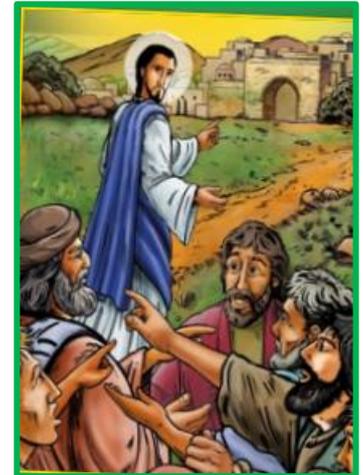
What matters to God is that we care for, love and serve one another. We show our greatness by serving others.

Serving is part of everyday life, particularly family life. It is serving others which makes people truly great, deeply loved and warmly remembered. The happiest people on earth are actually those who serve others.

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others." Pope Francis

As a family, consider if there is any person or organisation that could benefit from your physical or prayerful service in this coming week.

Dear Lord Jesus, you served others. Please help me to follow your example, so that my home, my school and my community may be filled with your love. Amen.



Y6 Music workshops with Preludes

A group of musicians worked with year 6 on Monday and introduced them to a range of instruments including a kora and djembe drums. They explored different sounds and rhythms to compose a group piece. This was only the first session so we can't wait to see where the next workshops take them! When all workshops are complete they will perform in a final concert.



Mini Police

PCSO Nick joined us today to begin with our new recruits of Mini Police. Over the course of the terms, they will work with PCSO Nick to learn the importance of the police, they will also be exploring how they can help our local community through various activities.



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Year 4 Trip to Muller Museum

Across the school this is our 'Significant Bristolians' History term. Each class is researching an individual who played a role in making our city what it is today.

On Thursday, Year 4 went to the Muller Museum to discover how George Muller founded orphan homes across the city to care for thousands of children in Victorian times. We enjoyed dressing up, eating bread & treacle and playing outside where the children in the homes would have played.



The stork is landing at St Nicks

We are so delighted to share that Mrs Barker is expecting her second baby in January. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and her family. I am currently working with the Newman Trust to plan for cover whilst she is on Maternity and ensure that a seamless handover can be completed. As soon as we know more, we will inform you. I know that many of you have a close relationship with Mrs Barker and the work she does for our children with SEND we will ensure that this support continues.



Uniform

We are all so proud to be a part of St Nicholas school, and we have all seen first-hand the improvements made within the school. This year we are focusing on uniform, all children **MUST** wear correct uniform each day.

- Grey/black trousers, tailored shorts or skirt
- Pale blue polo shirt or shirt (ties to be worn with shirts)
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan
- Plain black shoes

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- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black/grey jogging bottoms or shorts
- Navy Jumper
- No Sports Sets
- Trainers or daps

We are exploring suppliers for purchasing logo jumpers and cardigans, I will let you know as soon as we have some feedback.



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New Toilets

We are so excited that our new toilets for Key Stage 1 are now finished.

They are so lovely and such an improvement on what was there before. Our children really are worth it, and I can't wait until they get to use them next week. Thank you to PRJ Contractors for their amazing work – everyone at St Nicholas is grateful.



Attendance

What can I say, Attendance has been so much improved this week we are so impressed. Attendance is a large part of our school development this year, children can not learn if they are not in school. We understand that children do become unwell and may need a day off for genuine illness. We are monitoring patterns weekly for families and will be contact sooner if attendance is causing concern. It is a legal requirement for all children to attend school. If you are worried about your child's attendance, please contact Miss Delves to make an appointment.

Any class that gets 100% attendance for each week will have the opportunity for a non-uniform day the following week.

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!

- Phonics Workshop – help your child to read at home. Monday 23rd September at 3.30pm
- Family Hub – Coffee Morning – Wednesday 25th September 9am
- 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 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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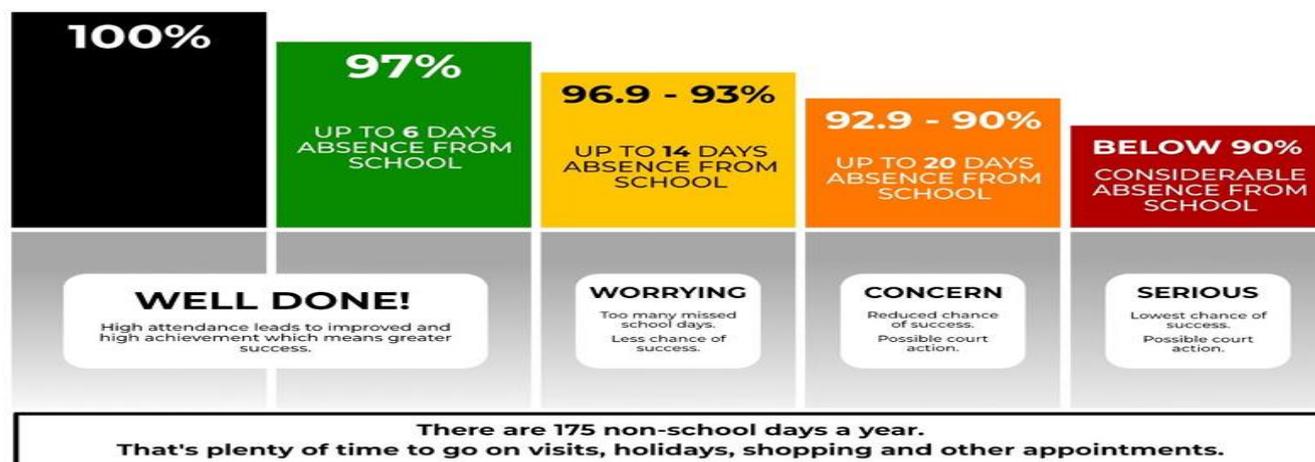
Attendance

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	94.8%	93.1%	4
Emerald Class	92.9%	97%	2
Ruby Class	96.2%	96.7%	6
Amethyst Class	97%	98.6%	5
Sapphire Class	95.5%	95.9%	4
Topaz Class	97%	95.4%	7
Total	95.6%	96.3%	28

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 23rd September	3.30pm - Parent Phonic Workshop
Wednesday 25th September	9am – Family Hub Coffee Morning
Thursday 26th September	European Day of Languages
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