

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 13.09.2024– Term 1 -Week 1

Reflection:

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school, the school has had a bit of a facelift inside, with lovely new wooden doors and a freshly painted corridor and hall. We are eagerly awaiting the finish to the toilets for KS1.

This week the children have been reflecting on our value of the term Respect. During assembly yesterday we thought about Respect for the rules. It is important to know that rules are there to keep us safe and also to ensure everyone else feels safe.

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments and we can still use these in our lives today. We talked about each of them and how they are relevant today. The children reflected on rules, and how even though we may not always like them, they are there for a reason. Going deeper we looked at the British Value of Mutual Respect and how this can be demonstrated by us all.

As we move through this term, we will be reflecting on respect further and ask for your support at home, with discussing with your child how we all must follow the behaviour rules to create a safe and happy environment for everyone.

**Dear God,
Please help us to show
respect for others and to
keep the rules of our
school so that it is a happy
and safe place to be.
Thank you for giving
the Ten Commandments to
Moses and thank you that
they still contain good
advice for us today.
Amen.**



Feast of St Nicholas Mass

On Tuesday we gathered in the school hall to celebrate Mass on the Feast day of St Nicholas. We welcome Fr Richard and Mary to school for the special Mass.

St. Nicholas of Tolentino was born in 1245 in Italy. He was born into a family who recognised his 'being' as a very special gift. From a young age, he joined a religious order, and lived a spiritual life. Because of his kind and gentle nature, he gave his life to feeding the poor each day. Even when people questioned him, he did not give up on what he felt was important. Even when St Nicholas become very ill himself, he still thought and gave generously to others in need. We thought about and prayed that we may be as kind, caring and generous as our special Saint, Saint Nicholas.

The Chaplains were incredible and led the Mass beautifully, we know they are going to grow the Catholic life of the school even further this year.

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Cultural Alliance Workshops

As part of our ongoing work with the Trinity Centre. Year 4, 5 and 6 have begun their project around Cultural Alliance this week. These workshops take place each week. The project will allow everyone to explore their own creativity, increasing confidence and self-esteem in children as learners, encouraging more creative risk taking through arts-based learning. We are so excited to be part of the programme and will share what the children are doing each week.



Welcome Reception Class of 2024

This week we have loved getting to know our new Reception children. They are already so settled, and we are extremely proud of them all. Each day they have been learning the routines and we have been particularly impressed with their behaviour at lunchtime. I know they are going to have an amazing year and I can't wait to watch them grow.

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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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.

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.

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

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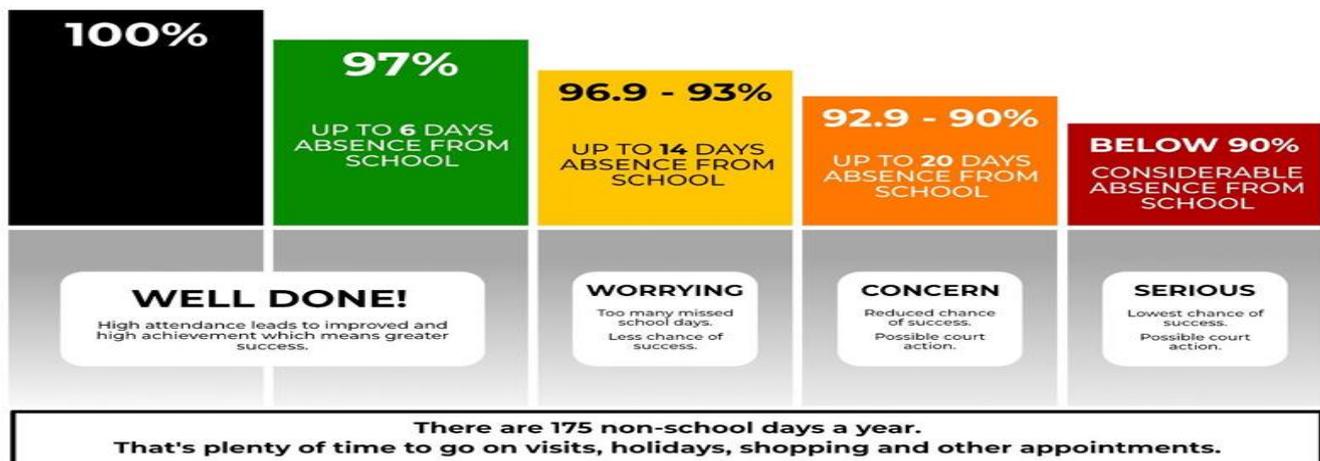
Attendance

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	96.6%	98.3%	2
Emerald Class	90.3%	91.3%	3
Ruby Class	95.9%	95.8%	7
Amethyst Class	96%	97.3%	6
Sapphire Class	94.9%	96.8%	2
Topaz Class	97.9%	98.8%	10
Total	95.2%	96.2%	30

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 16th September	Clubs Start
Wednesday 18th September	Y4 Amethyst Trip to Muller Museum
Thursday 19th September	EYFS Forest School Start
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 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
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