

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 05.07.2024– Term 6 -Week 5

Reflection: Mark 6:1-6 The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus welcomes all people and he wants us to welcome him into our lives too.

When we welcome Jesus as the Son of God, we discover the happiness of belonging to God's family; God is our Father, and we are His children.

"Let us welcome the light of God into our hearts." Pope Francis

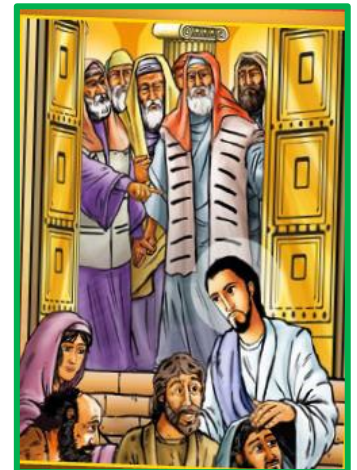
"God's will is that we grow in our capacity to welcome one another." Pope Francis

God lives in everyone. When we are welcoming to others, we are also welcoming to God.

Jesus came to help people and tell them about God's love for everyone, but he did not always receive a warm welcome.

How can we welcome Jesus' call to become more like him.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to welcome all visitors to our home, to our school and to our community, as special people who are loved by you. Amen.

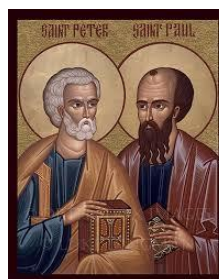


Mass of St Peter and Paul

This week we attended church for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. We were so proud of our new Chaplains this year who all helped to lead the Mass and ready perfectly – we cannot wait to see all their achievements as Chaplains next year!

End of Term Date Reminders

Friday 12th July – Reports will come out
Monday 15th July 9am – End of year Celebration Assembly – you will be notified if your child is receiving a special certificate
Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Hoodwinked Performance – All welcome
Wednesday 17th July – 9.30am – Y6 Leavers Mass at St Nicholas Church – All Welcome
Friday 19th July – 9am – Y6 Leavers Assembly – All welcome



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Attendance is changing!

From September there is new guidelines coming into force regarding attendance and absence. This is particularly around Penalty Notices and Leave of absences. There will no authorised leave of absences for holidays, and such requests will result in penalty notices being issued in line with government guidelines. Exceptional Circumstances will be dealt with individually, this does not mean these will be automatically authorised for the duration requested. Further information will be sent out in September.

5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term-time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

**A school day has 2 sessions:
1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day**

A **school week** means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 6 sessions of holiday plus 4 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

Bristol City Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

Unchanged

Penalty Notice fines are issued **Per Parent, Per child**. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. For example: If 2 siblings are absent for a term-time holiday this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

Reduced to: **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance to the **same parent** for the **same child** the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

There is no reduction in the amount.

Third Offence or Any Further Offences (in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance by the **same parent** for the **same child** (including those by other Local Authorities) a Penalty Notice will NOT be issued but will be referred to Bristol City Council's Education Welfare service for **Prosecution** which may result in fines of upto **£2,500** per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate.

What is a Penalty Notice?

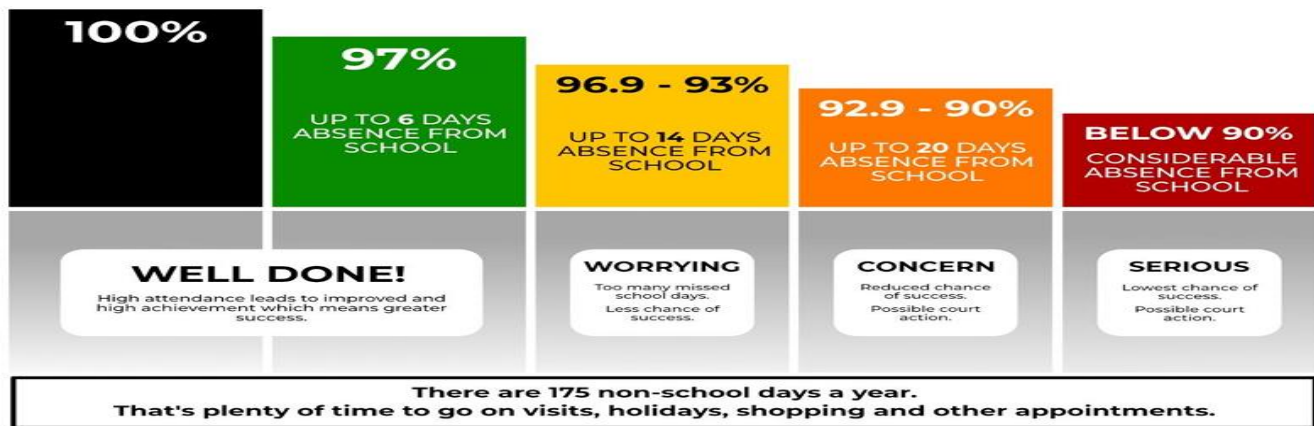
A Penalty Notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second Penalty Notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences may result in criminal prosecution.

The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold is met – in each individual case, the school **must** consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate

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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

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



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	90.8%	97.9%	2
Emerald Class	92.7%	94.9%	17
Ruby Class	92.4%	89.1%	7
Amethyst Class	93%	96%	7
Sapphire Class	92.6%	95.7%	13
Topaz Class	93%	93.2%	5
Total	92.6%	94.2%	51

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:

Tuesday 9th July	Year 3 trip to Sparks
Thursday 11th July	Reception Trip to Temple Meads
Friday 12th July	Reports out to parents Summer Fair 2.30pm – 5pm
Monday 15th July	9am End of year celebration assembly 1pm – Children meet their new teacher
Tuesday 16th July	1.30pm – Year 6 Hoodwinked Production – all parents welcome
Friday 19th July	9am Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James