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## Newsletter 28.06.2024– Term 6 -Week 4

### Reflection: Mathew 16:13-19 The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, Year B

Having faith is to believe and trust in God's love for us. Faith is one of life's greatest blessings. The Church exists to help people to grow in their faith and there's no better time than now to explore and refresh your faith.

*"The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. How beautiful it is to support each other in the wonderful adventure of faith!"* Pope Francis

Faith is a gift from God that greatly enriches our lives. A family full of faith is a family full of joy.

Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father and helps happiness and love to grow in our families.

*As a family, what can you do, in these coming weeks, to help your faith to grow?*

*"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these."* St Ignatius of Antioch

**Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of faith. Please increase the faith of our family so that we can know you more closely. Amen.**



### ITV news Visits St Nicholas

On Monday a group of Year 6 children were interviewed by ITV news for their opinions and experiences of St Paul's Carnival. We are so thrilled they chose the children at St Nicks. They commented on the energy our children had and how amazing they were. We will let you know when this will be aired.



### Year 4 Cultural Alliance Workshop

Year 4 loved expressing themselves through drama with our workshop last Friday. We worked in groups to create our own performances on a given theme: food, music and colours. We are so excited to be continuing this project next year!

### Year 3 Cultural Alliance Workshop

Year 3 had a really fun and engaging movement workshop with the ladies from Trinity. We worked in small groups to come up with different types of movements to then put them into a sequence. We then performed out dances to each group. Trinity brought a lot of energy to the workshop and the children really enjoyed themselves!



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### Year 5 Cultural Alliance Workshop

Year 5 met with creatives from Trinity for a creative workshop! They made posters with their names to introduce themselves and spoke about how everyone is creative in their own way! They also interviewed children about what they believe creativity is... they even interviewed Mr Ford!



### Year 6 Perform at the Beacon

Last Friday Year 5 and 6 were invited to special performance at The Bristol Beacon to celebrate Windrush Day. They performed with Pegasus Opera Company as part of their travelling songbook performance. The children in year 6 wrote their own song and performed it beautifully. This was such a special event for us to be part of, we feel honoured we were chosen.



### Sports Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July is our Sports Day. Parents are invited to attend.

9am – 10.30am – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2  
11am – 12.15pm – Year 3 and Year 4  
1.30pm – 2.45pm – Year 5 and Year 6



**SPORTS DAY**

### End of Term Date Reminders

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Reports will come out  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9am – End of year Celebration Assembly – you will be notified if your child is receiving a special certificate  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Hoodwinked Performance – All welcome  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am – Y6 Leavers Mass at St Nicholas Church – All Welcome  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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?

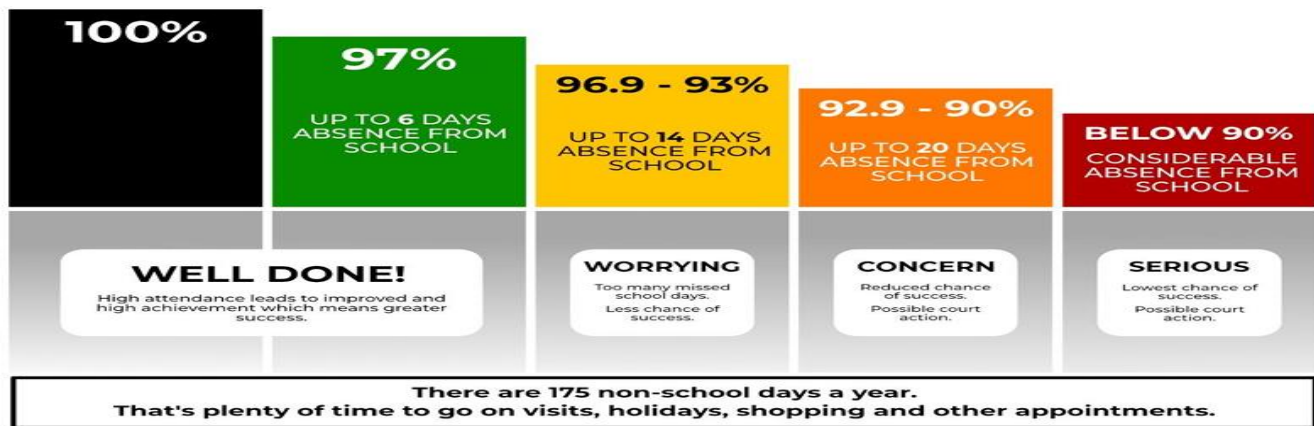
A Penalty Notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 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	90.6%	90%	5
Emerald Class	92.7%	94.7%	17
Ruby Class	92.5%	88.6%	10
Amethyst Class	92.9%	97.5%	11
Sapphire Class	92.5%	97.4%	16
Topaz Class	93%	92.9%	6
<b>Total</b>	92.5%	93.7%	65

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>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	1.30pm Family Forest
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am Mass of St Peter and St Paul
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	SPORTS DAY AM – Key stage 1 PM – Key stage 2
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 trip to Sparks
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception Trip to Temple Meads
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reports out to parents Summer Fair 2.30pm – 5pm
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9am End of year celebration assembly 1pm – Children meet their new teacher
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	1.30pm – Year 6 Hoodwinked Production – all parents welcome
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9am Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James