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## Newsletter 03.05.2024– Term 5 -Week 3

### Reflection: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another."

Jesus says he chose us all to be his friends, and we should love others in the same way as he loves us. He says that we should all do as much as we can to help our friends, and that if we follow his teaching, we will be friends of Jesus.

Friends can make us happy and laugh. They help us when we find things difficult. They are kind and share with us.

Children in other parts of the world are the same as us, they also like to have friends that they play games with, friends who make them happy when they are sad and who help them when they are in trouble.

Jesus asks us today to love others as he has loved us. How do you think we can do this? How can we show love for children who live far away on the other side of the world?

### Year 5 Assembly

Well done to Year 5 on their final class assembly of this year, they were amazing – even with the technical difficulties.

It was a celebration of the great work taking place from French, PE, Dance, Science and even some Chess.

Everyone has commented on how mature they are, and are more than ready for Year 6 next year.

**Generous God, we give thanks for our friends and the joy they bring us. Help us to be generous, loving and kind to all people around the world, so that they may know we are their friends. Amen**



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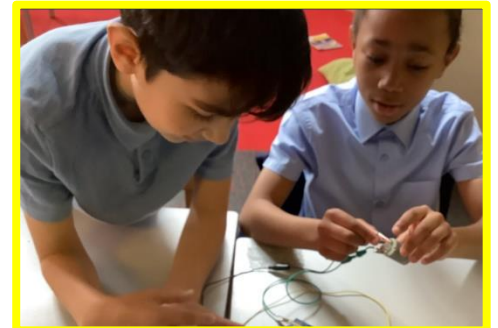
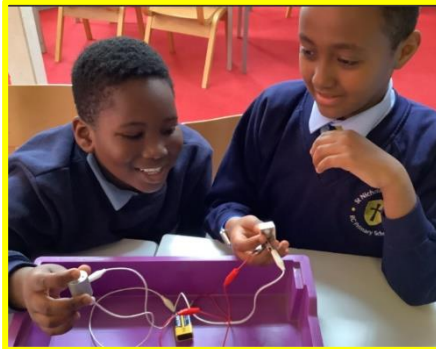
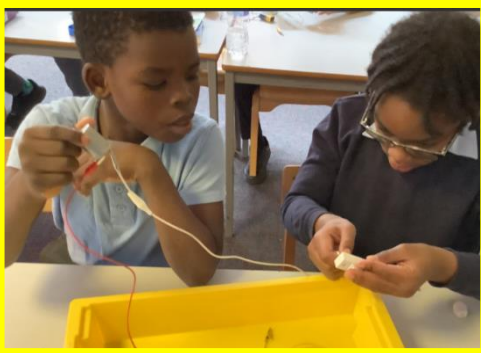
### Gardening update!

It's a busy time of year on the allotment! Green Team and Gardening Club have shown great teamwork when building a new mini greenhouse and clearing some very big rocks from the beds ready to start planting. We have also sown vegetable and flower seeds. Thank you, Miss Eloise, for your donations of seeds!



### Year 4 Electricity

Year 4 have been making electrical circuits as part of their electricity topic. They have been really excited and engaged with the practical element of this topic. Well done Year 4.



On Thursday morning, **Year 5** were visited by the choir group they will be performing with at St Mary Redcliffe this month. They had a final rehearsal of the songs they will be performing and sounded incredible! It has been a pleasure seeing our children working alongside professional singers.

### Reminder!

I have noticed that there are some cars parking right in front of the school gates at the end of the school day. I understand parking is tricky but the gates must be left clear at all times.



Our class Assemblies begin again this term. These have been lovely celebrations of the work the children have been doing in class. Please do come along and share the children's learning with them. All assemblies begin at 9.05am.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Class Assembly**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Class Assembly**

### Reminder!

It has been lovely to see the children back in school looking so smart in their uniforms. I have noticed that a lot of children are wearing jewellery, including necklaces. These are not part of school uniform for health and safety reasons. Please can you remind your child to leave them at home, we would hate for them to be broken or lost. Thank you for your support.

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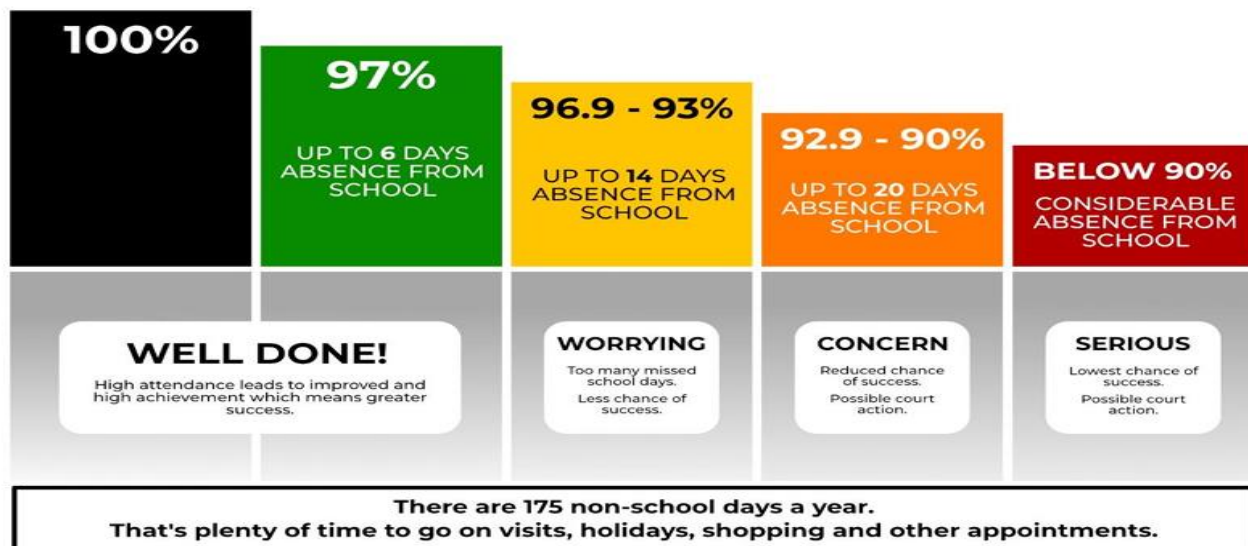
## Attendance

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  | 93.9%             | 87.7%                  | 1                       |
| Emerald Class  | 92%               | 95.3%                  | 9                       |
| Ruby Class     | 92.1%             | 91.3%                  | 6                       |
| Amethyst Class | 91.2%             | 94%                    | 9                       |
| Sapphire Class | 89.2%             | 96.4%                  | 10                      |
| Topaz Class    | 92.7%             | 93.3%                  | 7                       |
| <b>Total</b>   | 91.7%             | 93.5%                  | 42                      |

## 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:**

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| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                 | Bank Holiday  |
| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>                              | 1.30pm Family Forest Afternoon  |
| <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>                               | Yr 1/2 The Bumbles of Honeywood workshop                                |
| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | 9am Y4 Class Assembly   |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> | Y6 SATS week  |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | Start of Mental Health Awareness week<br>Luci Gorell Barnes in - Year 4 |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | 9am – Y3 Class Assembly<br>1.30pm – Y5/6 Inclusive Games                |
| <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>                               | STEMamazing – Whole school assembly (Children only)                     |
| <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>                              | Y5 Preludes Concert   |
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | Last Day of Term!   |

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James