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## Newsletter 26.04.2024– Term 5 -Week 2

### Reflection: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

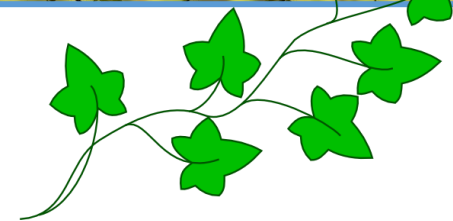
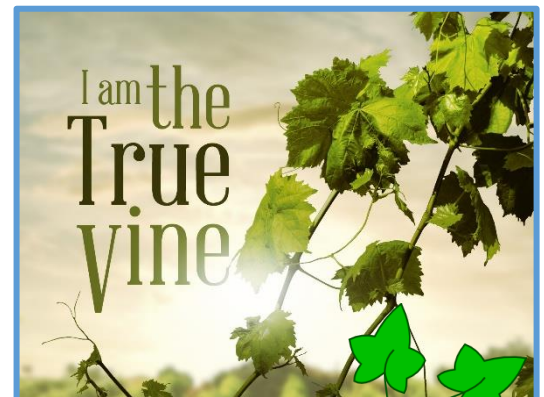
"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Whoever does not remain in me is thrown out like a branch and dries up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples."

Jesus calls us his branches because he supports us, like a tree trunk supports its branches. And he wants us to bear fruit for him. What Jesus means is that he wants us to stay close to him and follow his teachings. This means being the best we can be, loving each other, and loving the beautiful world he has given us. But this world is changing. Because we humans have treated the planet badly, our climate is heating up. And the hotter it gets, the more we see big weather disasters like storms or droughts – when there is no rain and everything dries up like the vine we heard about in today's gospel.

Everyone is affected, but the poorest people suffer the most. There are many ways that we can show love for our neighbour and care for our world. Can you think of some, so that you will be like the strong, healthy branches on the vine that Jesus talks about?

**Generous God,  
support us in all that  
we do as a vine  
supports its  
branches, and help us  
to support and share  
with others around  
the world. Amen.**



### School of Sanctuary Award

As a school we pride ourselves on being an inclusive and welcoming community. As part of our work, we include work in our curriculum to understand the plight of Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Last term we completed the application process to become re-accredited as a School of Sanctuary. We are delighted that we have been awarded the status for a further three years. This recognises the dedication and hard work building our wonderful school community.



**School of**  
**SANCTUARY AWARD**  
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

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### KS2 Dance Club are 'Unstoppable'

On Sunday, the KS2 Dance club visited Trinity Academy to perform as part of the Stages Dance Show.

The children performed in front of about 500 people in the audience. They were incredible, from their enthusiasm to some amazing flips! I am so proud of each and every one of them for having the confidence to get on the stage and perform, we had some lovely comments at how great they were.



### Mini Police

This week our Year 5 Mini Police had their last session with PCSO Nick. As a treat they visited the police station, where they got to have a look around and talk to some police officers. PCSO Nick said the children were a real credit to the school and themselves. Well done Mini Police, I know they have all enjoyed it and PCSO Nick loved visiting them each week.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 5 Class Assembly**  
**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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## Rags2Riches

Thank you so much for your amazing clothes donations, we have raised an amazing **£94.40!!** Thank you to Miss McAllister and the Green Team for organising it.

## Attendance

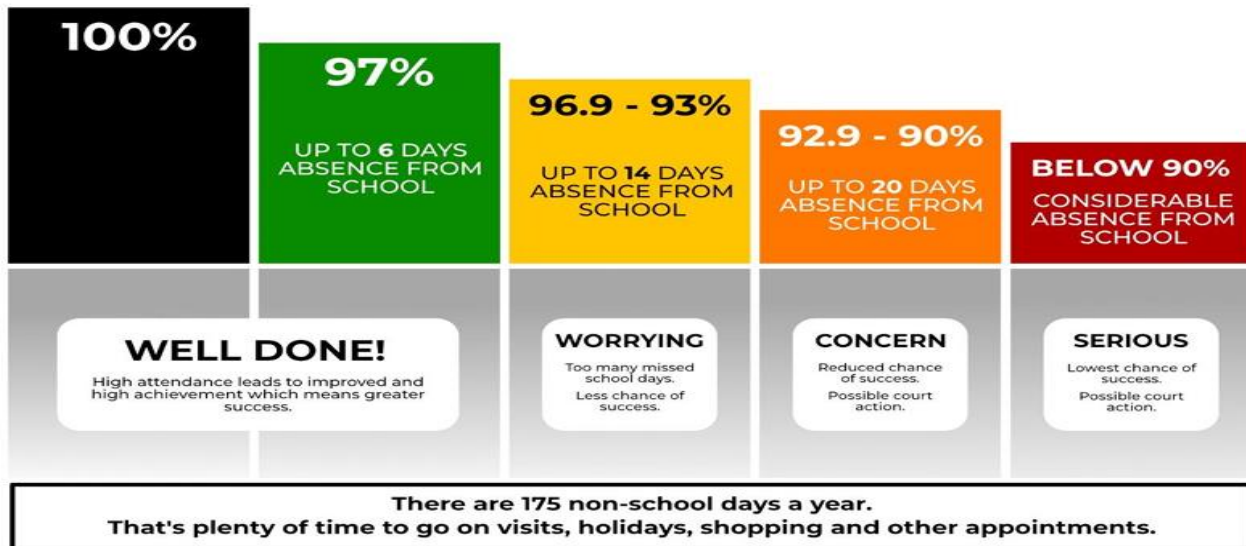
Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

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	91.3%	87.7%	0
Emerald Class	92.8%	88.7%	15
Ruby Class	93.8%	90.9%	9
Amethyst Class	93.2%	88.6%	5
Sapphire Class	93.6%	89.6%	13
Topaz Class	94.3%	87.9%	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.4%</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>49</b>

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## 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

### Dates for your Diary:

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Luci Gorrell Barnes in to work with Year 4
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9am – Y5 Class Assembly 1.30pm – Y5/6 School games football tournament
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm Family Forest Afternoon
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 1/2 The Bumbles of Honeywood workshop
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9am Y4 Class Assembly
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of Mental Health Awareness week Luci Gorell Barnes in - Year 4
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9am – Y3 Class Assembly 1.30pm – Y5/6 Inclusive Games
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	STEMamazing – Whole school assembly (Children only)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5 Preludes Concert
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term!

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James