

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 19.04.2024– Term 5 -Week 1

Reflection: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

"The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."

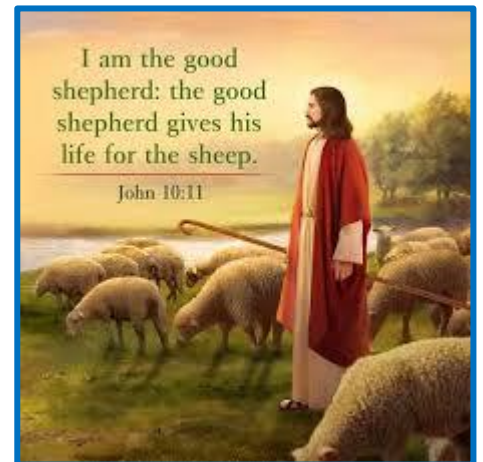
Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, who carefully looks after his sheep.

If a wolf came to attack the sheep in a field, someone who did not care about them would run away, and the sheep would scatter. But Jesus loves his sheep so much he is prepared to die to save them from danger!

Sometimes it can be very difficult to stop someone or something that we do not like or that we know is wrong.

Jesus wants us to follow his example. He asks us to care for all our brothers and sisters around the world, no matter who they are or where they come from. And he doesn't want us to run away when things are difficult. He wants us to stand up for what we believe in and know to be right.

**Loving God, help us
to love and care for
all your people
throughout the world
and to work together
to make the world a
better place. Amen.**



Resurrection Mass

This week we are celebrating the start of another new school term and the season of Easter. During Easter we celebrate Jesus rising following his death to give us new life and hope.

As we start another new term it is also a time for us to see if we can begin the term with new hope and new life. Perhaps we can think about things we may need to change.



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Netball County Finals

After winning the East Bristol School Games 'Stingers' Netball Tournament, St Nics qualified for the County Finals, which took place on Tuesday.

A group of Year 5/6 girls attended the event at Bristol Grammar School via a double decker bus. Travelling in style!

It was a fantastic event, featuring the best 14 teams in the county and we made a fabulous display of ourselves, displaying the School Games ethos of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Self-Belief, Passion and Determination!

We played four games, the best being a 2-0 win! Our scorers on the day being Alaya and Tia! We are so proud of how much our girls are represented in sports, they really are shining examples.



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 3rd May – Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 10th May – Year 4 Class Assembly

Friday 17th 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 this week 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.

Attendance

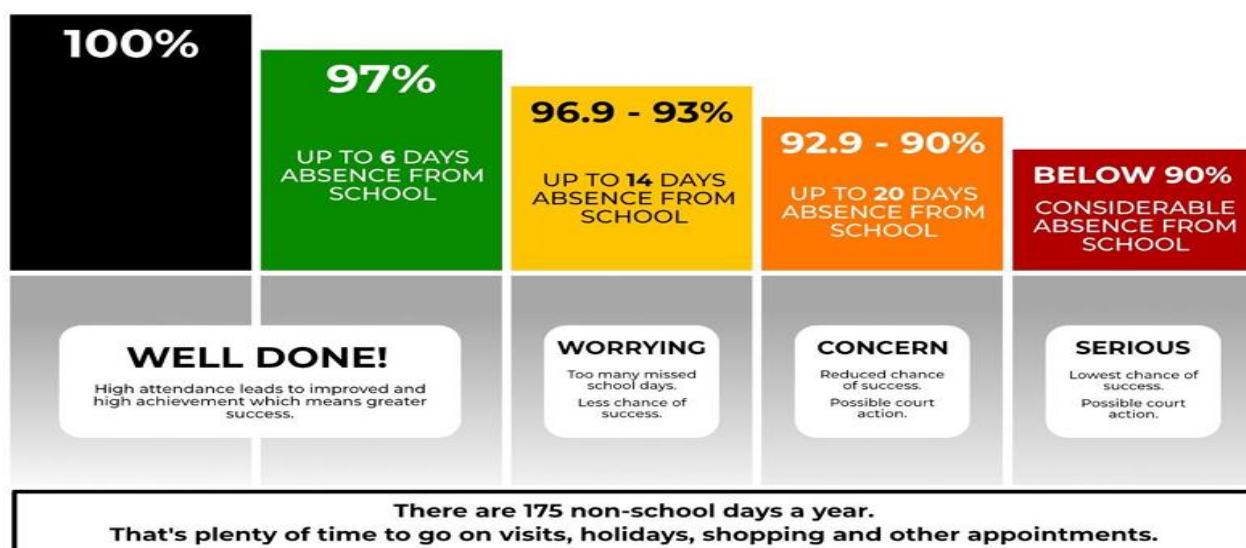
Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

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	91.4%	84.6%	0
Emerald Class	93%	90%	9
Ruby Class	93.9%	98.2%	4
Amethyst Class	93.3%	87.3%	6
Sapphire Class	93.8%	93.9%	9
Topaz Class	94.6%	92.1%	9
Total	93.5%	91.4%	37

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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:

Sunday 21 st April	Dance Club perform at Stages
Friday 26 th April	Rags to Riches Collection
Monday 29 th April	Luci Gorrell Barnes in to work with Year 4
Friday 3 rd May	9am – Y5 Class Assembly
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 th May	1.30pm Family Forest Afternoon
Thursday 9 th May	Yr 1/2 The Bumbles of Honeywood workshop
Friday 10 th May	9am Y4 Class Assembly
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Y6 SATS week
Monday 13 th May	Start of Mental Health Awareness week Luci Gorell Barnes in - Year 4
Friday 17 th May	9am – Y3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 21 st May	STEMamazing – Whole school assembly (Children only)
Thursday 23 rd May	Y5 Preludes Concert
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Term!

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James