

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 26.01.24– Term 3 -Week 3

Reflection: Mark 1:29-39

Simon's mother-in-law is sick. She has a fever and is in bed. Jesus arrives at the house, takes her by the hand and helps her out of bed. Immediately she feels better.

Later that day lots of people who were ill came to the place where Jesus was. Some of them may have travelled a long way. Jesus helped them all, curing them and making them feel better. Jesus cared for people and wanted to help them. He was able to make people well again because he is God's son. When people saw what he could do, they believed in him.

Jesus healed all those who came to him for help. Although we cannot heal people the way Jesus did, we can help them by making sure that wherever they are in the world, they are able to reach a doctor, or that the doctor can reach them, and that they get the medicine that they need.

We can also show people here who are ill that we care about them by looking after them, taking them some food or drink, by sending them a card or letter in the post, by phoning them or perhaps by going to the shops for them if they can't get out.

What will you do to show someone who is sick that you care this week?

God of love, help us all to follow Jesus' example of loving care, and to treat all those who are ill with kindness and tenderness. Amen.



Year 4 Class Assembly

What an amazing assembly we had had from Year 4 this morning. They crammed in so much of their learning about Mountains.

We got to witness some of the amazing talents they have, from singing, dancing, playing instruments and reading beautifully. Well done Year 4.



St Nick's FC News

Year 3 and 4 visited Easton Primary school for matches on Monday. It was a great experience, experiencing both winning and losing and learning the values associated with this. The children represented our school admirably and we are looking forward to seeing their progression in our school's sporting journey! There were lots of goals scored across the two games, including 4 from Noah and 3 from Mamadou. Well done all!

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St Nicholas sing at The Bristol Beacon

Thank you to the children and parents who came on Sunday. It was such a magical moment, listening to our children sing. We have received so many comments about how great the children were; I am so proud of them all – I can't wait to take them to other events to show off their talents!



Mini Police

Well done to our Mini Police who have been supporting our local community with litter picking this week. What a great way to look after God's Creation.

Year 5 welcome a choir

Year 5 had a visit from the Preludes choir, where they practiced warming up, conducting to change pitch and tempo of their singing and finally singing in rounds to create a wonderful piece. They are currently building up to perform in a concert later this year!



Gardening Club

This week at Gardening After School Club Miss McAllister and the team were busy planting all sorts of seeds! They did a fantastic job, it's lovely to see them looking after our garden.



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Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Parent Questionnaire during Term 2. We have been reviewing the responses and are really pleased with the results.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral
My child is happy at this school	69%	23%	8%
My child feels safe at this school	65%	35%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	77%	23%	
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	73%	19%	8%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	65%	27%	8%
The school has high expectations of my child	68%	28%	4%
My child does well at this school	69%	23%	8%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	81%	15%	4%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	65%	31%	4%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	58%	31%	12%
My child takes part in clubs and activities at this school	85%	12%	4%
The school is well led and managed	81%	19%	
	Yes	No	
I would recommend this school to another parent	100%		

From the questionnaire parents were also asked for their comments for how we can further develop the school.

Need to introduce more culture meals for school dinners – We have looked into the menu, at the moment our food is provided by a company that manages a number of schools so the menu is unable to be changed. As part of our future developments we are reviewing the lunches provided – but this will be something that will take time for us to review.

Changing reading books – The expectation is that books are changed weekly. We do not change books when children have finished them in KS1/EYFS, children have to read a book fluently before they are able to change their books. We can provide some extra books if you need more to read.

Provide a timetable what they are learning every day – All classes do provide an overview for the term to show what the children are learning by posting this on class dojo and the website. Timetables do change on a weekly basis sometimes so it is not always easy to post weekly timetables. But please do look at the class page on the website and class dojo to find out everything your child will be learning.

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What do our parents
think of St Nicholas
School?

Keep up the
good job you've
been doing.

I have always loved this school the
staff are wonderful and look after the
children well. The structure of
lessons, after school clubs,
involvement with the church, as well as
involving the parents in the children's
assemblies has improved beyond my
expectations.

Very happy with the
school and all the
staff. Very friendly
and easy to talk to.

I swapped my child from
another school last minute
when she was in Reception
and I'm so glad I did, I
really like the school.

This is a happy and
respectful school.
Parents put your
children in this
school.

It's amazing, the
support they give in
difficult circumstances
shows how they go above
and beyond to make sure
the children are good
mentally.

Very pleased with
the school and
feel listened to.

St Nicholas is a school that I
would recommend to any parent
over and over again. Their
desire to make sure my son
catches up with his peers is very
amazing. My son has improved
since he joined the school.

Thank you for giving and
providing my son a good
education, as he is always
excited to wake up in the
morning to prepare to go
to school.

Keep
soaring
higher.

I can see the
progress that the
school is making and I
am very happy.

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REMEMBER!



**Bushcraft in Nature:
After School Club**
AT THE TRINITY CENTRE

3:30PM - 5:00PM EVERY MONDAY
BETWEEN 15/01/24 - 25/03/24

Free sessions with activities available for
8 - 11 year olds

Campfire cooking, arts and crafts,
Nature Play, making friends

Snacks provided, often sourced
from the garden

All wet weather kit provided and indoor
space available if needed

'Walking bus' available from Hannah More to
Trinity Centre at 3.15pm for each session
(via St Nicholas of Tolentine at 3.25pm)

THE TRINITY CENTRE
TRINITY RD, ST JUDES
BRISTOL, BS2 0NW

Any queries, call on
0117 9351200
and ask for the Youth Team

Find out more:


TRINITY

Walking Bus:

We are really fortunate that we are able to offer a walking bus. We have noticed this week that some children are not on time. Here is a reminder of the times

First stop 8.10am – 8.15am (St Mattias House)
Second Stop - 8.20am – 8.25am (Haviland House)



Could I ask parents if you are dropping off your children to school, please do not leave younger children unattended in your vehicles. Children can be dropped at the gate and walk round to breakfast club if you are unable to come onto school site.

Please use the QR code on the leaflet to book your child's after school club place. Leaflets are available in the school office also.

Uniform

A reminder that Jewellery is not permitted as part of school uniform. This is a health and safety reason, necklaces and larger ear rings can catch on the equipment that children use. Small stud earrings are permitted but not hoops or dangling ear rings. Children will be asked to remove them.

Class Assemblies – Round Two.

We are so excited to welcome you to more of our class assemblies!

Year 3 – Friday 9th February
Year 1 and 2 – Friday 1st March
Reception – Friday 8th March

St Nicholas has Talent!!!

Thank you for your understanding when the Talent show had to be rearranged last term. The new date is Friday 9th February 2024 at 1.30pm. The children are very excited to showcase their talents. Please do come along and see how amazing our children are!

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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	91.9%	96.9%	4
Emerald Class	92.8%	95.7%	15
Ruby Class	93.1%	93.5%	8
Amethyst Class	92.4%	93%	9
Sapphire Class	91.9%	94.4%	13
Topaz Class	93.2%	95.7%	12
Total	92.7%	94.8%	61

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 - Term 3

Wednesday 7th February	3.30pm - Y5/6 Home League Football Fixture v Cathedral
Friday 9th February	Last Day of Term 9.00am – Y3 Class Assembly 1.30pm – KS2 Talent Show – all welcome to watch

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James