

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 10.11.23– Term 2 -Week 2

Reflection

In its early years, Remembrance Day remembered specifically the soldiers who died in the 1914 Great War amid the poppies on Flanders fields. Now it extends to soldiers killed in all wars. But it is also a day to remember more generally the suffering and death caused by war and so to commit to making peace.

Images of war, violence and destruction fill our social media feeds. Pope Francis has been inviting us to think of our neighbour since he began his papacy and through the release his Encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, we are called again to consider who is our neighbour.

On this day of Remembrance, we remember the courageous men and women who gave their lives in wartime and as a result of war. As we remember the lives that have been lost, let us promise each other to work for the freedom of all who are oppressed in the world today. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus who taught us how to live.

**O God of the nations,
as we look to that day when you will
gather people
from north and south, east and west,
into the unity of your peaceable
Kingdom,
guide with your just and gentle
wisdom all who take counsel
for the nations of the world,
that all your people may spend their
days in security, freedom, and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Lest we forget.



Year 3 Class Assembly

Well done to year 3, who presented their first class assembly this week. We loved seeing all your work, especially your amazing volcano pictures. You are obviously already enjoying your new topic 'why are rocks special?' The children spoke and presented brilliantly, it is lovely to see the children's confidence growing during our assemblies. As always thank you to the parents for attending.



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Outside School Achievements – Adrian F (Y6)

Adrian has been part of Bristol City since the age of 6, and he now proudly represents the Under 11s team. Primarily a winger, he exhibits versatility by playing anywhere on the field. He has managed to net an impressive tally of 6 goals in the current season.

Adrian thrives in the high standard training environment, constantly pushing himself by observing and learning from his fellow players. His team ethic is strong, and they share similar interests, fostering a supportive and competitive atmosphere. Under the guidance of top-level coaches, Adrian receives constructive feedback on his strengths and areas for improvement. His current focus is on refining his two-touch passing and enhancing his shooting skills.

With ambitions firmly in sight, Adrian aspires to continue his football journey with Bristol City and set his sights on a future at a prestigious club like Liverpool. Representing the school team holds a special place in Adrian's heart as it allows him to showcase his skills and express his pride in the school. Adrian's advice to younger children at the school is to play in their own unique style, collaborate with their peers, and maintain a positive attitude. He understands the importance of balancing sports with a strong education and is a dedicated student, believing that a good education complements a successful sporting career.

All of our school community is all extremely proud of Adrian and will support him in his future endeavours!



St Nicholas Christmas Fair – Wednesday 13th December

St Nicholas Community we need you!

Our annual Christmas Fair is fast approaching; we need donations for the raffle and tombola. If you are able to donate anything, please let the office know. All money raised goes straight back to the children – last year's Christmas fair paid for their whole school pantomime this year!



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Reception Open Days for September 2024



Friday 13th October 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 1st November 1:30-3pm

Thursday 7th December 9:30-11:30am

If you are unable to attend these dates/times please contact the school office to arrange a visit, we are happy to help.

To book a visit, please call 01173772260 or email st.nicholas.p@bristol-schools.uk



Winter craft stay and play session at
St Nicholas of Tolentine RC primary
school

When:

Saturday 25th November at 10am – 12pm



Who can join in?

Sessions are for children aged under 5. If you have an older sibling who attends St Nick's, they are welcome to come too.



What will be doing?

We will be providing a range of different activities, with opportunities to explore our brilliant outdoor area!



If you would like to attend, please call the school office on 0117 377 2260 or email st.nicholas.p@bristol-schools.uk to book a place!



This year we are introducing class assemblies. These will take place on a Friday morning at 9am, all parents are invited to share what the children have been learning. The dates for Term 1 are below, other classes will follow in Term 2. **All parents are welcome!**

Friday 17th November – Year 1 and 2 Assembly

Parking outside the school grounds

I understand that parking is now difficult following the installations of the parking charges at the church/Dunstan. I am still awaiting to hear from them to see if we can have some time in the morning and afternoon. In the meantime, please can I ask that you park considerably outside of school, we still need to ensure that our families are safe entering and leaving the school. As always thank you for your support.

Bike Parking

We love that lots of our community travel to school by bike. Unfortunately, last week a bike was damaged when it was locked up. Please remind your children that other people's bikes are there when locking up theirs. We need to help look after everyone's bikes. Thank you.

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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	93.8%	97.3%	4
Emerald Class	92.1%	95.4%	16
Ruby Class	94.3%	96.3%	3
Amethyst Class	93.3%	95.7%	11
Sapphire Class	91.8%	90%	8
Topaz Class	93.3%	96.4%	16
Total	93%	95.1%	59

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 2

Monday 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week Starts Year 5/6 Girls football tournament
Tuesday 14th November	Y5 and Y6 Swimming 3.30pm Parent's Evening
Thursday 16th November	3.30pm Parent's Evening
Friday 17th November	Children in Need – Wear Spots Cake Sale after school 9am Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly
Monday 20th November	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Aerospace Museum Year 3/4 Football Tournament
Tuesday 21st November	9am EYFS Stay and Play Year 5 and 6 Swimming
Wednesday 22nd November	1pm Year 1 and 2 Podcast Workshop
Thursday 23rd November	Year 5 Trip Re-Fuse Workshop St Nicks V Hannah Moore (away)
Friday 24th November	9am Individual School Photos
Saturday 25th November	Wonderful Winter Craft Session 10am- 12pm Under 5's
Tuesday 28th November	Year 5 Science workshop at Learning Lab Year 5 and 6 Swimming pm.
Wednesday 29th November	9.30am Advent Mass – Parents Welcome St Nicks V Cathedral Home game
Thursday 30th November	St Andrew's Day – Wear Blue Year 3 Trip Bristol Museum
Tuesday 5th December	10am Y5/6 Trip to Panto Arabian Nights



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Wednesday 6th December	Whole School Panto
Thursday 7th December	STEAM Day – Science 9.30am – 11.30am Reception 2024 Open Morning
Friday 8th December	EYFS Stay and Play Christmas Jumper Day 1.30pm KS2 Talent Show
Wednesday 13th December	1.30pm KS1 Nativity 3pm Christmas Fair
Thursday 14th December	2pm KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd January	Children back in School

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James