

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 03.11.23– Term 2 -Week 1

Reflection

This week, as we have returned to school, we have introduced our Virtue of the term – Compassion. We have thought about how we can show Compassion in our everyday lives in school. The children gave some great ideas and we will be looking to see how we can see these in the children.

The Bible tells us that being compassionate is important. Yet we all know that there are times when compassion isn't at the forefront of our priorities. However, we should never walk away from our compassion. It's part of what allows us to connect to others.

May the God of justice and mercy unite us in compassionate solidarity with all those in need, that our lives may be just and merciful, and a source of blessing to many. Amen.

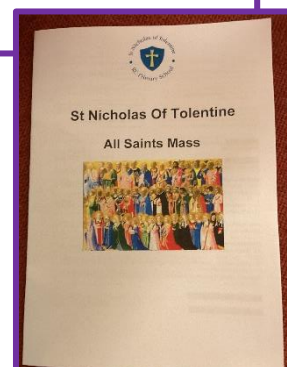


Chaplaincy Training (Reported by the Chaplains)

Our Chaplains team went to do some training. When we entered the hall there were loads of other school waiting to begin. Once we sat down and got comfortable, we started to play a game called 'Always, Sometimes, Never'. After that, we started to talk about rights and responsibilities. During Catholic Social Teaching, we made people paper chains. We talked about loving your neighbour – not those who live next to you but those from around the world as well. We might not share the same city, country or continent but we all share the same world. We all made hearts to show our love.

All Saints Mass

On Wednesday we all attended Church with Fr Richard to celebrate All Saints Mass. We thought about how we can be like Saints in our lives, living how Jesus wants us to live. As always the children were so respectful and their singing filled the church with praise.



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Year 3 and 4

A mysterious box arrived in Year 3 and Year 4 this week... Each class spent a day being 'Undercover CareTakers,' completing missions from inside the box to collect 'buttons' and light up a beacon. Our activities included teambuilding, mindfulness, UcaTok dancing and creating top secret gifts to say thank you to important people in the school.



St Nicks FC news

The football first team began their league season with a 4-1 away win at St Bons School. They showed great determination to keep going, and eventually took control of the game with some fantastic goals. Sami scored a brilliant hattrick and Kebba rounded off the scoring with a superb volley. Player of the match was Jaden, who made a number of impressive interceptions and clearances!



Harp Visit

We were extremely lucky this week to have a visit from a very talented Harpist. She performed for the whole of KS2 and then worked with groups from Year 6 to let them experience playing the harp which is such a beautiful instrument.



Parent's Evening

Parent's evening takes place on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November. From next week you will be able to sign up outside your child's classrooms. Please sign up on the days provided as teachers may be unable to accommodate meetings outside of this.

Parent Pay

The office has noticed that there are a number of parents who are not signed up to Parent Pay. This is a vital part of our communication, this is where you receive emails and text messages regarding your child. This week Miss Delves has sent out information for all parents not connected; if you need any help getting signed on please pop into the office.

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100% Attendance.

Congratulations to Abdou in Year 4 and Eva-Alexander in Year 1 who both won £5 gift tokens for 100% attendance in term 1. All children who attended school every day were put in to a key stage draw. This starts again now for Term 2, so any children in school every day in Term 2 will be put into the draw. All classes who receive a 100% attendance for the week, the class will be able to have a non uniform day as a reward. Attendance is so important, learning missed takes time to catch up on, we really do want every child to achieve their best – but they need to be in school to do this.



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 10th November – Year 3 Assembly
Friday 17th November – Year 1 and 2 Assembly

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

Free family forest school sessions

St Nicholas of Tolentine RC Primary school are holding free family forest school sessions for local pre-school children and families.



When?

The following Wednesdays at 1.30pm – 3pm:

18th October 2023
8th November 2023
24th January 2024
28th February 2024
27th March 2024
8th May 2024
3rd July 2024



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!

We have access to indoor space for forest school if it is raining!



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!



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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	93.3%	90.9%	3
Emerald Class	91.7%	90.6%	13
Ruby Class	94%	96.1%	2
Amethyst Class	93%	95.1%	10
Sapphire Class	92%	82.7%	2
Topaz Class	92.9%	93.3%	10
Total	92.7%	91.5%	40

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

Tuesday 7th November	Y5 and Y6 swimming
Wednesday 8th November	1.30pm Family Forest Session
Friday 10th November	9am Year 3 Class Assembly 1pm Y1/2 Podcast Workshop
Tuesday 14th November	Y5 and Y6 Swimming 3.30pm Parent's Evening
Thursday 16th November	3.30pm Parent's Evening
Friday 17th November	9am Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly
Monday 20th November	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Aerospace Museum
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
Friday 24th November	9am Individual School Photos
Saturday 25th November	Wonderful Winter Craft Session – am -
Tuesday 28th November	Year 5 and 6 Swimming pm.
Wednesday 29th November	9.30am Advent Mass – Parents Welcome
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
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
Wednesday 13th December	1.30pm KS1 Nativity



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Thursday 14th December	2pm KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James