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Newsletter 20.10.23– Week 7

Reflection

We have come to the end of term 1 of this academic year. We have welcomed our new reception children, who have settled beautifully. Our Forest Family sessions have seen us welcome families to our school, it has been a joy to see our school opening to the community. There are many more opportunities for community celebration planned in. The children continue to work hard, and we are really seeing progress towards our OFSTED Developments. Our School Improvement visits have noted how behaviour for learning has continued to improve within the classrooms. Our opportunities for the children continue to grow, with us offering after school clubs each day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St Nicholas who work tirelessly to give our children the best opportunities and continue to improve the school for all children.

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us.

Harvest Assembly

This week our Chaplains led the whole school Harvest Assembly. Over the year they have developed into a strong group of children, whose actions within the school are supporting our Catholic Faith. Well done Chaplains.



Black History Month Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Black History Month Assembly. The children shared their wonderful learning with everyone. I think our whole school dancing was also pretty amazing!

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Parking at the Dunstan Centre and Church Car park

We messaged this week to say that the church car park is now pay and display.

I have emailed the church to see if we are able to allow half an hour at the start and end of the day to allow parents to drop off and pick up. I will let you know if I can get this confirmed.



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

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!



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



Rags to Riches

Thank you all for your donations, we raised an amazing £128.75! This money will go towards creating a peace garden for the school.



Save St Paul's Dentist Campaign invites you to

COMMUNITY Fun Day
music speakers
Food Kids Area
Saturday 28th October
1.30-4.30pm
St Pauls Learning Centre
Grosvenor Road

Fancy dress competition & Face painting

Quiz! Raffle

music with Voices for Change

Find out how we can get our dentist re-opened!

Come and have your say!



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Thank you to our sponsors:
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Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We had a number of children receive 100% certificates sent home last term – great work. This week we have noticed a few improvements with some families. 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.

This term we had 29 children who achieved 100% attendance. They will receive a special certificate and be placed into a prize draw in our first assembly back. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% you will receive a letter today to inform you. As this is the first term, if your child's attendance is below 96.1% we will send you a text to inform you of this. As always thank you for your continued support in improving attendance at St Nicholas.

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	94.24%	93.10%	0
Emerald Class	91.7%	85.27%	11
Ruby Class	94.01%	94.74%	4
Amethyst Class	92.65%	94.02%	9
Sapphire Class	93.28%	94.64%	13
Topaz Class	92.96%	95.54%	15
Total			52

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 30th October	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 31st October	Chaplaincy Trip Year 5 Trip Y5 and Y6 Swimming
Wednesday 1st November	9.30am All Saints Mass – Parents welcome 1.30pm – 3.00pm – Reception 2024 Open Afternoon 3.30pm – St Nicks V St Bons Away
Friday 3rd November	INSET DAY
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
Tuesday 21st November	9am EYFS Stay and Play Year 5 and 6 Swimming



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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
Tuesday 28th November	Year 5 and 6 Swimming
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
Thursday 14th December	2pm KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James