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Newsletter 15.09.23 – Week 2

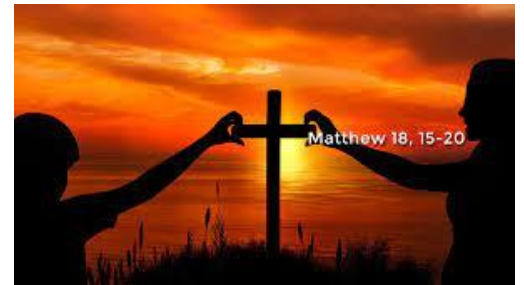
Reflection

Matthew 18:15-20

In this week's Gospel Jesus says, "For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." However we meet people, whether it's to pray, to learn, to sing, or to talk, or to do something else together, if we invite Jesus in, then he will be with us, listening to us and guiding us. This week the children have been reflecting on how we come together, spending time with others is really important. We thought about how we can ask Jesus to look after our friends in school

Christ Jesus, we thank you for being with us. Watch over us and all our sisters and brothers around the world. Help us to work together in peace and unity, so all people may live free from poverty. Amen.

Welcome to Amaya in Year 1, she joined us this week and we are so happy that she has joined our school family.

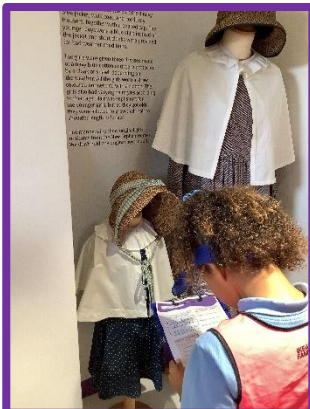


This week in school

KS1 were visited by SARI this week, for an assembly all about racial language. They explored how it can make others feel, they were able to identify positive and negative language choices used. We are so thankful that SARI visited us this week. KS2 will have their assembly next week.

Year 4 visit to the Muller Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Muller museum in Ashley Down on Thursday. We were amazed to see the buildings we have been learning about in real life and to handle precious Victorian artefacts. Highlights included dressing up, ringing a very loud bell and playing in what used to be the orphan's play area.



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Year 5 and 6 Community Work

To end the week Year 5 and 6 walked to Newton. There they took part in the 'Brick Project'. Each child painted their very own brick. Please do try and take a walk past and see if you can spot your child's. Thank you to the Brick Project for inviting us to be a part of this.



After School Clubs

Clubs letters came home this week. You will receive a text to let you know which clubs your child has been accepted in. Some are limited spaces, so if you have not returned your form please do so quickly. Children will not be able to attend unless they are signed up prior to the club starting.

Class dojo

We use class dojo as a way of daily communication, sharing what the children are doing in school and also important messages from class teachers. If you are not signed up to class dojo, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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.

Friday 29th September – Y6
Friday 6th October – Y5
Friday 13th October – Y4
Friday 20th October – Whole school Black History Month Celebration

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?
Wednesday 20th September
1.30pm – 3pm



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!



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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.

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 | 85.1% | 98.1% | 0 |
| Emerald Class | 87.1% | 90.8% | 23 |
| Ruby Class | 91.9% | 96.1% | 7 |
| Amethyst Class | 90.9% | 92.2% | 12 |
| Sapphire Class | 90.5% | 93.3% | 14 |
| Topaz Class | 91.4% | 89.6% | 11 |
| Total | 89.9% | 92.6% | 67 |

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 1

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| Monday 18th September | 1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents |
| Wednesday 20th September | 1.30pm – Family Forest Fun Afternoon |
| Thursday 21st September | KS2 SARI assembly |
| Monday 25th September | 1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents |
| Tuesday 26th September | 9am EYFS Stay and Play |
| Friday 29th September | 9am Y6 Class Assembly |
| Monday 2nd October | Black History Month Begins 1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents |
| Friday 6th October | 9am Year 5 Class Assembly |
| Monday 9th October | 1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents |
| Thursday 12th October | We the Curious Take over day Chaplaincy Commissioning |
| Friday 13th October | 9am Year 4 Class Assembly |
| Monday 16th October | 1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents |
| Friday 20th October | Last Day of Term EYFS WOW Day Rags to Riches Collection 2pm – Whole school assembly celebrating Black History Month |
| Monday 30th October | Start of Term 2 |
| Friday 3rd November | INSET DAY |



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Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James