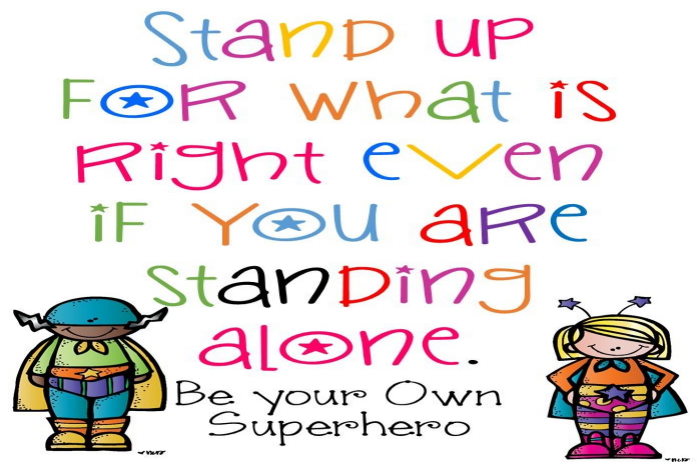




**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

13th November 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy week with children participating in many cross curricular activities. Nursery and Reception visited Good Shepherd Church as part of their focus on Baptism, Year 1 went to Lloyd Park which was linked to a geography and science focus. It is always uplifting to see children enthusiastic about their learning and keen to share their ideas.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Our school development plan is an ongoing document which is reviewed regularly and objectives set are based on progress and attainment across the school. Our children continue to make strong progress each year and results at the end of each key stage (EYFS, KS1 & KS2) are at least in line with national averages and in some areas above. Our maths results were disappointing at the end of Year 6 in the summer 2017 and strategies put into place this year have already seen positive results. Staff meet with senior leaders to look at progress in each class and identify pupils who would benefit from support to enable them to meet required standards or to exceed. We are very fortunate to have a highly committed staff who know their children well and this supports the school's high expectations for all pupils. Thank you for supporting your child as this makes all the difference to outcomes.

The main areas of development for the school are:

- 1. To further develop mathematical reasoning skills so that pupils confidently apply their knowledge to solving problems (to include word problems) and can explain their reasoning.*

How can you help?

- * Help your child to learn their number bonds, tables and other number rules/facts*
 - * Support their learning by using practical equipment if necessary*
 - * Use word problems to enable them to apply their skills (e.g. working with money, time etc)*
 - * Encourage them to explain their ideas - this will help them to think through steps and identify errors*
- 2. To extend the range of texts children read to develop use of rich vocabulary - this will also benefit their writing and further develop general knowledge*

How can you help?

- * Read with your child regularly (daily would be ideal) and talk about the text*
- * Develop their comprehension skills through questioning (e.g. Why does the author use certain words?)*
- * Encourage them to use a dictionary/thesaurus to look up definition of unfamiliar words and synonyms*
- * Share different texts with them e.g. fiction, non-fiction, newspaper articles etc)*

We will be sending out further detailed information over this term and suggestions on how to support your child.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – 13th – 17th NOVEMBER 2017

Monday sees the start of anti-bullying week and each assembly will focus on this theme. As a Catholic School our ethos is based on Gospel values and seeing Christ in the face of everyone and always thinking about 'What would Jesus do?' Our children are familiar with this question and are always encouraged to think about this in every day life.

We have arranged for a drama workshop next Tuesday and each class will have the opportunity to participate in role play lined to bullying.

Talk to them at home about how they can be a good friend to others particularly when things go wrong. We all need to be constantly aware that we are children's role models and how we behave and react determines the way our children respond. I have every faith in the children of Good Shepherd and am sure they will grow into fine young adults.



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DADS BREAKFAST

Dads Breakfast – Wednesday, 8th November 2017 - 8.30–9.30 a.m.

I was delighted with the response to the above event and thank you to everyone who took time to attend. Given the positive feedback I believe it was a great success and will certainly be regular termly event. A suggestion was put forward for us to host a family breakfast session and we will certainly look into this and the logistics of running it. Do take time to look at the pictures and hopefully if you were unable to attend you will make the next meeting.



CLASS MASSES

Thank you to Mrs Saunders, Miss Corrigan and Miss Sharkey for organising the Year 4 Class Mass and to Fr. Con for celebrating Mass with us. Thank you to the parents who joined us. It is a very important part of our school life and helps to reinforce with the children our school values and ethos. Y5 will have their Mass next Tuesday and Y6 the following week on the 21st November. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend and all Masses will begin at 2.15 p.m. so please come to the school office shortly before.



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CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP



LEARNING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Y1's Autumn Walk Trip to Lloyds Park



Reception and Nursery at the Church



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Remembrance Assembly

On Friday 10th November the children gathered together to remember the soldiers that fought and died in the two World Wars and wars since. The leadership team lead the assembly explaining why we remember and reading prayers and the moving poem 'Flanders Fields'. All classes added their class poppies to the display in a very sensitive manner. We then held a two minute silence in respect for those who had fallen in all wars. Assembly ended with the playing of 'The Last Post' and the children left the hall quietly.



Wear Blue for Anti Bullying Week

On Friday 10th November the children and staff wore blue and donated £1 in aid of Bullying UK. In total we raised £187.77.

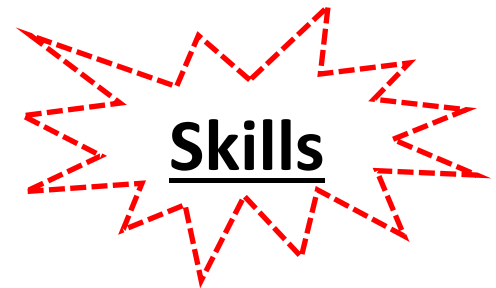
Anti Bullying week starts 13th November 2017.



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GOOD SHEPHERD ENTERPRISE CURRICULUM



Aims of our Enterprise education

Helping pupils to understand about managing money

Developing high aspirations and creating ambition.

Developing a 'can do/will do' attitude, being proactive and not reactive, not being scared of failure, and being adaptable and flexible.

It is about involving learners in real problems, allowing them to take ownership, manage risks and working as teams to solve problems.

Enterprise education involves developing learners' understanding of managing money, different types of work

Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: Irene & Isabelle

RECEPTION: Joanna & Jeremiah

YEAR 1: Sienna & Aaliyah

YEAR 2: Isabella & Aaliyah

YEAR 3: Malvin & David

YEAR 4: Jayheim, Josie & Chidera

YEAR 5: Sherah, Joy & Tomi

YEAR 6: Jerome & Zephaniah

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

*We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality.
Remember classroom doors are open at 8.40 a.m*

WEEK ENDING: 10TH NOVEMBER 2017:
WINNING CLASS FOR ATTENDANCE – NURSERY & YR 5
WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Yr1, Yr2 & Yr 5
OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 98.3%

Father Con's reflection

Yesterday was Remembrance Sunday. It is most fitting that we prayerfully remember all who have given the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in war. Particularly we remember the dead of the two World Wars of the 20th Century.

World War One was continuing exactly 100 years ago from this particular day. So many who were killed in World War One were only late teenage age.

World War Two, and subsequent conflicts also claimed many victims.

Let us pray for all who put their lives literally on the line, so that we may live in peace. May they rest in peace, Amen.

Diary Dates

2nd Half of Autumn Term

- 13th November Yr 4 Whitgift School week to 17th November
- 13th November Yr 2 Trip to Grants Vue Cinema
- 14th November Yr 5 Class Mass
- 17th November Year 3 Zoolab Workshop
- 21st November Year 6 Class Mass
- 23rd November Gym Competition 10-12 All Starz Gym Club
- 24th November Poetry Competition Yr4 & Yr6
- 25th November GS Church Bazaar
- 27th November Inset Day
- 5th December Nasal Flu Immunisation R to Yr 4
- 8th December Choir Singing at Whitgift 1-2pm
- 12th December Nursery Nativity 9.15am
- 14th December Reception and KS1 Nativity 9.15am
- 15th December Reception to Bromley Theatre KS2 Advent Service 1.45 pm
- 20th December Christmas Lunch and Panto
- 21st December School Closes at 1.15pm for the Christmas Holiday

Parents and Carers of pupils in the Early Years and Years 1 and 2 are encouraged to come into class daily to work with your child from 8.45 to 9.00 a.m.

Please do support your child but I ask that you leave the classroom by 8.55 am., at the latest before the school gate is closed.

