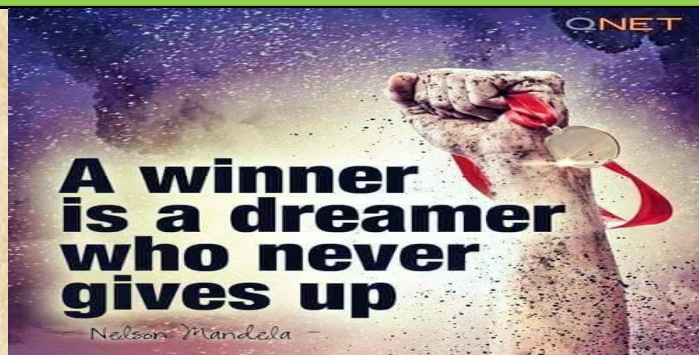




**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER**

**14th May 2018**



**Winners are NOT people who never fail  
but PEOPLE WHO NEVER QUIT!**

*Dear Parents/Carers*

*Please keep our Year 6 pupils and all those who are sitting important tests in your prayers. Our pupils have worked very hard and deserve to do well. It can be an anxious time but I have every faith and confidence that they will do their best and be proud of their efforts. My thanks to Miss Milmo, their class teacher, and all the staff who have prepared the pupils well and for their continued commitment to ensuring all pupils achieve their potential.*

*A reminder to all Year 6 pupils that breakfast will be provided for you from 8.15 a.m. every day, so please do come in.*

*It's been another busy week packed with good learning, trips and sporting events. Our Year 1 visited the local Fire Station and enjoyed every moment of it. The staff there were highly complimentary of the children on their behaviour, knowledge and questions asked. Thank you to Miss Hart, the Year 1 team and all the volunteers for supporting.*

*On Saturday, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils participated at the annual Catholic Football and Netball Tournament held at Margaret Roper School in Purley. The standard of play in both sports was high and our children performed well showing good sportsmanship, determination and great team work. Some matches were close and nerve wracking to watch. Unfortunately, our teams did not qualify for the quarter finals but we were proud of the way they represented the school. A big thank you to Miss Hart and Mrs Dempsey for training the netballers and to Mr Oke the footballers.*

*It was lovely to see many parents, staff and governors attend to cheer Good Shepherd children on. Thank you everyone!*

**SPORTS DAY - WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY 2018, 9.15 A.M**

*Sports day is fast approaching so please make sure you have the date in your diary. Children are asked to wear their house team colours and should it be a hot day, please ensure that your child has their school cap.*



**KEEPING HEALTHY WEEK - 21ST—25TH MAY 2018**

*The children will be focusing on different ways to keep healthy and Miss Hart (PE co-ordinator) has organised a week packed with workshops and activities, so please do support your child. As part of our whole school homework task, your child has been asked to design an eye catching poster to give information on ways to keep our mind and body healthy and fit. The children will explore new sports in school (e.g. yoga, judo) and parents are invited to attend a 20 minute Zumba session in the junior hall on Friday, 25th May at 8.30 a.m. I look forward to seeing many of you there. It's only for a short while and I am sure you will enjoy every moment.*

*I am delighted that this year Mr Arhin and Mrs Amponsah will be running the drinks stand on behalf of the parents. They are working tirelessly to try and establish a Parent, Teacher Association and really do need your help and support. A letter has been sent out today from them asking for volunteers to run the station so please do return the reply slip. Mr Arhin and Mrs Amponsah need your ideas and more importantly your support so please do volunteer.*



**Mrs Fernandes  
Headteacher**



# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK



## KEEPING YOUR MIND AND BODY FIT AND HEALTHY

*We all know that keeping fit and healthy is important and that there are many different ways to do so. So I am asking all pupils to create either a poster or a poem with advice to children and adults on how to keep well. A prize will be awarded to each year group from Nursery to Year 6 for the best piece of homework.*

**Homework will be due in on Monday, 21st May 2018.**

*If you require any paper or other materials, please do speak to your class teacher.*

## Year 1 Trip to The Fire Station



Kaiden

I liked it when we got to play with the water hose and learn how to use it.

I liked looking in the engine, talking to the firefighters and playing in the water.

Solliyah

## Football & Netball Tournament



Salem

The Netball game was really fun and I admired everybody's skills.



Stephanie

Brandon

The thing I liked about the football tournament is that we had fun and we won a match.

On Saturday, I liked the set out of the pitch. I didn't like the fact that other girls were taller than us.

# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE



Please see below the menu for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the Royal Wedding



## *Caterlink Royal Menu*



### — **MAIN** —

Princely Pizza (Chicken, cheese & pineapple)

### — **VEGETARIAN** —

Princess Pasta (Macaroni Cheese)

### — **SIDE** —

Windsor Wedges (Baked potato wedges)

### — **VEGETABLES** —

Summer Salad (Mixed leaf salad)

### — **DESSERT** —

Jubilation Jelly and Ice Cream

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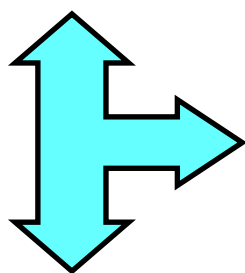
## TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

### CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS

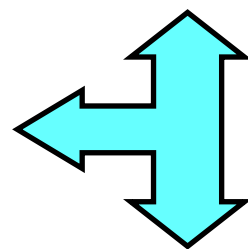
- \* Pupils experience a wide curriculum and have the chance to apply their basic skills (English & maths) in other subjects.
- \* R.E, History, Geography, Art, Music, Design and Technology, Computing & PE are all taught to ensure pupils are well informed and balanced
- \* Pupils are encouraged to develop their talents and speaking and listening skills to enable them to be articulate and confident
- \* All subjects are assessed and tracked in line with school policy.
- \* Increased opportunities to engage in out of school activities—Quiz competitions, sports and music events, swimming lessons for all KS2 pupils, workshops for each subject to develop skills

### R.E. PASTORAL CARE

- \* We embed the school's Christian ethos in every day life - discussion, pupil voice, pupil, parent and governor engagement
- \* Pupil led liturgies/Collective worship
- \* Pupil led groups—peer mediators, Pupil Leadership team, school council, digital leaders
- \* Strong links between home and school - open door policy, class /school newsletters, topic webs
- \* Parents encouraged to come in and work with their child each morning before school.
- \* Strong pastoral team



How have we worked together to improve standards in teaching and learning this year?



### MATHS

- \* Increased activities for pupils to apply reasoning skills and explain their thinking in real life contexts. Made maths very cross curricular (science, design & technology, computing)
- \* Enterprise curriculum—pupils form their own business and raise money for charity
- \* Revised our calculation policy to support strong teaching and learning across the school
- \* More opportunities for practical work to support skills
- \* Analysed pupils answers in tests and class work to identify strengths and weaknesses
- \* Used information to inform teachers' planning and teaching so that all pupils make progress
- \* Staff involved in Maths Hub groups to share ideas
- \* Pupils are more reflective and able to explain their reasoning, identifying errors and ways to improve
- \* Challenge for all pupils through use of a range of activities—maths investigations, open ended questions.

### ENGLISH

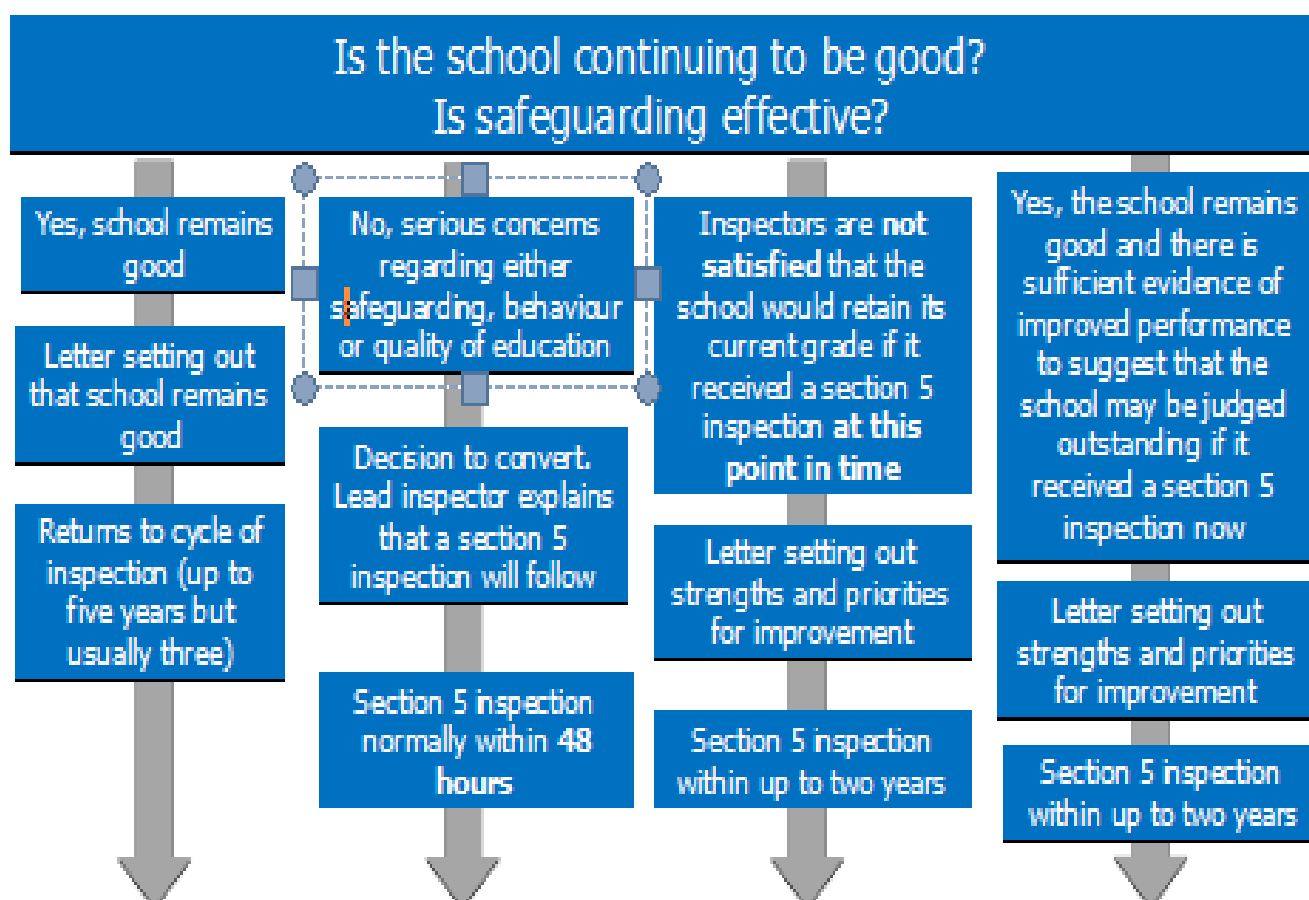
- \* Further improved use of good quality texts
- \* More use of whole class reading sessions to give all children experience of reading and discussing a variety of texts
- \* Increased booster /class teaching sessions to meet the needs of all pupils
- \* Use of higher level questioning to encourage explanation and reasoning
- \* Increased opportunities for pupils to read and write outside English lessons - cross curricular subjects (History, Science, Geography, R.E, Current Affairs, Art, Design & Technology and P.E)
- \* Increased focus on modelling skills (both staff and pupils)
- \* Enterprise Curriculum—pupils set up their own businesses to raise money for charity



# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

## OFSTED UPDATE

*Good Shepherd is currently in the cycle for forthcoming inspections . A Section 8 is a one day inspection and a Section 5 is for more than one day. The focus for all inspections is safeguarding and the quality of education provided for all pupils together with the strength of leadership and governance. Most schools receive a Section 8 (short inspection) and if necessary this may covert to a Section 5 (more than one day ) for a variety of reasons based on strengths and areas of development.*



*The table below from the latest Ofsted publication shows you possible outcomes:*

*Useful documents to refer to for further information*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspections-a-guide-for-parents>

*Please remember that all your views are important, so I do encourage you to complete the online questionnaires*

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

## **Head Teacher Award**

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Tianna &amp; Sabrina</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Jevon &amp; Elmar</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Ethan &amp; Moturayo</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Daniel, Kaitlyn, Ben, Emmanuela &amp; Percy</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Jason &amp; Chizim</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Rashanti &amp; Bea</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>David, Joy, Stephanie, Adrian, Amy, Joshua, Wandile &amp; Toyosi</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>De'Shaun, Blessing &amp; Reuben</b>

### **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

***We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality***

#### **THIS TERM**

***Week Commencing: 7th May 2018***

***Punctuality: Y1 & Y2***

***Attendance: Y2 & Y6***

***Overall Attendance : 97.8%***

***100% Attendance & Punctuality: YEAR 2***

### **Father Con's reflection**

***This week we are in the 9-day Novena period between Ascension Thursday (May 10th) and Pentecost Sunday (May 20th).***

***We await the great solemn feast of Pentecost (the descent of the Holy Spirit).***

***The Holy Spirit is the great mutual love between God the Father and God the Son.***

***In other words, he is the very love that is God.***

***So this week, let us commend and commit to the Holy Spirit all our school intentions (especially this week for a successful outcome to SATs).***

## **Diary Dates**

### **SUMMER TERM**

14th –18th	May	KS2 Sats
15th May		Y4 Battersea Park Zoo trip
17th May		Y5 Parents Meetings
21st May		Yr 6 Citizenship Day
		Yr 4 Fire Brigade talk
22nd May		Open City Architecture Project Y3 & Y4
23rd May		Sports Day (morning)
24th May		May Procession 10am
25th May		School Closes (Half Term)
4th June		School opens to pupils
13th June		Catholic Swimming Gala
		St.Joseph's College
18th—20th June		Croydon Sports
18th June		Reception Class 2018
		(the current nursery class)
		Meeting 9.15am
		New Nursery class for 2018
		Meeting at 10.30am
19th June		Good Citizenship (2 pupils)
20th June		EYFS & KS1 Poetry Competition
21st June		Swimming Gala at St Joseph's College
22nd June		Cricket tournament (Catholic schools)
25th June		School Prize Giving Evening— 5 pm
27th June		KS2 Catholic Sports Day—St James
29th June		
– 1st July		Yr 6 Residential Trip
5th July		Goldcrest Centre Yr 6 Citizenship Day
5th July		Mrs Fernandes Leavers Mass
		5.30pm Good Shepherd Church
10th July		School reports sent home
12th July		Yr 6 Production 6 pm
13th July		Talent Competition
16th July		Parents Eve
		3.30pm to 5.30 pm
17th July		Year 2 trip
17th July		Nursery Graduation 2pm
19th July		Year 6 Leavers Mass 9.15am
		(GS Junior Hall)
20th July		Leavers Assembly
		School closes at 1.15pm for the summer holiday