



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER

15th January 2018

**THE BEST
PREPARATION FOR
TOMORROW IS DOING
YOUR BEST TODAY.**

H. JACKSON BROWN, JR.

Dear Parents/Carers

WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK TASK - PERSUASIVE WRITING

Thank you for your positive comments regarding the whole school homework set last week. We discussed the task in assembly and I was pleased to hear that the children were enthusiastic about writing their persuasive letters. Younger children have the opportunity to create a poster on why reading is important. If you have not seen the letter sent out on Monday, 8th January, it is attached to this newsletter and is available on our school website. Please do encourage your child to complete the task by Monday, 22nd January and hand it to their class teacher. A selection from each class will be chosen to present their views to the Governors, so I look forward to seeing their work.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that the use of mobile phones on school premises is not permitted. There are numerous signs up around the school as a reminder. The reason for this rule is in the best interest of all the pupils. Children are keen to talk to you about their day and it is important that you give them your full attention. Safeguarding for all continues to be key at the school so please follow this rule. Thank you.

CROYDON INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to pupils from year 5 and 6 who participated in the above event held on Wednesday, 10th January at Royal Russell school. They represented Good Shepherd well and were a credit to us, coming fourth overall.

SPORT AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sport continues to be a big part of our school curriculum and our pupils have the opportunity to participate in a range of competitions and events. My thanks to the staff, external coaches and Mrs Whitmarsh who generously volunteers her time to train the children. As part of our inclusive practice every child has the opportunity to join both lunchtime and afterschool clubs and try out for events. I am always delighted to see high levels of participation and more importantly that the children are enthusiastic and keen to take part. All of our key stage 2 pupils attend swimming lessons and this will be extended to key stage 1 in the summer term.

We have established links with Trinity School and they are currently working with our year 3 and 4 pupils. My thanks to the school for arranging swimming training sessions for twelve of our pupils from years 4 to 6 at the school. They will be taken to Trinity every week before school and a coach will work with them to develop their skills.

FUTURE DATES

Please add the following key dates to your diary and do check the newsletter and our website regularly as more events will be added over the term.

Whole school homework due in—22nd January

Maths Challenge set—22nd February (details to follow)

Book Week—5th - 9th February (You are invited to come into classes and read with your child over the week)

Internet Safety Day—6th February

*Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher*

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SAFEGUARDING



Please do take time to visit some of the websites below which give clear advice on how to help your child stay safe online. Further information can be obtained on our school website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

[https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents?](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents?utm_content=bufferbfbf1&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

[utm_content=bufferbfbf1&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents?utm_content=bufferbfbf1&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

<https://parentzone.org.uk/digital-parenting-online-safety-magazine-archive>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>

<http://parentinfo.org/article/how-do-i-know-which-video-games-are-suitable-for-my-child>

CROYDON INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPOINSHIP

Congratulations to the children from years 5 and 6 who represented Good Shepherd at the above event on Wednesday, 10th January at Royal Russell School. We qualified for the finals and competed against six other schools and standards were high and competitive. The children competed with determination and won some events coming fourth overall. My thanks to Mrs Whitmarsh and Miss Hart for training the children and to Mr Oke and Mrs Dempsey for supporting on the day. I was very proud of them and it was a pleasure to be there.



Year 5 and 6 went to Royal Russell to compete in the Indoor Athletics Youth Finals. We came 4th out of 6 teams. I think we tried very hard.

Salem (Yr5)

At the Indoor Athletics the events were hard, but we all tried our best. We even did better than we expected. Overall we are happy with the place we came.

Nathan (Yr6)

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WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK

WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK- due in Monday, 22nd January 2018

Current Affairs Information:

The government has announced that nearly £45 million will be used to boost primary literacy and improve standards in reading and writing across the country. Education Secretary Justine Greening said, '***Our ambition is that no community will be left behind on education. Today's literacy investment will help make sure that not just most, but every child arrives at school with the vocabulary levels they need to learn***'



Dear Pupils and Parents

I am sure you will agree that developing literacy skills is crucial to everyone. I would like to hear your views on why reading is important and how we can work together to improve reading skills at Good Shepherd.

I would like you to write a persuasive letter to me, presenting your views and including ideas you have on how we can raise standards in Good Shepherd School. Remember to use all the features of persuasive writing and organise your letter in clear paragraphs with a range of interesting vocabulary. Do support your ideas with facts and be PERSUASIVE.

I look forward to reading your letter and will take your ideas to the Pupil Leadership committee, School Council staff, parents and Governors for consideration. So please ensure that your letter is well presented.

Remember your letters must be in by Monday, 22nd January 2018 at 9.00 a.m.

Children from Years 2 to 6 will be expected to write a letter whilst those in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Year 1 can produce a poster or a letter.

I will select pupils from each year group to meet with the Governors and present their work to them.

Do come and see me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Fernandes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Mrs Fernandes.

Headteacher



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

Features of Persuasive Writing

Purpose:

To argue the case for a point of view and convince the reader.



Structure:

Introduction – What is the writing about and what is your opinion.

Arguments to support your opinion

Conclusion – repeat your point of view

Language Features:

Usually written in present tense.

Includes logical connectives to link ideas (therefore, however)

Use emotive language (powerful verbs and strong adjectives)

Ask rhetorical questions

Dare the reader to disagree

Counter arguments from the other point of view.

Try and use some facts as well as opinions.

Persuasive Writing

Introductions I think... For this reason... I feel that... I am sure that... It is certain... I am writing to... Of course... In the same way... On the other hand... In this situation...	Making Your Point Firstly, secondly, thirdly... Furthermore... In addition... Also... Finally... Likewise... Besides... Again... Moreover... Similarly... Surely... Certainly... Specifically... If... then... because...	Details For example... In fact... For instance... As evidence... In support of this... Endings For these reasons... As you can see... In other words... On the whole... In short... Without a doubt... In brief... Undoubtedly...	Other Words reasons arguments for against unfair pros cons
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Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: *Mi-Zani & Jaden*

RECEPTION: *Chika, Azariah, Kayden & Esther*

YEAR 1: *Azreal & Ethan S*

YEAR 2: *Emmanuella & Aparna*

YEAR 3: *Elsie & Desika*

YEAR 4: *Princess, Sidney, Jayheim & Amariah*

YEAR 5: *Salem, Christabel, David, Ayush, Boadi & Amy*

YEAR 6: *Mickyle & Tia*

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality

THIS TERM

WEEK ENDING: 12th January 2018:

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Year N, R, 2 & 4

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 95.2%

Father Con's reflection

In the Church's Calendar or yearly cycle, we have entered ORDINARY TIME which lasts for 33 or 34 weeks.

Yesterday, Sunday, this cycle began with the 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. (THE 1st SUNDAY IS ALWAYS REPLACED BY THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD).

Last Monday, the school joined the parish for Mass in church. For the parish, this made that feast much more memorable. Without the school's presence, Mass would have been in the side chapel, and so without any singing or altar serving.

May that feast of the Lord's Baptism bring home to us the great day of our own baptism. On that day of ours, the Holy Spirit descended upon us, even though not in the form of a dove.

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

22nd January	Clubs start
23rd January	Swimming Gala at South Norwood Pool
5th February	Book Week
6th February	Yr4 Class Trip to Pizza Express Yr1 Class Trip to the Library
8th February	Year 6 SATs meeting
8th February	School Closes (Half Term)
9th February	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
19th February	School Opens to Pupils
9th March	Clubs Finish (Friday clubs have one more week)
13th March	Parents Eve
14th March	Year 6 Dancing at the Croydon Dance Festival
15th March	Parents Eve
23rd March	Yr3 & Yr5 Poetry Competition
29th March	Stations of the Cross
29th March	School Closes at 1.15 pm for the Easter Holiday)