



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

16th October 2017



Eleanor Roosevelt

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Thursday, 12th October regarding a recent incident on school premises involving a parent. Mr Nze (Chair of Governors) together with Mrs Dada (parent governor) and I were keen to address your concerns and clarify again, steps taken to address the situation. We were pleased that representatives from the Police joined us to support actions taken by the school and explain their role.

I am sure you will appreciate in the interests of confidentiality we are unable to name the parent concerned or share personal details relating to the incident with you. Whilst I appreciate this may be frustrating to some of you, we are not able to share personal information but only actions taken by the school and governors to continue to keep all members of the school community safe. Thank you again to those of you who presented your views in a respectful and honest way and enabled a difficult situation to be discussed in a positive manner.

I would like to emphasise that both verbal and physically aggressive behaviour on school premises is unacceptable and will not be tolerated under any circumstances and may result in a ban from school premises. I am sure you will agree that the adult outburst recently experienced at Good Shepherd is out of character for Good Shepherd parents and those in our school community. Whilst it is very distressing for all in our school community, it has never happened before. Procedures and policies are in place and all staff have followed them accordingly to ensure the safety of the children, staff and all others on school premises. Please note that until further notice the back gates will be locked at the end of the school day and we would ask that you use the front gates instead.

I would urge you to come and see me or email Mr Nze (inze@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk) if you have any questions. Should you wish to see any key policies they are on our school website and if you are unable to access them, please ask the office who will give you a paper copy should you require one.

Again thank you for your support and particularly to those of you who have written to me and met with me to express your total support for the school. Every child is important and I ask you not to lose sight of that. Key factual information can often be lost and misunderstood when passed on through gossip and hearsay in the playground. Concerns need to be shared in a respectful and honest manner with an understanding that confidentiality has to be maintained for the protection of all involved.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK -16TH-20TH OCTOBER 2017

The focus for this week will be to celebrate our cultural heritage and the diversity of our school community. Children in every year group have been studying the lives of people from the past and present who have significantly impacted on our lives today.

As part of the week we invite you to come into school and read with your children in the mornings during this week and if you are able to give your time to talking to children about your cultural heritage please do let me know. A letter will be going out later this week outlining a whole school homework project for you to complete with your child.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING – WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2017 – 5.45 P.M.

Please remember to purchase your tickets via parent pay. There is a limit of two tickets per family owing to the junior hall capacity. Please refer to the letter sent out last week with details or contact the office for information.

International week is always a highlight of our school year as it celebrates the diversity and richness of all cultures in our school. We are our children's role models and the impact of our actions and words contributes to the adults our children become. The children of Good Shepherd without a doubt have so much to contribute as individuals. Talking and spending time with them encourages me to know that they have all the qualities to grow into amazing adults who will make a positive difference. I think we as adults have much to learn from them.



Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND REVIEW

We as a school continually carry out self-reviews on all aspects of school life. We analyse pupil data, listen to parent voice and evaluate our strengths and areas for development. Part of this self review involves regular lesson observations, looking at work in books and talking to pupils about their learning and general wellbeing.

We are part of a Catholic Umbrella Trust consisting of Croydon Catholic Schools. Members of staff at all levels, from all trust schools meet regularly to moderate work and share information. Each Catholic school within the trust has a termly teaching and learning review where two trained Ofsted inspectors spend a day in each of the schools. It is an effective way to support school development self review.

I am delighted to say that we had our review on Wednesday, 11th October and the outcomes were very positive. Both inspectors agreed that we are a very good school with many outstanding features. Their feedback is that our leadership of the school (this includes governors), teaching and learning and children's behaviour is strong.

To move towards outstanding we need to address the 2017 drop in maths at the end of KS2. Our results over the past three years have been in line and in areas above national and local authority levels, which is why we were in the top 3% of schools across the country for progress from the end of year 2 to year 6.

This year's maths results were disappointing and below average for pupils achieving the expected grade. However, they were above for reading, writing and science and at greater depth (pupils exceeding) in maths and the other subjects.

The inspectors felt our action plan to address maths is clearly structured and is already having an impact on children's learning even though it is only the first half of the autumn term. They reported that teaching and learning in the school is strong in each key stage and pupils across the school are doing well.

They met with leadership which includes governors, observed lessons, carried out book scrutinies and spoke to the children. They looked at safeguarding as part of the remit and were satisfied that the school is effective in its procedures and practice. They did witness the unfortunate events on the Wednesday with a parent and were reassured with actions taken by leadership and all member of staff and felt that safeguarding is effective at the school.

We have much to celebrate at Good Shepherd and working together we will continue to do well and built on our strengths whilst effectively addressing our areas of development.



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GOOD SHEPHERD GOES TO MARKET!

On Friday 13th October 2017 Mrs Saunders, Rachel Maynard (volunteer), Realjoy, Amrutha and Chindalu (Year 5) travelled to City Hall in London to attend a food market. Children in Year 5 cooked the home made chutney to sell at 'The Market'. It was a great team effort and unfortunately only 3 children could attend the fair. Congratulations to all in Year 5 for an excellent effort. They all had a fantastic time and raised £140.10 for charity.



Chimdal

"On Friday 13th October 2017, Amrutha, Realjoy, me, Mrs Saunders and Miss Maynard went to City Hall in London. We went by tram and train and we raised £140.10."



Realjoy

"On Friday 13th October 2017, me, Chimdal and Amrutha went to City Hall with Mrs Saunders and Miss Maynard. We went by tram and train. We sold chutney and cake, we made £140.10"



Amrutha

"On Friday 13th October 2017, Chimdal, Realjoy and I all went to City Hall with Miss Saunders. Surprisingly, the Market was indoors. WE were the first ones there so we got more more time to set up the stall. Altogether we made £140 which was good."

Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: Adele & Ethan

RECEPTION: Angela Boyadzhieva & Maximilian

YEAR 1: Daniel & Ella-Jaide

YEAR 2: Kaitlyn, Makachi & Nana

YEAR 3: Joshua & Tomeka

YEAR 4: Dylan & Malaika

YEAR 5: Boadi, Salem & Isaac

YEAR 6: Lidiya, Valerie & Kayla

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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

**WEEK ENDING: 13TH SEPTEMBER 2017:
WINNING CLASS FOR ATTENDANCE – YEAR 4
WINNING CLASSES FOR PUNCTUALITY : R,N,Yr2, Yr3,
Yr5, Yr6**

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 97.6%

Father Con's reflection

We are now, as forecast, in a month of wet and windy weather – quite different from the most welcome "pockets" of sunshine and relevant warmth of September!

Autumn is a most beautiful season, principally because of the variety of colours displayed for us in, and from, the trees.

May such natural beauty point us straightaway to the great beauty of our Creator God.

We wish one and all a safe and enjoyable half-term week.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

18th October	International Evening 5.45PM
20th October	Break up for Half Term
30th October	School opens to pupils
1st November	Skipping Workshop
6th November	Whitgift Tag Rugby Qualifier 1.30-3.30
7th November	Year 1 trip to Lloyds Park
8th November	8.30-9.30 Dad's Breakfast
9th November	Catholic Cross Country at John Fisher School
w/b	
13th November	Year 5 at Whitgift School all week
14th November	Year 4 trip to Vue Cinema
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

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.

