



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

19th September 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

We are beginning our third week in school and our school topic will be 'Our Heritage'. Pupils across the school from Nursery to Year 6 will be looking into the lives of a number of significant people from the past and the present. The focus of the topic is to celebrate the contributions of people who have helped to change society so that British values of democracy, tolerance, freedom of speech, following the Law and individual liberty can flourish. Please do talk to your children about this.

PUPIL COMMITTEES

Congratulations to all the pupils who were elected onto the Pupil Leadership Team, the Chaplaincy Committee, School Council and the Peer Mediators committee. All pupils were required to present to their peers and staff and were not only persuasive but confident and articulate. The future of Good Shepherd School and our world is in very good and capable hands given the quality and high expectations of all the pupils standing. Well done! Please do see the attached sheets of the newsletter for outcomes of the elections. We will publish photos in our newsletter next week.

WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK

Next week your child will be bringing home a whole school homework task around the topic of 'Our Heritage' It will require you to sit with your child and talk to them about your cultural heritage and your memories of when you were young and your family experiences. We would love to create a display in school celebrating the history of all members of our school community.

LETTERS AND CLASS INFORMATION

Please do make sure your child has given you current letters and class information about topics and skills to be taught this term. There have been a number of important letters sent out over the week so if you have not seen them please check our school website or contact the office for another copy.

CHANGE IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICKING UP PUPILS

Please note that as from Monday 18th September we will have a new procedure in place if there is a change in arrangements for picking up children. Parents will have to notify the office well in advance of the end of the day, if another adult is to pick up children. Parents will be given a security word and will need to pass it onto the adult picking up. Children will only be allowed to go if the correct security word is given. I am sure you will appreciate that the safety of children is important, so thank you for your support in implementing this initiative.

DOJO REWARD SYSTEM

I am delighted with the positive response to this system which acknowledges effort, attainment and good behaviour. Please note it is not a chance for you to email your child's class teacher with messages about your child. However, it is perfectly acceptable to email a short positive comment acknowledging achievements.

FUTURE DATES

Please refer to published newsletter dates for events this term. Our Welcome and Thanksgiving Mass will be on Friday, 6th October at 9.15 a.m. so please do try and attend. Clubs will begin on Monday, 2nd October 2017 and not the 25th September as previously advertised. Apologies for any inconvenience caused in changing the date.

VOLUNTEERS

We would be delighted to hear from any of you who can spare time to support in school. We particularly need helpers to accompany classes to swimming on a Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. A letter will be sent out this week so please do complete the form and return it to the office. Thank you in anticipation for your help and support.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

Uniform—The school uniform is:

Boys

Good Shepherd logo jumper
Grey trousers
Black shoes (**not trainers**)
White shirt (not a polo shirt)
Good Shepherd School tie
Black/grey socks.

Girls

Good Shepherd logo jumper
Grey trousers or skirt
Black shoes (sensible, no heels)
White shirt (not a polo shirt)
Good Shepherd School tie
White or grey socks/grey tights

Nursery

Good Shepherd red logo sweatshirt
Blue jogger bottoms
Red Good Shepherd logo t-shirt
Black trainers

Coats

Dark warm waterproof coats

P.E. Kit

Blue shorts
Red school P.E shirt (with logo)
Black plimsoles
Trainers (optional) only for outdoor use
Plain navy blue (not shiny) tracksuit bottoms (optional)

School Bag

School Rucksack

Hairstyles

Long hair should be tied back
Haircuts should be smart and not have any logos, symbols, patterns or designs. No drastic haircuts

Earrings

Earrings may be worn but they **MUST** be small gold or silver studs



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PUPIL COMMITTEES

School Council

Year 1 Ella-Jaide and Zach
Year 2 Emmanuella and Akin
Year 3 Joshua , Bella-Rose and Ethan
Year 4 Raymond and Amelia
Year 5 Salem and Alias
Year 6 Blessing and Bobby

Pupil Leadership Team

Childalu (Head Boy) Valerie (Head Girl)
Joshua (Deputy Head Boy) Reah (Deputy Head Girl)
Carl , NJ , Lydia
Reuben , Ola , Leyton
Becky

Peer Mediators

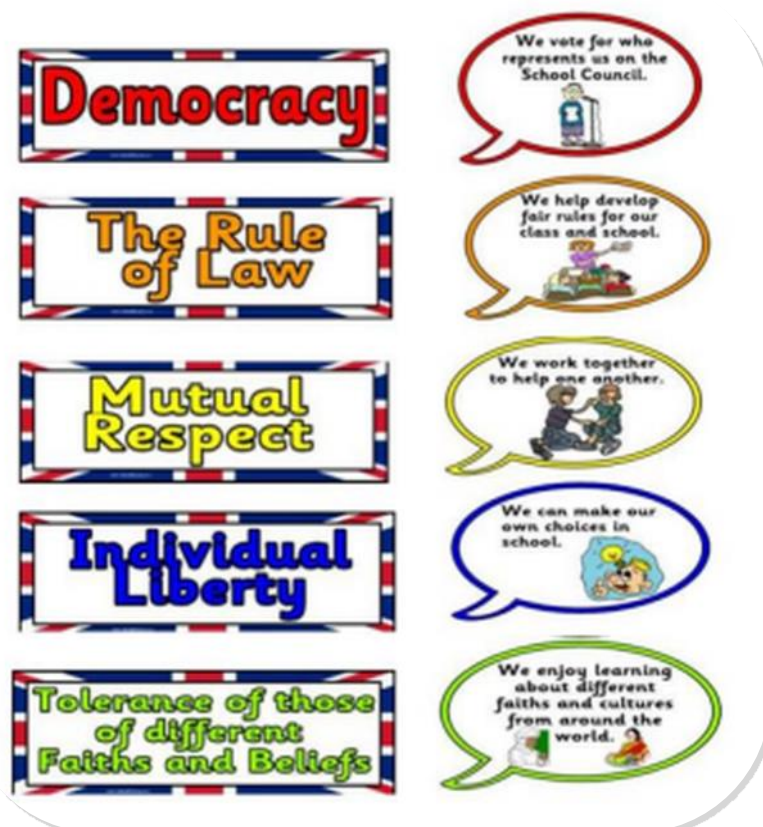
Augusta Amrutha , Ayush
Charis , Toyosi , Boadi
Realjoy , Tomi , Salem
Stephanie ,Taelor , Sherah
Jemima and Chimdalu

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'OUR HERITAGE'

Children have the opportunity to learn about people who changed society. Please do look at your child's class newsletter and topic web as it gives details about how you can support your child's learning. British Values are a key part of the curriculum and our aim is to help our pupils to understand the values and relate it to Christ's teachings as pupils of a Catholic school. Our focus on current affairs helps to promote these values and nurtures in both children and adults a deeper understanding of the importance of tolerance, respect and freedom of speech.

BRITISH VALUES



OUR SCHOOL VALUES



CHRISTIAN VALUES

Faithfulness "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" 	Humility "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" 	Truth "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" 	Forgiveness "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy"
Tolerance "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" 	Dignity "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" 	Service "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" 	Respect "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"

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Chaplaincy Group



Reception Class



Head Teacher Award

RECEPTION: Angela , Angela , Allan and Alimat

YEAR 1: Aviah , Zach and Amelia

YEAR 2: Jonathan and Isabelle

YEAR 3: David and Julia

YEAR 4: Kaia and Tayden

YEAR 5: Alias and Amrutha

YEAR 6: Albert and Michelle

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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

Week commencing : 11/09/17

100% Attendance: Reception, Y3, Y5

100% Punctuality: Nursery, Y2, Y3

Overall attendance: 98.5%

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 98%

Father Con's reflection

On Thursday of last week, September 14th, we celebrated the feast of the Triumph (or Exaltation) of the Holy Cross.

On Mount Calvary Jesus triumphed on his cross because, within three days of his death, he would rise from the dead.

The cross is the very "emblem" or "badge" of Christianity.

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we should do so reverently, in recognition of, and in thanksgiving for, Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation.

The Sign of the Cross, made well, is a prayer in itself.

Diary Dates

1st Half of Autumn Term

18th September	Year 6 Transition parents meeting 5.30pm
18th September	School Photos
27th September	KS2 Tag Rugby 1pm to 1.30pm Trinity School
28th September	Maths Curriculum Evening 5.30pm in the Junior Hall
2nd October	Clubs Start (revised date)
2nd October	Bring your Parent to Lunch
3rd October	Parents Evening Meetings
5th October	Parents Evening Meetings
6th October	School Mass 9.15 am (Thanksgiving Mass For Retiring Governors)
10th October	Yr 5 & Yr 6 Hockey 4pm to 5.30pm Trinity School
18th October	International Evening 5.45PM

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.

