



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

19th February 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and I hope you had a relaxing half term and are ready for another busy term ahead.

Now that we have entered into the season of Lent when we prepare for Easter, please do take time to talk to your child about the importance of Lent. Our weekly Liturgies in school will focus on a specific theme and children will be leading liturgical services on a weekly basis.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week was a great success and a big thank you to all of you who gave up time to come in and read with your child before school. Children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the author Ciaran Murtagh who ran workshops on how to be a successful writer. Please do take time to read the comments relating to the visit.

Congratulations to all the children who dressed up as characters from various books. Costumes were imaginative and very creative which made it difficult to choose winners. Mrs Whitmarsh and Mrs King judged the entries and commended all pupils for their efforts. Well done to the following winners who received a book token.

Reception: Elma, Year 1: Ella-Jaide, Year 2: Isabella, Year 3: Kosi, Year 4: Malaika, Year 5: Toyosi and Year 6: Rhea.



MATHS HOMEWORK

Thank you to all the children who completed the whole school maths homework task. Our school focus on developing reasoning skills is having a good impact which can be seen in pupil's work in class and at home. Children's comments indicate that they are enjoying tasks set and being challenged to explain their ideas.

We will be holding a maths focused week (26th—29th March) and Miss Corrigan will be organising sessions for parents to come into classes and work with their children during the week. Details will be sent nearer the time so please do try and attend. We will be displaying some of the maths homework in the Library so do try to make time to visit our maths exhibition.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

My thanks to Mr Arhin & Mrs Amponsah for their efforts in trying to engage parents to set up a PTA (parents, teachers association) I think it is an excellent idea and will certainly support all aspects of school life. A meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 20th February at 9am to 10am in the Junior Hall.

Please do add the diary dates in this newsletter to your calendar. Parents evening will be on Tuesday, 13th and Thursday, 15th March and a letter will be sent out two weeks before with information.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your good wishes and support on my announcement that I will be leaving Good Shepherd School in July to take up the Headship at St. Joseph's School. I have been at the school since 2009 and enjoyed every moment. I look forward to working closely with you for the remainder of this year and continue to ensure successful outcomes as always.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SAFEGUARDING



<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)

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<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>



Congratulations to all the pupils who entered our competition for designing a poster on E-Safety. Their impressive work will be displayed around the school.

The winners are published on the last page of the Newsletter.



Start a conversation
Talk to your child about their online world and what they enjoy with support from the conversation starter guide



Spread the word

Get tips on how to encourage other people to get involved and share the Safer Internet Day message on and offline.



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

BOOK WEEK



The Author Ciaran Murtagh visited Good Shepherd School on the 5th February.

Ciaran Murtagh spoke to the children in assembly and delivered a workshop to KS2.

"Assembly was good because there were loads of funny book characters."

Percy Year 2

The Staff of Good Shepherd entered into the spirit of Book Week by dressing as Little Miss and Mr Men Characters.

The children dressed as their favourite book character.



I thought that the visit of Ciaran Murtagh was fantastic because he was very funny.

Saphir (Year 3)

I found it very fun and exciting, it was great.

Aaron (Year 4)

Abigail (Year 4)

I thought he (the author) really helped me how reading and writing books is really fun.

Joseph (Year 3)

I thought it was very fun and enjoyable because we had a lot of fun.

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HIGH 5 TOURNAMENT

Nine children from Year 5 & 6 went to Shirley High to compete in a High 5 netball tournament. The competition was tough and the weather was bitterly cold but the children played fantastically and enjoyed the event.

"It was a great and friendly match between the teams"

Leroy (Year 5)



SIGN2SING

On Wednesday 7th February, Good Shepherd took part in the SIGN2SING fundraising event. The children were invited to wear a scarf and donate one pound to the charity SignHealth. The school raised £114.50.



E-Safety Awards

**Reception Class: Isabel & Chinjindu
(winners)**

**Year 1: Ethan, Veronica & Bade (runner's
up)**

Maryjoy (winner)

**Year 2: Isabelle & Emmanuela (runner's up)
Akin (winner)**

**Year 3: Hannah & Lifejoy (runner's up)
Joseph (winner)**

**Year 4: Abel & Amariah (runner's up)
Kaia (winner)**

**Year 5: Toyosi & Augusta (runner's up)
Joanne (winner)**

**Year 6: Valerie & NJ (runner's up)
Toni (winner)**



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality

THIS TERM

WEEK ENDING: 8th February 2018:

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: N, R, Y1, Y2, Y3

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 96.7%

Father Con's reflection

*Hopefully one and all had a safe and enjoyable
half-term week break.*

*Holiday(s) time can be when parents/guardians/carers
relax, but their care cannot be relaxed regarding their
children.*

*The Prayer to the Guardian Angel is a great way of
requesting God's protection at all times. It reads thus:*

**"ANGEL OF GOD, MY GUARDIAN DEAR,
TO WHOM GOD'S LOVE COMMITS ME HERE,
EVER THIS DAY (NIGHT) BE AT MY SIDE,
TO LIGHT AND GUARD, TO RULE AND GUIDE."**

(AMEN)

*Why not say this prayer together as a family, at the
start and end of each day, for this holy season of Lent,
and beyond?*

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

19th February	School Opens to Pupils
20th February	9 am to 10 am PTA Meeting in the Junior Hall
21st February	Gym Squad Competition at Riddlesdown Collegiate
26th February	Safety Week Year 2 Music Rehearsals at St Mary's Infant School
1st March	NSPCC day - Key Stage Assembly Year 5 & 6 Workshops
5th March	Year 2 Infant Music Festival at Trinity School
8th March	General Knowledge Quiz at St Aidans
9th March Friday	Clubs Finish (Guitar club and clubs have one more week)
12th March	Science Week
13th March	Parents Eve
14th March	Year 6 Dancing at the Croydon Dance Festival
15th March	Parents Eve
15th March	Guitar Club Finishes
16th March	Friday Clubs Finish
23rd March	Maths Week Yr3 & Yr5 Poetry Competition
29th March	Stations of the Cross
29th March	School Closes at 1.15 pm for the Easter Holiday