



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21st May 2018



Different
Individuals
Valuing
Each other
Respectful
Schools
Teachers
Intellect
Talents or
Years.

*Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the faithful and
kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all the Year 2 and 6 pupils who have completed their SATS last week. They have been incredibly focused and have applied themselves fully to all tasks set. Well done children and you deserve to do well.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked hard to prepare the children and to the volunteers who moderated at the Key Stage 2 tests. This has certainly been a busy week and the children ended it by not only celebrating the end of SATS but also the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan. The future looks bright and promising.

The calendar is full of dates from now until the end of the summer term, so please do take a look and add key ones to your diary.

PRIZE GIVING EVENING - 25TH JUNE 2018 AT 5.00 P.M.

We have introduced a School Prize Giving Evening to acknowledge pupils who have consistently worked hard and shown a positive attitude to their learning. It is a chance to reward pupils for effort and hard work. Whilst results are important, our school ethos nurtures an understanding of the need for commitment, resilience and hard work. Prizes will be awarded for individual subjects and an overall award for the 'pupil of the year' in each year group. All pupils are expected to attend with parents and winners will be announced on the evening.



MARIAN PROCESSION—24th MAY 2018 AT 10.00 A.M

May is the month of the Rosary and we will be holding our annual Marian procession on Thursday 24th May 2017 at 10 am. It is a wonderful celebration and offering up to our Lady in thanks for always being there beside us. We will be asking children to bring in flowers which we will take to Good Shepherd Church and place at the altar and you are most welcome to join us in the procession. Please do take time to say the Rosary with your child as we do in school.



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 and applies sun cream if necessary.

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 was sent out last week 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.



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, you 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.

It's been yet another busy half term which has ended with a very positive Teaching and Learning Review and a Religious Education (Section 48) Inspection. I hope to be able to share the report with you early next term once it has been released by the Diocese. Our success is firmly based on continuing strong links between school, home and all stakeholders. On that note, I wish you all a very happy half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 4th June 2018. This sadly will be my last term with Good Shepherd and, whilst it is difficult to leave, I know I will be able to take away many happy memories. I do hope to see many of you at my leaving Mass on Thursday, 5th July at 5.30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church followed by a reception back in the School Hall.

Mrs Fernandes
Headteacher

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

Year 6 celebrate end of SATS with a sleepover on Friday

Thank you to all of Year 6 for working hard this year and being so focused during SATS week. Pupils celebrated with an evening of games and a disco followed by a sleepover at School. They were well behaved and a credit to us. My thanks to all the staff who gave up time on Friday and Saturday to make the event a big success. We all had a great time.



Year 2 celebrate end of SATS with an ice lolly on Monday



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK



KEEPING YOUR MIND AND BODY FIT AND HEALTHY

Homework will be due in on Monday, 4th June 2018

RE: Healthy Living Research Project

To lead on from our healthy living week in school, I have got a challenge for you all.

I would like you to research one of the following questions. You can use the internet, library books or information magazines. You can present your findings as posters, reports, information books, PowerPoints or videos. I also want to hear your opinions. Make sure you explain why you think something. We will be giving prizes for the best project from each class!

EYFS

- *Can you share some of the ways you have fun exercising at home? – Take a photo of yourself doing an exercise*
- *Can you make a healthy meal or snack that you enjoy and write or draw about it?*

KS1

- *Is winning the most important thing about sport?*
- *What skills can we learn from playing sport?*
- *What should we do if we are worried about something?*

Make a poster or write me a letter explaining what you think and why.

KS2

- *Is winning the most important thing about sport?*
- *What skills can we learn from playing sport?*
- *How can we look after our minds?*

KS2: Current Affairs Questions 📄

- *Should athletes ever break the rules to win?*
- *Should sportswomen be paid the same amount as sportsmen?*
- *Are super foods really that super?*
- *Should Shahid Khan be allowed to buy Wembley?*
- *Which sportsperson are you most inspired by and why?*
- *Is life all about succeeding, or about being happy?*

This project is due in on Monday 4th June to your class teacher (first Monday back). I look forward to reading all of your homework. Surprise and inspire me! Have a good break.

Best wishes,

Miss Hart (Healthy School Coordinator)

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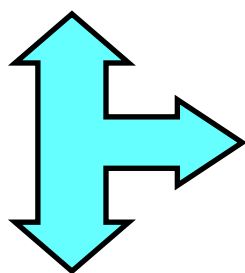
TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS

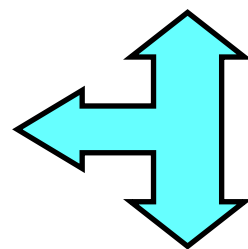
- * Pupils experience a wide curriculum and have the chance to apply their basic skills (English & maths) in other subjects.
- * R.E, History, Geography, Art, Music, Design and Technology, Computing & PE are all taught to ensure pupils are well informed and balanced
- * Pupils are encouraged to develop 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.

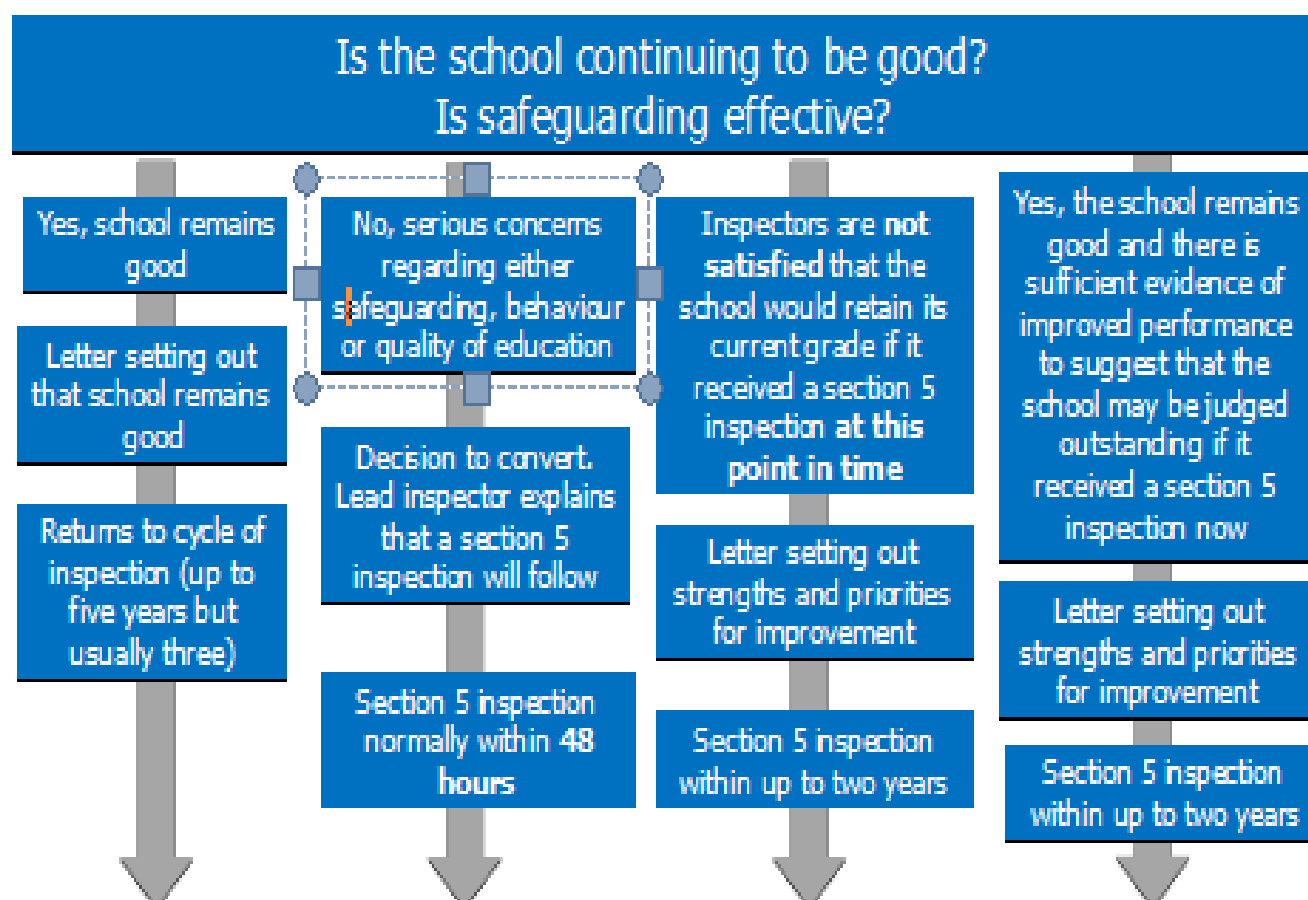
ENGLISH

- * 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

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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.



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

Nursery: Isabelle & Frankie
Reception: Logan, Eden & Angel
Year 1: Yasmin & Chibulkem
Year 2: Whole Class
Year 3: Kosisochi, Lifejoy & Julia
Year 4: Emmanuel, Elaine & Aaron
Year 5: Tomi, Stephane & Kemari
Year 6: Whole Class

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality

THIS TERM

Week Commencing: 14th May 2018

Punctuality: Y1 & Y2

Attendance: N, Y5 & Y6

Overall Attendance : 99 %

Father Con's reflection

Yesterday was Pentecost Sunday—the celebration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is the Greek word for 50. So, yesterday we were 50 days after Easter Sunday, when we celebrated the glorious Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

The Holy Spirit is the wondrous love between God the Father and God the Son.

Therefore yesterday's great solemn feast was all about LOVE

Our faith is all about love—the love of God for each and everyone of us. A love that is equal for all people.

This was precisely what Dr. Curry, the American Episcopalian bishop, meant when he preached at Saturday's Royal Wedding.

Diary Dates

SUMMER TERM

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 Year 5 Trip Kidzania
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



Wednesday 23rd May

For Sports Day, the school dinner will be vegetarian or meat hot dogs, potato wedges and beans with an iced sponge for dessert.