



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2018

In a school year the average child spends

7800 hours at home
and
900 hours at school.

Who is responsible for the
child's education?

Dear Parents/Carers

Despite the cold and wet weather this week, the children have been in great form, energetic and enthusiastic as ever. Our pupil leadership team (comprising of pupils from year 6) led the assembly on Wednesday and focused on developing playground facilities to promote fitness and wellbeing. They discussed ideas on how we can further develop both KS1 and KS2 areas and noted suggestions from other pupils. Year 5 are currently working on persuasive letters to present their views to the Governors. Our aim is to use pupil voice to inform use of the sports grant and agree a project to take place in the summer term. The Government allocates Good Shepherd a sports grant for the sole use of promoting fitness in young people. We are currently working with the children to agree designs to improve the outdoor facilities to encourage all pupils to engage in activities in a creative and sporting way.

The pupil leadership team will meet with the Governors before half term to present the project to them. The presentation and plans for the project will be displayed in school and be available for you to view in the next few weeks. Pupil's wellbeing and fitness continues to be a big part of our school curriculum and I am delighted with the number of pupils who have booked onto extra curricular sports and non sporting clubs which started this week.

WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK TASK - PERSUASIVE WRITING & MATHS CHALLENGE

Please remind your child that the above homework is due in today, if you are struggling to hand it in, please see your child's class teacher and arrangements can be made for an extension until Wednesday.

The maths challenge tasks will be sent out this week so please do ask your child about it. Answers to the challenge will be due in on Thursday, 8th February.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Thank you to the parents who requested a meeting with me to discuss ways in which they could work with the school to improve parental involvement. This is key to raising standards and ensuring all our pupils achieve their potential. We discussed the possibility of starting up a parent, teachers and friends association (PTFA) in school, not only to fund raise but also to provide support for parents in the community. There were some excellent ideas put forward and the parents involved will be sending out information to all parents regarding holding a meeting to move forward. We are a close community at Good Shepherd and our strength lies in working together with honesty and respect. We are a good school with outstanding features and continue to be so. I have in previous newsletters published our priorities for our school development plan this year. As some of you have not read it I have published it again in this newsletter in a new format. Please remember that all information is on our school website at www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk

Considerable time is spent dealing with questions and queries regarding information previously sent through newsletters, letters texts etc. We will always strive to ensure that information is clear and communicated to all stakeholders but ultimately it is for all of you to read the information sent. My thanks to all of you who faithfully do so. With that in mind I look forward to reading the persuasive letters from the children set as part of their whole school homework. Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you around the school this week.

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 be follow this rule. Thank you.


May I please remind you that staff attend a briefing meeting on Monday and that the side gates will not be open until 8.45 a.m. The sides gates will continue to be opened from 8.40 a.m. for the rest of the week.

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

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

	Student A	Student B
	Read 20 minutes five night of every week	Reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!!
Step 1: Multiply minutes a night X 5 times each week	20 min. X 5 times a week = 100 minutes/week	4 minutes X 5 times a week= 20 minutes/week
Step 2: Multiple minutes a week X 4 weeks each month	Reads 400 minutes a month	Reads 80 minutes a month

If a child starts reading for 20 minutes per night in Nursery, by the time they reach the end of Year 6, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days. Who do you think will be more successful?

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

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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>

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO USE YOUR MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL PREMISES.

Thank you to everyone who respectfully follows the rule. School Council are preparing letters to send out to all parents reminding them of this rule and why it is important .



Head Teacher Award

*NURSERY: Daniel S, Raphael, John,
Sabrina, Messie & Isaiah*

RECEPTION: Chika, Alimatu & Chijindu

YEAR 1: Isaac, Akintayo

*YEAR 2: Navaeh, Percival, Amisha &
Maria*

YEAR 3: Saphir & Angel

YEAR 4: Misheal & Zuriel

YEAR 5: David, Stephane & Salem

YEAR 6: Zephania & Savio

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

***We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality
THIS TERM***

WEEK ENDING: 19th January 2018:

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Year 6

WINNING CLASS FOR ATTENDANCE: Year 5

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 95.2%

Father Con's reflection

***January 18th to January 25th inclusive is known each
year as the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.***

God is One

***-One God in 3 Persons. He so desires that His People be
one.***

***Let us pray this week that all Christian denominations
may soon move on from union to unity.***

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

22nd January	Clubs start
5th February	Book Week
6th February	Yr4 Class Trip to Pizza Express Yr1 Class Trip to the Library
7th February	SIGN2SING Charity Fundraiser
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
16th March	Friday Clubs Finish
23rd March	Yr3 & Yr5 Poetry Competition
29th March	Stations of the Cross
29th March	School Closes at 1.15 pm for the Easter Holiday)