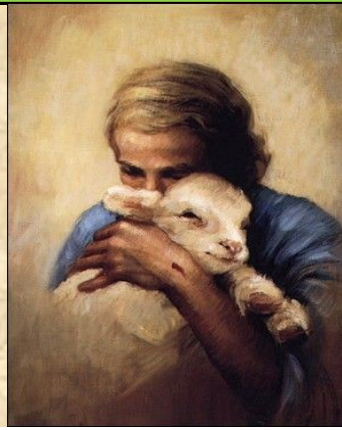




**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

17th April 2018



*I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one
who lays down his life for
his sheep.*

*I am the good shepherd says
the Lord; I know my own
sheep and my own know me*

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Geal had a baby boy on Saturday, 21st April 2018. His name is Bobby and both are doing very well. He is the youngest member to join our Good Shepherd family and we look forward to meeting Bobby in the near future.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our school Mass on Friday. The children sang beautifully led by the school choir and Mrs Saunders. All children were wonderfully behaved showing great respect and reverence. My thanks to year 3 who led the readings and the offertory. Despite being the youngest in the juniors, they read with confidence and self-assurance.

Despite being back for less than a week, the children have already been active in participating in maths and the finals of the Croydon gymnastic competitions. Children from year 6, Joshua, Blessing, Ola and Toni went to Thomas Beckett school on Tuesday to compete against other Croydon schools and closely missed out on qualifying for the finals. They came fourth overall with a narrow margin of points between the winners and our team. My thanks to Mrs Smith and Mr Conneely for accompanying the children.

This was followed on Wednesday when four children from year 4, Raymond, Zuriel, Daniel O and Kaia, competed in the finals of the Croydon gymnastic championship. They had to complete a sequence of movements and the judges commented on the high standard achieved by all pupils. Our children came fourth overall. Congratulations to all pupils involved in both competitions!

I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and warm conditions. It's nice to see the children in their summer uniform looking as always very smart. Please do refer to our school website or ask the office if you have any questions about summer uniform.

Please do take time to look at the calendar dates attached to this newsletter. I'm sure you will agree this term is packed with events so it's important that you add them to your diary to avoid missing key events. Please note that this year our sports day will be this half of the summer term and will take place on Wednesday, 23rd May 2018 at 9.15 a.m. Should the weather be wet that day an alternative date has been set for Wednesday, 6th June 2018.

Thank you for giving Mrs Day (the new Headteacher from September 2018) a warm welcome. The children and staff met Mrs Day on Friday and she will be visiting the school again to give you the opportunity to meet her again.

My leaving Mass will be on Thursday, 5th July at 5.30 p.m. in Good Shepherd Church followed by a reception in the junior hall. I will be sad to say good bye to Good Shepherd and particularly the children who have been a big part of my life for the past nine years. I hope to see many of you there and would like to make a request that all the children attend. Details will be sent out after half term.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very happy St. George's day. Yesterday was Good Shepherd Sunday and the gospel was about how God never gives up on anyone no matter what mistakes people make. Sunday's psalm states 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone'.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

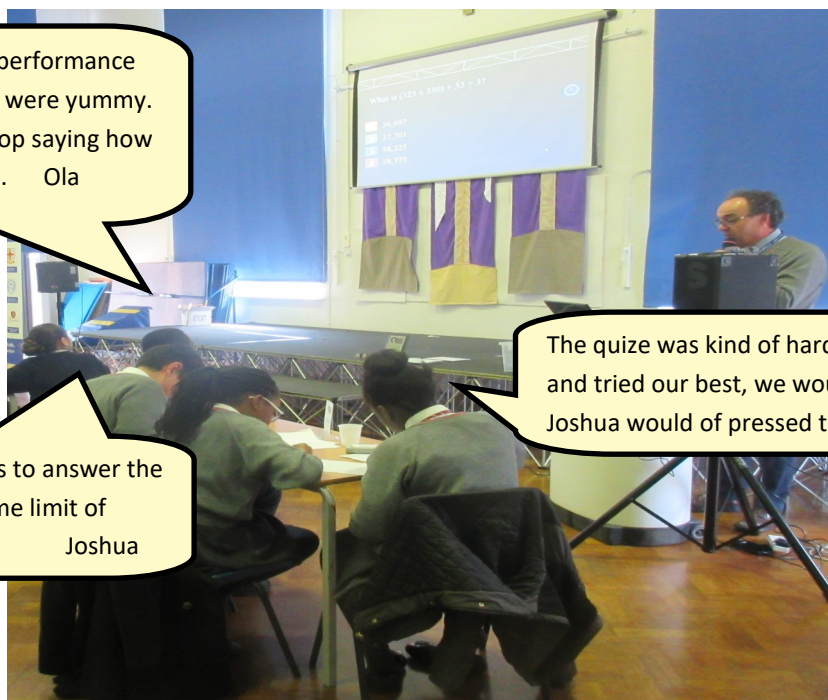
ALL IN A WEEK!

Joshua, Ola, Blessing & Toni
represented the school in a Maths quiz at St Thomas Beckett Catholic School

I was very happy with our performance and the biscuits at the end were yummy. Someone (Toni) couldn't stop saying how close we were to 3rd place. Ola

I felt it was hard, as we had to answer the question in a very strict time limit of 30 seconds to a minute Joshua

The quiz was kind of hard but we persevered and tried our best, we would have come third if Joshua would have pressed the buzzer. Blessing



Raymond, Zurial, Kaia & Daniel
represented the school in a gymnastic competition at Harris Academy in Norwood.



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HEALTHY WEEK 21.5.18 - 25.5.18

SPORTS DAY

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY 2018 - 9.15 A.M.

Health Week



DETAILS TO FOLLOW
IN TWO WEEKS TIME



**PLEASE ADD KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM TO YOUR DIARY SO YOU DO NOT MISS
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD**

30th April-class Photos - Winter Uniform please

7th May - May Bank Holiday—No school

8th May - Year 2 SATS meeting at 8am

23rd May - Sports Day in the morning

25th May - Half Term school closes at 3.15pm

4th June - School re-opens for 2nd Summer Term

18th June - KS2 Boys (who have been selected)

Croydon Sports at Croydon Arena at 4pm

19th June - KS2 Girls (who have been selected)

Croydon Sports at Croydon Arena at 4pm

20th June - Final Croydon Sports at Croydon Arena at 4pm

5th July - Mrs Fernandes leaving Mass

12th July - Year 6 Production 6pm

16th July - Parents Evening if you wish to discuss your child end of year report

17th July - Nursery Class Graduation

19th July - Year 6 Leaving Mass 9.15am

Head Teacher Award

Nursery: Raphael, Isaiah & Imoleayo
Reception: Allan & Chika
Year 1: Azreal & Solliyah
Year 2: Aaliyah & Jayden
Year 3: Aaron, Khaian & Romaric
Year 4: Christiana & Victor
Year 5: Brandon, Ayush, Denicia, Salem, Chimdalul & Alias
Year 6: Michelle, Nathan, Sinduya.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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

Week Commencing: 16th April 2018

Punctuality: Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y6

Overall Attendance 96.7%

Father Con's reflection

This school week opens with the feast of St George, the patron saint of England. (the flag of St George displays a red cross on a white background).

Veneration of St George goes back to the 4th century, to Palestine, to a place called Lydda. A church was built there in his honour. From there, and from the early centuries, veneration of him spread across the world, east and west.

George was a soldier but one who left the military world, to become a soldier for Jesus Christ, so to speak.

At the time of George, and shortly therefore, England was a Catholic country. It has always been the downy of Mary, Mother of God.

Let us pray that England will retain, and if necessary regain, a fitting recognition of its spiritual and a religious heart.

Diary Dates

SUMMER TERM

30th April	Photographer taking class photos
7th May	May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
8th May	Year 1 Visit to the Fire Station
8th May	8am KS1 SATs Parents Meeting
12th May	Catholic Football/Netball Tournament Margaret Roper
15th May	Y4 Battersea Park Zoo trip
14th – 18th May	KS2 Sats
21st May	Yr 6 Citizenship Day Yr 4 Fire Brigade talk
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)
22nd June	EYFS & KS1 Poetry Competition
22nd June	Cricket tournament (Catholic schools)
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
16th July	Parents Eve 3.30pm to 5.30 pm
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