



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

**25th September 2017**



*Dear Parents/Carers*

*The dojo reward system appears to be working very well and an effective way to keep you informed of the many credits children receive in school. Please do remember you can access your child's total and do talk to them about why they have been awarded rewards. May I please remind you that the email system is not a messaging service to your class teacher but a facility for you to acknowledge effort and hard work. The children are very enthusiastic about it and look forward to receiving credits.*

**CURRICULUM EVENING - THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 5.30 P.M.**

*Please do make every effort to attend this evening and the focus will be Maths. Ms Townsley, Mrs Assibi and Mrs Vijapora will be leading the evening which will look at how to support your child with developing good reasoning skills. There will be a short presentation but the main aim is for you to try out ideas and ask questions and I am sure you will enjoy the chance to try out some of the resources.*

*We have decided not to continue with 'My Maths' as unfortunately it was not being used as a homework resource and less than 60% of parents helped their children to access it. However, we are looking at other options to use, one of which is Mathletics which I know the children are particularly keen on.*

**CLUBS**

*Thank you for your cooperation on Wednesday with registering for after school and lunch time clubs. The system worked well and every child received their first and second choices. They will commence on Monday, 2nd October and please do remember that children must be collected at 4.15 p.m. at the end of clubs. If they are persistently collected late, it may become necessary to take them off the club.*

**BIG DIG**

*Thank you to everyone who helped Mrs Saunders with the Big Dig on Friday after school. The gardens look wonderful and there was such a great community spirit with everyone working hard. Do enjoy the photos on the attached pages of this newsletter.*

**WELCOME MASS**

*Our welcome Mass will be on Thursday, 5th October 2017 at 9.15 a.m. in Good Shepherd Church and will also be a thanksgiving Mass for Mr Whitmarsh, Mrs Nelms and Mrs King who have retired as Governors. We would like to thank them for their faithful service to the school community and wish them all the best for the future.*

*The Mass will also be a celebration for Harvest so we would be grateful if you could kindly donate items of non-perishable food (e.g. tinned and dried food) or packets of toothpaste, toothbrushes and other toiletries. A letter will be sent out later this week asking for items which should be brought in on Thursday, 5th October*

**PARENT CONTACT MEETINGS**

*Please sign and return the reply slip to the office to indicate which day you prefer to attend. This will be a chance for you to discuss your child's progress and ways you can support their learning. It is vital that you attend as teachers will be giving you a copy of your child's targets to work on for the year.*

*The weather is continually changing and the temperatures have been cooler over the past week, so please do ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat with them every day.*

*Have a good week and I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.*

**Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher**

**STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE**



# THE BIG DIG





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## PUPIL COMMITTEES

### School Council

Year 1 Ella-Jaide and Zach  
Year 2 Emmanuela 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







## **Head Teacher Award**

**RECEPTION: Logan & Kingsley**  
**YEAR 1: Emmanuel & Ella Jaide**  
**YEAR 2: Edwin & Aaliyah**  
**YEAR 3: Ethan & Lifejoy**  
**YEAR 4: Beatriz , Victor & Emmanuel**  
**YEAR 5: Amy & Jordan**  
**YEAR 6: Leyton & Sinduya**

### **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

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

*Week commencing: 18/09/17*

*100% attendance: Y3, Y4*

*100% punctuality: Nursery, Reception, Y2*

*Overall attendance: 97.7%*

### **Father Con's reflection**

*At this time of year our principal focus must surely be thanksgiving to God for the harvest. (In the Lord's Prayer, the "Our Father" - the only prayer taught by Jesus—the second half begins with the words "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD".)*

*In this month of September our world has seen some dreadful examples of human suffering and plight (e.g. the hurricanes in the Caribbean and Cuba and Florida; the earthquake in Mexico; the distress of Moslems fleeing for their lives from Myanmar, formerly Burma).*

*Such victims will face, in some measure at least, a struggle for their daily bread.*

*Yet God is with them in their pain. We, meanwhile, must surely be ever thankful to Him that we will never be on the receiving end of such natural disasters or horrendous atrocities.*

## **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
- 2nd October Bring your Parent to Lunch
- 3rd October Parents Evening Meetings
- 5th October Parents Evening Meetings
- 5th October School Mass 9.15 am (Thanksgiving Mass For Retiring Governors)  
**REVISED DATE**
- 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.*

