



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

26th February 2018

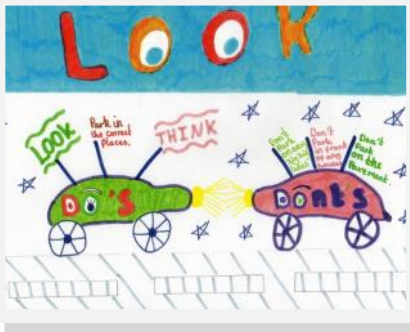


Dear Parents/Carers



During the season of Lent a child will be bringing home a Lenten Prayer bag linked to Stations of the Cross. A child will be chosen from each class on a daily basis and given the bag to take home. Please take time to talk to your child about the Stations of the Cross and say a prayer together. The children's Chaplaincy team and Mrs Saunders have spent a lot of time preparing the bags and I ask that you kindly take care of them and spend time as a family using them as part of your preparation during Lent.

The focus for this week will be 'Keeping safe' and the NSPCC will be visiting the school on Thursday. Miss Milmo has already sent out information on how you can support your child. I encourage you to use the online resources available on the fact sheet.



Safeguarding all children and adults is key and by working together we are more effective. Keeping safe encompasses parking and driving with due care and attention to others and ensuring that rules are followed. Our JRSO (Junior Road Safety officers) will be leading an assembly on road safety and the Pupil Leadership Team will talk about keeping safe when using mobile phones. Thank you to all the parents who comply with our expectation that mobile phones should not be used on school premises. Having talked to children in all year groups, it is clear that they enjoy sharing information about the day which they are unable to do if adults are on the phone. I look forward to a successful focused 'Safety week'.



Congratulations to our gymnasts in Years 3 and 4 for getting through to the finals of the Croydon Gymnastics competition held on Wednesday, 21st February at Riddlesdown Collegiate. My thanks to Mrs Richards for training the children, to Miss Hart for organising the team and to Mrs Jenkins for accompanying the gymnasts. The profile of gymnastics in the school has been raised and through hard work and determination, the children are making excellent progress, so we can look forward to future achievements.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday regarding setting up a school PTA. Feedback was very positive and Mr Arhin and Mrs Amponsah will contact you shortly with details of a follow up meeting this term.

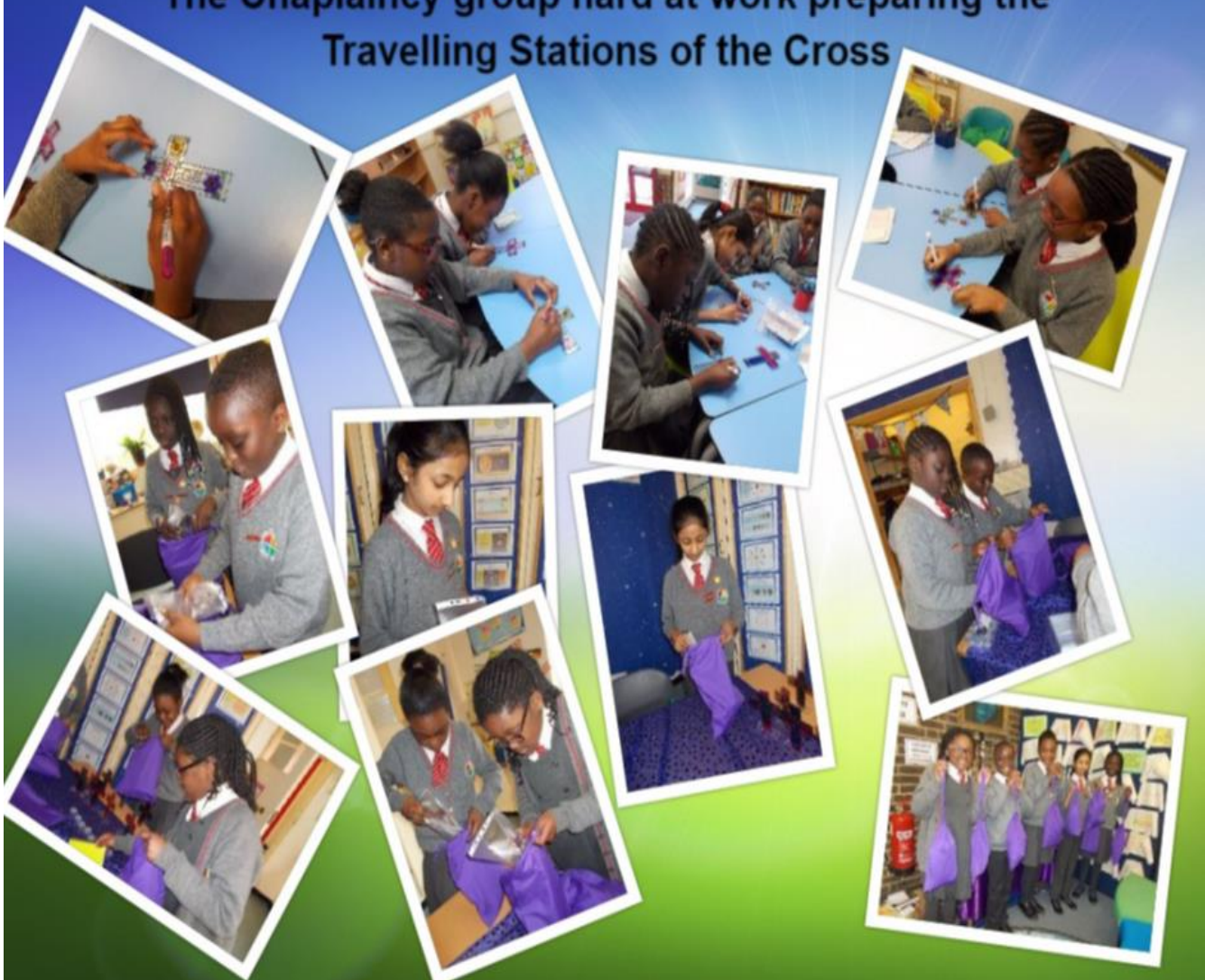
Finally I would like to welcome Mrs Smith and Mrs Jordan who have joined the staff this week. Mrs Smith will be working mainly in key stage 2 and Mrs Jordan in both key stages. We are delighted to have them as part of the Good Shepherd team and I am sure they will contribute to the continued success of the school.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

CHAPLAINCY GROUP

The Chaplaincy group hard at work preparing the Travelling Stations of the Cross



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SAFEGUARDING

Ask your
kids
about
social
media



**Keeping
children
safe is
everyone's
responsibility**



Conversation starter ideas:

Expert Tips for Parents:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4G8vRjrEpyaENJOUIkYnFwWlk/view>

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Family-agreement-advice.pdf>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Internet-matters-Parent-Age-Guides-6-10.pdf>

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them?
What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.

Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the Internet together and further enjoy your lives online?



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP



*"After every child took their
turn we clapped."*

Daniel

*"We worked as a team and
did our best"*

Emmanuel



Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: Reon & Daniel

RECEPTION: Elmar & Isabel

YEAR 1: Isaac & Amelia

YEAR 2: Michael, Ben, Amisha & David

YEAR 3: Hannah, Millan-I & Louisa

*YEAR 4: Chidera, Zuriel, Adrian,
Malaika, Sydney & Josieanne*

*YEAR 5: Wandile, Sherah, Amrutha &
Toyosi*

YEAR 6: Andrew & Tia

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality

THIS TERM

WEEK ENDING: 23rd February 2018:

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: N, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y6

WINNIG CLASS FOR ATTENDANCE: YR & Y2

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 98.9%

Father Con's reflection

As we enter, this Monday, the final 3 days of February, we find this particular winter at its absolute coldest. We see the beautiful sunshine resulting from nightly frosts, and we long for the sun to reign supreme soon.

For the moment, we can only appreciate the light of the sun—its warmth and heat must wait for another day, sometime ahead.

Light is a word very central to this holy season of Lent. Day-to-day our world is full of so many examples of darkness—situations worldwide crying out for light to replace such examples of darkness as war, starvations killings etc.

Through it all, we remember that Light is one of God's 3 'L' words—the others being Life and Love.

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

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
2nd March	Loud & Proud Competition
5th March	Year 2 Infant Music Festival at Trinity School
8th March	General Knowledge Quiz at St Aidans
9th March	Clubs Finish (Guitar club and Friday 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