



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

30th October 2017

*Autumn
is a second spring
when every leaf
is a flower.*

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every
purpose under the heaven: (Ecclesiastes 3)*

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended the International evening last term and particularly to those of you who remained until the end of the evening to support all pupils performing. The children were great and my thanks go to all the staff who worked hard to prepare the children. Do look through the photographs of the evening!

We will be changing the format next year and are considering hosting two afternoon performances – one for EYFS/KS1 and the second for KS2. Details will be shared next year.

This term is always busy and important. Advent is a key time for us as a Catholic School and the focus will be on preparing for Christ's birth in a spiritual and meaningful way to help children understand the true meaning of Christmas. To support this we will be launching our School Christmas appeal in the next few weeks so please do keep an eye out for details. The children are actively involved in making the decision regarding the charity we will be supporting as it is important for pupils to have this input. I know you will be very supportive.

School Uniform

Please remember that all pupils must now be in their full winter uniform and wear a dark, warm waterproof coat to school. Boots are not allowed in school but pupils may wear them travelling to and from school if weather conditions are severe. Please also note that hairstyles must be smart and signs and symbols shaved into hair cuts is not acceptable. Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons, particularly during P.E.

Please ensure that your child brings in their full P.E. Kit and that all items are clearly named. They may take it home at the end of the day, however, it needs to be in school every day. A number of children have been bringing in key rings and other attachments to clip onto their school bags which has caused problems as they can easily break or get lost. Therefore, I ask that you please do not attach any items to school bags or coats. Many thanks.

Prescribed medication in school

If your child needs to be given prescribed medication during the school day, please see a member of the Senior Leadership team or myself to complete the appropriate paper work. We will not be able to administer any medication unless this is done. If your child has an asthma inhaler or an Epipen, please do check with the class teacher to ensure items are in date. The colder months can be difficult for some children with Asthma and it is important that you regularly liaise with staff to keep the school up to date on current advice for your child.

Contact numbers

Unfortunately, considerable time is spent by the ladies in the office trying to get through to some parents as a result of out of date information or people not responding to messages left. It is a key aspect of safeguarding to have up to date information so please do inform the office of any changes. Should we not be able to contact you, we will contact the emergency contact on file.

Birthday treats

Do remember that you are welcome to bring in fruit for the class or donate a book/books to the class library if you wish to give your child's class a birthday treat. Individual party bags, or any confectionary/food is not allowed owing to many of our pupils having allergies. So please do not distribute them on school premises.

Forthcoming dates

Please do refer to our list of forthcoming dates which is updated weekly.

Wishing you all a happy week and I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

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CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY



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INTERNATIONAL EVENING



Additional Information

Bonfire Night – Thursday 2nd November – Changes to School Menu

BBQ Chicken
Quorn Hot Dog
With Cheesy Wedges
Jacket Potato with Fillings
Coleslaw
Sweetcorn
Apple Pie with Whipped Cream

Also Available:
Freshly Baked Bread, Salad
Fresh Fruit Platter & Yoghurt



Dates for
your
diary.....

Date for your diary - 16th of November

The 4th SEND conference in Croydon and it is dedicated for parents, young people with SEN and disability as well as for professionals working with pupils/YP with SEN.

Venue: Jury's In Hotel, Croydon, Lansdowne Road (just 5 min walk from East Croydon Station)

Time: 9.20am to 4.30pm

Programme: TBC.

The event will provide vital information and advice for parents about send support in early years, exclusions, post 16 SEND provision in Croydon and how to help children with high anxiety levels.

Both professionals and parents/YP will benefit from coming to the event.

*A lovely three course lunch is included! **Spaces are limited they need to be pre-booked. We are very busy with taking bookings. Do not delay! Over half the places have already gone.***

***Fees:** parents and young people – FREE, professionals - £35, which is very little fee for whole day conference.*

Follow the link if you want to buy a ticket:

<https://www.kids.org.uk/Event/4th-annual-sen-conference>

www.kids.org.uk



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Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: Ranel & Daniel

RECEPTION: Daniel & Kaila

YEAR 1: Veronica, Jaydin, Jayda & Ethan Samuels

YEAR 2: Akin & Daniel

YEAR 3: Malvin & Chizim

YEAR 4: Amariah, Beatriz, Malaika, Victor & Kaia

YEAR 5: Amrutha & Stephanie

YEAR 6: Kayla, Savio & Ethan

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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

**WEEK ENDING: 16TH OCTOBER 2017: WINNING CLASS
FOR ATTENDANCE—YEAR 3**

WINNING CLASSES FOR PUNCTUALITY: Y1, Y2, Y3, Y6

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 96.5%

Father Con's reflection

Hopefully everybody had a safe and enjoyable half-term holiday week.

During this school week, we have 2 major days in the Church's calendar. Wednesday November 1st is ALL SAINTS' DAY. Thursday November 2nd is ALL SOULS' DAY.

All Saints Day is about those in heaven. All Souls' Day points to those in Purgatory.

Purgatory is the place of purification. Souls there are being cleansed, and being prepared to enter heaven, where they will see God face-to-face.

We thank God that we have so many saints to intercede for us, and also because they intercede for the souls in Purgatory.

Diary Dates

2nd Half of Autumn Term

30th October	School opens to pupils
1st November	Skipping Workshop
6th November	Whitgift Tag Rugby Qualifier 1.30-3.30
7th November	Year 1 trip to Lloyds Park
8th November	8.30-9.30 Dad's Breakfast
9th November	Catholic Cross Country at John Fisher School
w/b	
13th November	Year 5 at Whitgift School all week
14th November	Year 4 trip to Vue Cinema
17th November	Year 3 Zoolab Workshop
23rd November	Gym Competition 10-12 All Starz Gym Club
24th November	Poetry Competition Yr4 & Yr6
25th November	GS Church Bazaar
27th November	Inset Day
5th December	Nasal Flu Immunisation R to Yr 4
8th December	Choir Singing at Whitgift 1-2pm
12th December	Nursery Nativity 9.15am
14th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity 9.15am
15th December	Reception to Bromley Theatre
	KS2 Advent Service 1.45 pm
20th December	Christmas Lunch and Panto

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.

