



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

5th February 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

It's difficult to believe that we have reached the final week before half term. Despite the wet and cold weather the children have been in good form and are very enthusiastic about book week. My thanks to Mrs Amusan (Literacy co-ordinator) for organising many activities this week. Please do refer to the letter sent out on Friday with details for the week.

You are welcome to come into school every morning from 8.45 a.m. to read with your child and this is open to everyone from Nursery to Year 6. I know the children look forward to sharing a book with adults so please do try and join us..



Children will continue with normal lessons, but will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of texts to further promote reading for pleasure. Paired classes in both the Infant and Junior schools will share books and spend time together, reading for pleasure.



Nursery children will be invited to dress up as a character from a book on Wednesday and the rest of the school on Thursday. Please encourage your child to be creative. Please note that it is not acceptable to come dressed up as a footballer and wear a football kit. A prize will be awarded to the best costume in each year group. It's usually a very exciting and enjoyable day and all the children have the opportunity to present their characters in a whole school assembly.

MATHS HOMEWORK

Please remember the maths homework is due in on Wednesday, 8th February. The purpose of setting whole school homework is to encourage you to work with your child and focus on thinking and reasoning skills. Each key stage will have a selection of questions to choose from and your child may attempt all of them if they wish. As you will know, improving reasoning skills is a big focus this year and research shows that talking through steps improves understanding. Do please look at the information attached to this newsletter to help you.

YEAR 6—SATS MEETING (THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 8.15 A.M.)

Please remember to bring your child with you to the Y6 SATS meeting in the classroom. It is important as key information will be shared about how you can support your child leading up to these important assessments.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

My thanks to Mr Arhin and Mrs Amponsah for their efforts in trying to engage parents to set up a PTA (Parents, Teachers Association). I think it is an excellent idea and will certainly support all aspects of school life. Please do ask the office for a copy of the letter sent to you if your child has not passed it on.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

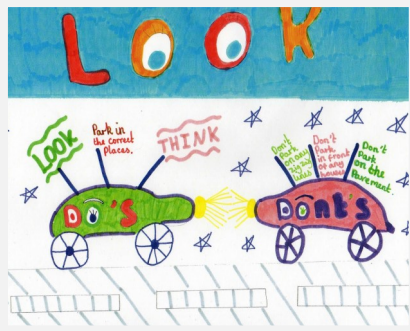
Children will be focusing on safer internet day on Tuesday, 6th January. Please look at the attached sheets of the newsletter and do use some of the suggested sites to support your child.

*Finally, please remember that **Friday, 9th February is an INSET day**. School will not be open to pupils.*

I wish you a happy and enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 19th February.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SAFEGUARDING



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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<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>



Tuesday, 6th February is Safer Internet Day and people all over the country will be focusing on raising awareness of how to keep safe when using the internet.

Do take time to look at the link below to find ways you can support your child to be safe when using the internet.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day-2018/>

Do an activity

Find fun activities to help your child explore ways to stay safe online and get the best out of their digital world



Spread the word

Get tips on how to encourage other people to get involved and share the Safer Internet Day message on and offline.

Start a conversation
Talk to your child about their online world and what they enjoy with support from the conversation starter guide

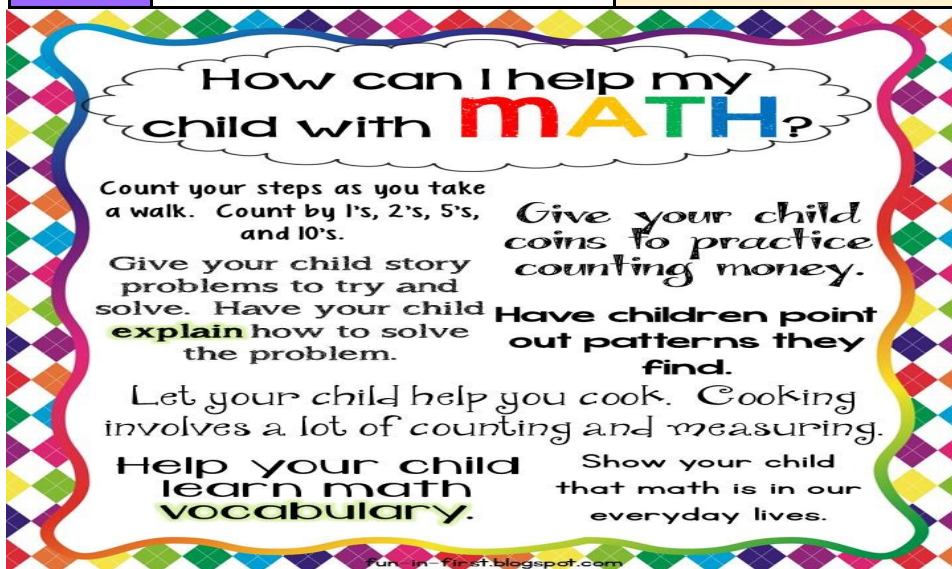


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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

The **RUCSAC** Method for solving maths word problems

R	<u>Read</u> the question carefully	Find the important information - <u>underline</u> it!
U	<u>Understand</u> the question	What do you have to find out? Draw a 'picture' of the question, if it helps.
C	<u>Choose</u> the correct method of calculation	+ - x ÷ What method is best for you to use?
S	<u>Solve</u> the problem	Show every step and keep your working out neat.
A	<u>Answer</u> the question	Read the question again - have you answered it? Make the answer clear.
C	<u>Check</u> your answer	Does it make sense? Find a way to check - estimate or use the inverse.



Useful maths websites:

- <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/your-childs-maths>
- <https://komodomath.com/blog/3-steps-to-help-your-child-with-maths>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/numberblocks-help-your-child-with-maths>
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/maths-at-home/>

Please support your child with the maths challenges set for them.

Encourage them to explain their thinking and record it down in a systematic way in a clear order. They may choose pictures with symbols or numbers. Do ask your class teacher if you have any questions and remember your child may chose as many as they wish for any year group.

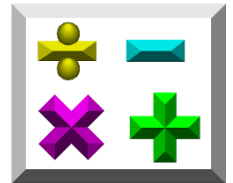
Nursery & Reception pupils are encouraged to keep counting and matching objects to 10

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MATHS CHALLENGE - DUE IN 8.2.18

Remember to put your name and date on your squared paper.

1. Choose the challenge or challenges you want to complete
2. Cut them out and stick them onto a piece of paper
3. Show your working out neatly and in a systematic way
4. Explain how you worked out your answer

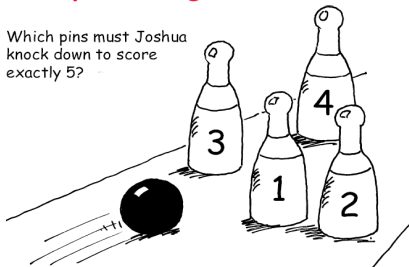


CHALLENGES FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2



Four-pin bowling

Which pins must Joshua knock down to score exactly 5?



Find 2 different ways:

- a. to score 5
- b. to score 6
- c. to score 7

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Teaching objectives

Solve mathematical problems or puzzles.
Know addition and subtraction facts up to 10.

Ride at the fair



Lucy had a ride at the fair.
Her Mum asked Lucy to pay less than 20p towards it.

Lucy paid exactly three coins towards the ride.
How much did Lucy pay her Mum?

Find different ways to do it.



Teaching objectives

Solve mathematical problems or puzzles.
Find totals, give change, and work out which coins to pay.

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CHALLENGES FOR YEARS 3-6

Rows of coins



1. Take five coins: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p.
Put them in a row using these clues.
The total of the first three coins is 27p.
The total of the last three coins is 31p.
The last coin is double the value of the first coin.

2. Take six coins: two 1p, two 2p and two 5p.
Put them in a row using these clues.
Between the two 1p coins there is one coin.
Between the two 2p coins there are two coins.
Between the two 5p coins there are three coins.

What if you take two 10p coins as well, and between them are four coins?

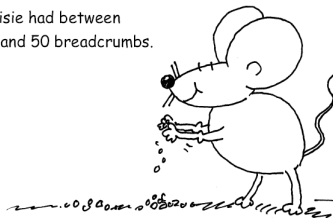
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Teaching objectives

Solve word problems involving money.
Explain methods and reasoning.

Maisie the mouse

Maisie had between 30 and 50 breadcrumbs.



She counted the breadcrumbs in fours.
There were 2 left over.

She counted them in fives.
There was 1 left over.

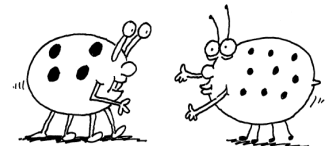
How many breadcrumbs did Maisie have?

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Teaching objectives

Solve mathematical problems or puzzles.
Know multiplication facts for 4 and 5 times tables.
Find remainders after division.

Zids and Zods



Zids have 4 spots.
Zods have 9 spots.

Altogether some Zids and Zods have 48 spots.
How many Zids are there?
How many Zods?

What if Zids have 5 spots, Zods have 7 spots,
and there are 140 spots altogether?
Find as many solutions as you can.

Teaching objectives

Solve mathematical problems or puzzles.
Know multiplication facts to 10 x 10.
Add two-digit numbers mentally.

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We are going to run a different menu on Thursday 8th February as it is the last day. We will provide the Friday menu as this popular and change the dessert to pancakes.

Fish Fingers with chipped potatoes, tomato sauce

Cheese, tomato and spinach frittata with chipped potatoes

Baked beans

Garden peas

Pancakes with a choice of lemon and sugar or chocolate sauce

The normal salad bar, fresh baked bread and fresh fruit options will be available.

REMINDER

If your child has school dinners (and you pay for these), please ensure their ParentPay account is in credit.

If your child attends Nursery on Wednesday afternoon please ensure you have made payment for this on ParentPay.

If your child is attending after school clubs (and you pay for these), please ensure you have made the payment for these on ParentPay.

Thank you



Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: *Kadiann*

RECEPTION: *Angela, Azariah & Chijindu*

YEAR 1: *Ella- Jaide, Akintayo & Jayda*

YEAR 2: *Maria & Benjamin*

YEAR 3: *Hannah, Shai-Nefer & Malvin*

YEAR 4: *Hermoine & Rashanti*

YEAR 5: *Kemari, Denicia & Sherah*

YEAR 6: *Leyton, Sinduya, Leroy & Mickyle*

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality

THIS TERM

WEEK ENDING: 2nd February 2018:

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Nursery, Year 2, & Year 5

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 96.4%

Father Con's reflection

Last Friday, February 2nd, the Church celebrated the feast of the Presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple. It was also Candlemas (the feast of candles).

Candlemas is 40 days from Christmas Day. Counting from Christmas Day, including Christmas Day, up to and including February 2nd, gives us a total of 40 days.

In our Catholic Faith, and throughout the Christian world, it is very important for us to have a very sharp focus on light.

In the eternity of Heaven, it is the light from God's face that lights up everything.

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

5th February	Book Week
5th February	High 5 Netball Tournament at Shirley High School
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—8.15am
8th February	School Closes (Half Term)
9th February	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
19th February	School Opens to Pupils
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
5th March	Year 2 Infant Music Festival at Trinity School
8th March	General Knowledge Quiz at St Aidans
9th March	Clubs Finish (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
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