



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER

5th March 2018

*Do not judge by
appearances; a rich
heart may
be under a
poor coat.*

Do not judge for you too will be judged - Matthew 1 1:2

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all beginning to recover from the recent severe weather conditions. It is regrettable that we had to close the school from Wednesday to Friday last week and this decision was made in consultation with other local schools, the local authority and safeguarding advice.

I would like to thank Mr Conneely who worked tirelessly to clear paths and try to make school areas safe. Unfortunately the weather conditions worked against us and the paths were icy and treacherous both in and outside of school. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. This highlights the importance of having up to date contact details so that texts sent are to the correct numbers.

Please ensure that your child completes the homework set during the time we have been off school. It was emailed to you and has been up on our website. If you are unsure, please check the school website for details or ask your child's class teacher.

SAFETY WEEK

We will continue with the planned work this week owing to time missed. The NSPCC workshops have been rebooked for Thursday, 8th March, Children are invited to donate £1 and in turn may wear green or have a wacky hairstyle or wig. All donations will go to the NSPCC show support children to help keep safe.

LOUD AND PROUD

Congratulations to Toni and Valerie who were selected to represent Good Shepherd School at the finals of a public speaking competition held at Croydon Town Hall on Friday, 2nd March. The girls presented on the themes of 'Image at the expense of nutrition' (Toni) and 'Financial awareness - more than just pocket money' (Valerie). They were amazing and presented confidently. My thanks to Mrs Reichelt for accompanying the girls to represent the school and to their parents for proudly supporting them.

The forecast for the week is better but temperatures will continue to be low. Please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat, gloves, hat and a scarf. They may wear boots whilst walking to and from school but please check that they have their school shoes with them to wear in school during the day.

Keep warm and safe and please drive and park with due care and attention to everyone. Thank you.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE LOUD AND PROUD PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK

Nursery Class have completed some fantastic homework shown below



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

Upcoming events and courses you may be interested in taking your children to



LONDON LIONS HEAD FOR BRIXTON!

London's only premiership basketball team London Lions are excited to announce their home game against Glasgow Rocks will be played at the Brixton Recreation Centre on Friday 16th March 7.30pm. Away from their normal home turf, the Copper Box Arena at the Olympic Park, the Lions are playing a one-off game at the Centre to celebrate the home coming of their star player Justin Robinson who started his career with the Brixton Top Cats. To mark this iconic game, Lions are offering student tickets for just £5 and teachers come for FREE!

This will be a school trip like no other! To book now please call or email me to get tickets - don't miss us!
Debbie: 07754341558/debbie@thelondonlions.com

AN EXPERIENCE PUPILS WILL WRITE & TALK ABOUT FOR WEEKS!

EASTER HOLIDAY 2018

FREE Bikeability Cycling Courses Easter Holiday 2018

Croydon Arena Book online at <http://bit.ly/eastercycle18>

Download info pack <http://bit.ly/2mWXJJP>

More details about Bikeability <https://bikeability.org.uk/>

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Bikeability

FREE Easter Holiday Cycling Courses

Cycle to school with confidence! These courses are designed to give trainees the skills needed to make a journey to and from school on quiet roads.

BEGINNERS: 75 minute course
 School Year 2 and above, off road only

Level 1: Half day course
 School Year 3 & 4, Age 7 and above, off road only

Level 2: Two day course
 School Year 5, Age 9 and above

Level 3: One day course
 School Year 5, Age 9 and above, if L2 is completed

Bicycles are available to borrow for Age 9 and above. Helmets and Hi Viz are supplied.

CROYDON ARENA Albert Road SE25 4QL

BEGINNERS: 12 April 9.30am-10.45am
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Level 1: 11 April 9.30am-11.30am
Level 1: 11 April 12pm-2pm
Level 1 & Level 2 combined: 4 & 5 April 9.30am-2pm
Level 3: 6 April 9.30am-2pm

- All trainees must have a signed and completed consent form
- Trainees must have a roadworthy bicycle
- Helmets must be worn
- Level 2 & 3 trainees leave the venue and go on road with the instructors
- All instructors are DBS checked
- Bikeability Certificates and Badges are awarded to trainees on completion

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SAFEGUARDING



Advice For Parents on Filtering

There are four main places you can find parental controls, and it can help to set up a combination of these:

Internet provider: you can set up filters to help block access to inappropriate content on any device that connects to your home WiFi

Mobile operator: filters are often automatically set up on mobile contracts, but you can double-check with your provider

Devices: many devices have parental control settings, for example, to help restrict spending in apps or disable location functions

Online services: sites like BBC iPlayer and YouTube have parental control settings to help restrict access to inappropriate content

How to set up filters on your home internet to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home.

The 4 big internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with **free parental controls** which can be activated at any time. They have come together to produce these helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider. Follow this link to access the videos <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

We know that children, particularly younger children, can be bothered by things they see online, and filters can be a helpful tool in reducing the chances of coming across something upsetting.

Remember that filtering is only part of the solution

No filter or parental controls tool is 100% effective, and many of the risks that young people face online are because of their own and other's behaviour. It is therefore *important to talk to your children about staying safe online* and make sure they know that they can turn to you if they get into any difficulty



Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: *Ethan, Irene, Leonie & Sabrina*

RECEPTION to YEAR 6: *All the children who have completed the 'Safety Week' homework*

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality

THIS TERM

WEEK ENDING: 2nd March 2018:

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y6

WINNING CLASS FOR ATTENDANCE: Y5 & Y6

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 97.9%

YEAR 6—100% Punctuality and Attendance

Father Con's reflection

As we know only too well. We have all just come through one of the worst weeks of winter weather.

This necessitated the school to be closed for 3 days, for reasons of health and safety.

Snow and ice, in such proportions, can make all the necessary tasks of daily living so much more difficult and challenging. In such weather conditions, we see our immediate surroundings in an altogether different aspect.

We can, and perhaps indeed must, extract from such acute weather something of a spiritual aspect. Such weather obliges us to make certain alterations to our daily plans e.g. leaving the home earlier and having to return later than usual—taking greater care when walking on snow and ice etc.

Perhaps we might look back upon it all as a type of Lenten penance or privation. Hopefully one and all came through it unscathed.

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

5th March	Year 2 Infant Music Festival at Trinity School
8th March	NSPCC day - (Re-scheduled) Key Stage Assembly Year 5 & 6 Workshops General Knowledge Quiz at St Aidans
12th March	Science Week
13th March	Parents Eve
14th March	Year 6 Dancing at the Croydon Dance Festival
15th March	Parents Eve
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



Afterschool Clubs

Clubs that were missed due to the school being closed last week will be run next week to make up for it.