



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
6th September 2017**

A Fresh Start...

*And A Beautiful
New Beginning*

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the summer break and I look forward to seeing you all this week. A big welcome to our new pupils and families who have joined our Good Shepherd Family and I look forward to getting to know you. I am sure you will have much to contribute to our school community. We have an open door policy, so please do come in and meet with the staff and myself should you have any questions.

The children have made a great start and seem rested and eager to take on the challenges of a new year. Without a doubt it is going to be a busy term so please do look out for key dates and add them to your diary. Next week's newsletter will have a full list of dates for the term.

Class Newsletters and topic webs will be sent out on Monday, 11th September and uploaded onto our School Website, do refer to them as they offer many ideas on how to support your child.

Thank you for the many positive comments about whole school homework topics set last term. I was delighted with the response and the way you supported your child in completing the task. If you have time please do drop into our Library to see the display of work completed on the topic of 'Inventions'.

Our whole school homework topic for this term will focus on the theme of 'Our Heritage' which will encourage pupils to find out about their cultural heritage – traditions, favourite recipes, stories etc. I would like to display work found and create a Good Shepherd Recipe book of favourite traditional dishes. So please do keep an eye out for the letter next week.

Our beginning of term Mass will be this Friday 8th September at 9.15 am. Our Welcome Mass will be in a few weeks and will also be a thanksgiving Mass for three of our long standing Governors – Mr Whitmarsh, Mrs King and Mrs Nelms whose term of office has now come to an end. They have given many years of dedicated service to the school since 2009 and we would like to thank them and wish them all the best for the future. I do hope many of you will be able to attend.

The start of the year is always exciting as it brings new opportunities and a chance for us to embed our strengths and improve on areas of development. One of the main areas of our School Development Plan for 2017-2018 will be maths, reading and working on improving our percentages of attainment in these areas. Further details will be sent out shortly and you will be able to see actions to be taken, expected outcomes to achieve and most important your involvement in supporting your child and the school.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff who work hard to achieve the best for all those in their care. They have been in over the summer break preparing classrooms and resources and my thanks to all of them, the Admin team and to the Premises team for ensuring the school is clean, tidy and maintained to an excellent standard. I do hope you will enjoy our new refurbishment of the office reception area.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Mrs Fernandes

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

Uniform—The school uniform is.

Boys

Good Shepherd logo jumper

Grey trousers

Black shoes (**not trainers**)

White shirt (not a polo shirt)

Good Shepherd School tie

Black/grey socks.

Girls

Good Shepherd logo jumper

Grey trousers or skirt

Black shoes (sensible, no heels)

White shirt (not a polo shirt)

Good Shepherd School tie

White or grey socks/grey tights

Nursery

Good Shepherd red logo sweatshirt

Blue jogger bottoms

Red Good Shepherd logo t-shirt

Black trainers

Coats

Dark warm waterproof coats

P.E. Kit

Blue shorts

Red school P.E shirt (with logo)

Black plimsoles

Trainers (optional) only for outdoor use

Plain navy blue (not shiny) tracksuit bottoms
(optional)

School Bag

School Rucksack

Hairstyles

Long hair should be tied back

Haircuts should be smart and not have any logos, symbols, patterns or designs. No drastic haircuts

Earrings

Earrings may be worn but they **MUST** be small gold or silver studs



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

The Good Shepherd Team

HEADTEACHER: Mrs Fernandes

DEPUTY HEAD: Miss Milmoe

ASSISTANT HEAD: Ms Townsley

Teaching Staff	Support staff	Year group
Mrs. Bolton Science Co-ordinator	Mrs Perez & Mrs Ifesanya Mrs Browne (maternity leave)	Nursery
Mrs Geal EYFS Co-ordinator SMSC, History & Geography Co-ordinator	Mrs Morecraft Mrs Perez (Thursday-Friday)	Reception
Miss Hart History/Geography Team	Mrs Browne & Mrs Ifesanya (Thursday & Friday)	Year 1
Mrs Amusan KS1 Leader & English Co-ordinator	Mrs Jenkins	Year 2
Miss Hall History/Geography Team	Ms Sharkey	Year 3
Miss Corrigan Maths Team	Mrs Macaskil	Year 4
Ms Townsley Assistant Head & Maths Co-ordinator	Mrs Ingram Mr Bashford	Year 5
Miss Milmoe Deputy Head, Computing co-ordinator	Mrs Leggatt (Statement support) Mr Bashford	Year 6

<u>Additional Teachers</u> EAL Co-ordinator Mrs Assibi - EAL support Teacher (3 days) Mrs Downing - Inclusion Manager & Support teacher (3 days), Mrs Maquieira- Spanish Teacher (Wed) <u>RE, Music & Art Co-ordinator</u> Mrs Saunders (1.5 days) Mrs Vijapura—Maths support Teacher (3 days) <u>Pastoral Support</u> Mr Oke - Learning Mentor Mr Bashford – HLTA	<u>Administration Team</u> Mrs Standen - Business Manager Mrs Snow - Senior Admin Officer Mrs Reichelt– Receptionist Mrs Morecraft - Asst. Admin Officer (5 hours per week)	<u>Premises Staff</u> Mr Conneely - Premises Manager Mrs Sharkey Miss Neighbour Mrs Leaney Mrs Smith <u>Dinner Supervisors</u> Miss Neighbour Mrs Ingram Mrs Sharkey Mrs Leaney Mrs Browne Mrs Macaskil Mrs Smith
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Head Teacher Award

Congratulations to all the pupils
of Good Shepherd for making an
excellent start to the start of the
Autumn Term

Remember to aim for Gold every
day of the week and
You will not be disappointed with
everything you will achieve.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality.

Remember classroom doors are open at 8.40 a.m

Diary Dates

1st Half of Autumn Term

- 07/09/17 Year 3 Swimming Starts
- 08/09/17 Year 4 Swimming Starts
- 08/09/17 Mass 9.15am Good Shepherd Church
- 11/09/17 Year 6 Swimming Starts
- 21/09/17 Curriculum Meeting in the Junior Hall at 5.30pm
- 03/10/17 Parents' Evening
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- 05/10/17 Parents' Evening
- 16/10/17—20/10/17 International Week
- 18/10/17 International Evening 5.45 pm 8.00 pm

Further Dates to Follow

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.

