



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

6th November 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to those of you who have returned your ballot forms for the Parent Governor elections. The closing date to return your form is Monday, 13th November. Please do read the personal statements from all three candidates standing for election and if you have any questions about the process do contact me.

Dads Breakfast – Wednesday, 8th November 2017 - 8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

We are delighted to host the above event to be held in the Infant School Hall and hope that you will be able to join us. It is a chance for you to share a light breakfast with your child. Our last 'Bring your parent to lunch' event was a great success and we hope to host further sessions next term.

Part of our school development plan is to develop parental engagement and work closely with together. Some parents have come forward asking about a PTFA (Parents Teachers and Friends Association) and sadly we do not have one at present. I have more than happy to support parents/carers interested in forming a PTFA and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to be involved and lead it.

KS2 CLASS MASSES

You are warmly invited to join your child at the Class Masses organised for Years 4, 5 and 6, to be held this November. The first Mass will be for Year 4 pupils and will be this Thursday, 9th November 2017 at 2.15 p.m. My thanks to Fr. Con and Mrs Saunders for organising it with the children. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate Mass in our classrooms and I do hope that many of you will be able to attend.

November

This is traditionally the month of remembrance when we remember all deceased members. The children will be taking part in a special Remembrance day Assembly on Friday. Please do talk to them about the importance of Remembrance Sunday and perhaps encourage them to sit and watch the ceremony from the Cenotaph on Sunday. We will be talking about it at Assembly and in class as part of our current affairs topic.

Coats

The weather is changing and temperatures are much cooler. Please do ensure your child brings a warm waterproof coat to school.

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considerable time is spent by the ladies in the office trying to get through to some parents as a result of out of date information or people not responding to messages left.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.

Enterprise Curriculum

The children will be focusing on developing enterprise skills this term and will collectively as a class set up small businesses to raise funds for a chosen charity. Children will learn how to work as a team and problem solve through a range of tasks. They will need to use their initiative and explore the idea of profit and loss. So do talk to them about it and look at the attached information in this newsletter. Experience shows that children learn best when tasks are engaging, challenging and relevant to real life experiences. Do ask your child's teacher for further information and please do refer to class topic webs.

Forthcoming dates

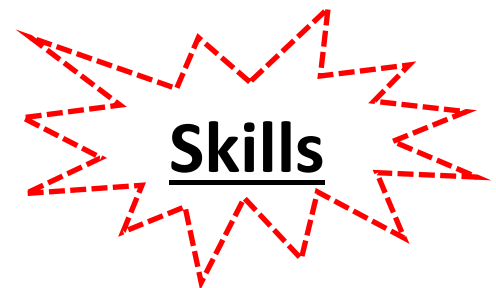
Please do refer to our list of forthcoming dates which is updated weekly.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

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GOOD SHEPHERD ENTERPRISE CURRICULUM



Aims of our Enterprise education

Helping pupils to understand about managing money

Developing high aspirations and creating ambition.

Developing a 'can do/will do' attitude, being proactive and not reactive, not being scared of failure, and being adaptable and flexible.

It is about involving learners in real problems, allowing them to take ownership, manage risks and working as teams to solve problems.

Enterprise education involves developing learners' understanding of managing money, different types of work

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SKIPPING WORKSHOPS

Thank you to Mr Bashford for organising a skipping workshop for key stage 2 pupils. It was held on Wednesday afternoon and children were invited to participate in various skipping activities. It was not only a successful way to keep fit and healthy but great fun as pupils learning new skipping games some of which were quite challenging.

Do enjoy the photographs



Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: Michael & Aisha

RECEPTION: Angela Arhin & Kelvin

YEAR 1: Alysha & Isaac

YEAR 2: Jayden, Aaliyah & Percy

YEAR 3: Elsie & Jason

YEAR 4: Princess & Aaliyah

YEAR 5: Wandile & Abigail

YEAR 6: Blessing & CJ

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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

WEEK ENDING: 3rd NOVEMBER 2017

WINNING CLASS FOR ATTENDANCE—YEAR 2 & YEAR 6

**WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: YEAR 1, YEAR 2,
YEAR 3 & YEAR 6**

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 98.2%

Father Con's reflection

November is the last month of the Church's year. It is the month of special prayer for the souls of the departed.

In our particular area, let us pray especially this Thursday for all those who died in the tram tragedy. That day, November 9th, is the first anniversary of their tragic deaths. (We pray also for others who sustained life-changing injuries in that incident).

In this month of November let us also pray particularly for Mr Aires Fernandes who died on Sunday 22nd October. He was the father-in-law of our Headteacher, Mrs Fernandes. May he rest in peace.

Diary Dates

2nd Half of Autumn Term

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
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13th November	Whitgift School week
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.

