



# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

8th January 2018



*Dear Parents/Carers*

*Welcome back , I hope you had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to this term. The children have settled in well and are clearly happy to be back at school. We talked about new year resolutions and I was delighted with children's responses . Some of our younger pupils explained that resolutions 'should be hard because if they're easy you don't have to try hard and it's no fun'. An excellent answer and a model to all of us! I think it supports the above quote about adventures, learning and growing.*

*Thank you to those of you who attended our school Mass today at Good Shepherd Church, it was the prefect way to celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus and to welcome the new term. Thank you to Mrs Saunders for leading the choir.*

*Congratulations to all the pupils in year 4 who had the task of making a Viking ship over the holidays. An excellent effort from all taking part and I know Miss Corrigan is delighted with their work. On the subject of homework, I will be setting the first whole school homework task for this year linking current affairs and literacy. It relates to the government's latest announcement regarding increased funding to support literacy and the importance of reading. Children will bring home a letter today with details. Please do ask your child's teacher if you do not receive the letter.*

*Next week will see the launch of our 'Whole school maths challenge' Children will be set a maths task to complete at home. It will centre around reasoning skills and using and applying basic knowledge to solve problems. There will be different tasks for early years, key stage 1 and 2. The children are excited about taking on the challenges and I hope you will support them at home. There will be a big focus on 'Talk for learning' and you will be given ideas on how to work with your child. We will be running another maths curriculum evening in February - information to follow.*

*Further improving mathematical reasoning skills is a big part of our school development plan this year and recent assessments indicate that the children are making good progress in this area.*

### **SAFEGUARDING**

*The safety of all children and adults continues to be key school priority and to support this further, I will be including a section with resources to support you . This week the focus is on internet safety. Part of safeguarding is driving and parking outside school with due care and attention to the safety of all pedestrians and local residents. Please do not park obstructing drives or carry out three point turns outside the school gates. Stopping and parking on zig zag lines at restricted times is not acceptable and dangerous so please ensure you follow all rules and regulations. Thank you.*

**CONTACT FORMS** *Please ensure that your contact details are up to date and you have informed the office of changes to your details . If the emergency contact person has changed, please ensure the office knows.*

*Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to a happy and successful term.*

*Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher*

# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

## SAFEGUARDING



*Please do take time to visit some of the websites below which give clear advice on how to help your child stay safe online. Further information can be obtained on our school website.*

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

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

[https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents?](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents?utm_content=bufferbfbf1&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

[utm\\_content=bufferbfbf1&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents?utm_content=bufferbfbf1&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

<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>

## Y4 - Viking ships



Amariah

I had fun making my boat with my brother



Joseph

I liked making my boat with my dad. I learnt that Viking boats are called longships.

Abel

I researched Viking boats online and had fun making my boat with my mum.

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## WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK

**WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK- due in Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

### **Current Affairs Information:**

The government has announced that nearly £45 million will be used to boost primary literacy and improve standards in reading and writing across the country. Education Secretary Justine Greening said, '***Our ambition is that no community will be left behind on education. Today's literacy investment will help make sure that not just most, but every child arrives at school with the vocabulary levels they need to learn***'



Dear Pupils and Parents

I am sure you will agree that developing literacy skills is crucial to everyone. I would like to hear your views on why reading is important and how we can work together to improve reading skills at Good Shepherd.

I would like you to write a persuasive letter to me, presenting your views and including ideas you have on how we can raise standards in Good Shepherd School. Remember to use all the features of persuasive writing and organise your letter in clear paragraphs with a range of interesting vocabulary. Do support your ideas with facts and be PERSUASIVE.

I look forward to reading your letter and will take your ideas to the Pupil Leadership committee, School Council, staff, parents and Governors for consideration. So please ensure that your letter is well presented.


**Remember your letters must be in by Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 9.00 a.m.**  
**Children from Years 2 to 6 will be expected to write a letter whilst those in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Year 1 can produce a poster or a letter.**

I will select pupils from each year group to meet with the Governors and present their work to them.

Do come and see me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Fernandes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Mrs Fernandes.

Headteacher





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## Features of Persuasive Writing

### Purpose:

*To argue the case for a point of view and convince the reader.*



### Structure:

*Introduction – What is the writing about and what is your opinion.*

*Arguments to support your opinion*

*Conclusion – repeat your point of view*

### Language Features:

*Usually written in present tense.*

*Includes logical connectives to link ideas (therefore, however)*

*Use emotive language (powerful verbs and strong adjectives)*

*Ask rhetorical questions*



*Dare the reader to disagree*

*Counter arguments from the other point of view.*

*Try and use some facts as well as opinions.*

## Persuasive Writing

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| <b>Introductions</b><br>I think...<br>For this reason...<br>I feel that...<br>I am sure that...<br>It is certain...<br>I am writing to...<br>Of course...<br>In the same way...<br>On the other hand...<br>In this situation... | <b>Making Your Point</b><br>Firstly, secondly, thirdly...<br>Furthermore...<br>In addition...<br>Also...<br>Finally...<br>Likewise...<br>Besides...<br>Again...<br>Moreover...<br>Similarly...<br>Surely...<br>Certainly...<br>Specifically...<br>If... then...<br>because... | <b>Details</b><br>For example...<br>In fact...<br>For instance...<br>As evidence...<br>In support of this...<br><br><b>Endings</b><br>For these reasons...<br>As you can see...<br>In other words...<br>On the whole...<br>In short...<br>Without a doubt...<br>In brief...<br>Undoubtedly... | <b>Other Words</b><br>reasons<br>arguments<br>for<br>against<br>unfair<br>pros<br>cons |
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## **Head Teacher Award**

**To every child in the school for making  
an excellent start to the new term.**



### **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

***We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality  
THIS TERM***

***WEEK ENDING: 5th January 2018:***

***WINNING CLASS FOR ATTENDANCE: Year 3***

***WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Year 1,2 & 5***

***OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 91.8%***

### **Father Con's reflection**

***Today, Monday, we keep the feast of the Baptism of Jesus.***

***This feast marks the ending of the Christmas season  
each year.***

***Jesus chose to be baptised—he certainly did not need  
to be, as he is the Only Begotten Son of God.***

***His baptism showed his marvellous humility towards  
God His Father.***

***He wanted to show us how vital is Baptism. Also he  
wanted there to be a display of the Holy Trinity—the 3  
Persons in the One God.***

***Therefore the voice of God the Father was heard from  
the clouds. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus'  
head, in the form of a dove.***

***So this Monday, and always, we should treasure the  
day of our Baptism.***

## **Diary Dates**

### **SPRING TERM**

|               |   |
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| 9th January   | 8:30 am meeting in the Junior Hall to sign up for clubs |
| 10th January  | Royal Russell Athletic Final                            |
| 22nd January  | Clubs start   |
| 23rd January  | Swimming Gala at South Norwood Pool                     |
| 5th February  | Book Week   |
| 8th February  | Year 6 SATs meeting                                     |
| 8th February  | School Closes (Half Term)                               |
| 9th February  | INSET DAY—School closed to pupils                       |
| 19th February | School Opens to Pupils                                  |
| 9th March     | Clubs Finish (Friday clubs have one more week)          |
| 13th March    | Parents Eve   |
| 14th March    | Year 6 Dancing at the Croydon Dance Festival            |
| 15th March    | Parents Eve   |
| 23rd March    | Yr3 & Yr5 Poetry Competition                            |
| 29th March    | Stations of the Cross                                   |
| 29th March    | School Closes at 1.15 pm for the Easter Holiday)        |