



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

**9th October 2017**

But Jesus looked at them and asked, what does this text mean:-

**THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS  
REJECTED HAS BECOME THE  
CORNERSTONE?**

Luke 20:17



**October is the month of the Rosary**

*Dear Parents/Carers*

*It's difficult to believe but we are entering into the penultimate week of the first half of the Autumn Term. The children have settled down into their new year groups and thank you for the support you give them. Parents' evening was well attended and I do hope that you found the reading, writing and maths end of year expectations sheet useful and it will help to inform you as to what your child needs to achieve by the end of the year. You will have the opportunity to look at books and discuss personal targets in greater detail in the spring term. If you have not been able to meet with your child's teacher please do make an appointment to see them.*

**WELCOME MASS**

*Thank you to all of you who attended our Mass on Friday and for all your Harvest contributions to help those in need. The Good Shepherd Church will arrange for the distribution of harvest goods to those in need of support. The children sang beautifully and a big thank you to our School Chaplaincy Team (Good Shepherd Disciples) for leading the readings and bidding prayers. The Chaplaincy Team is made up of year 5 pupils and one of their responsibilities is to lead the school in prayer and collective worship. My thanks to Mrs Saunders for working with them and the Choir who as always led the singing to a high standard.*

**BRING YOUR PARENT TO LUNCH**

*Thank you to everyone who came to lunch on Monday, 2nd October and I am delighted to say that we had 55 families attend. Your comments were very positive and we hope to host another event in the near future.*

**PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS**

*May I remind you that the deadline for nominations for parent governor is on Tuesday, 10th October 2017. If you require any further information please do make an appointment to see me or Mr Ike Nze our Chair of Governors who is happy to meet with you. The Governors have an important role in supporting the school and contributing to its leadership and development. We welcome applications from any parent/carer who is committed to further developing our school.*

**INTERNATIONAL EVENING**

*It's hard to believe it that a year has passed since we last celebrated international evening and it's here again. For those of you who are new to the school, it is one of the highlights of our school calendar and where children from Nursery to year 6 perform either a song, dance or musical piece. Parents are invited to attend and a letter has gone out today outlining how to apply for tickets. It will be held in the evening in the Junior Hall and tickets will be restricted to a maximum of 2 adult tickets per family. Good Shepherd pupils will require a ticket but secondary pupils will be expected to purchase a ticket.*

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK -16TH – 20TH OCTOBER 2017**

*The focus for this week will be to celebrate our cultural heritage and the diversity of our school community. Children in every year group have been studying the lives of people from the past and present who have significantly impacted on our lives today.*

*As part of the week we invite you to come into school and read with your children in the mornings during this week and if you are able to give your time to talking to children about your cultural heritage please do let me know. A letter will be going out later this week outlining a whole school homework project for you to complete with your child.*

*Finally thank you to all the majority of parents/carers who drive and park in Dunley drive with due care and attention to the safety of all children and adults. May I please remind you that it is not acceptable to park in front of residents' drives or carry out three point turns in front of the school and obstruct the zig-zag lines. Thank you for your cooperation.*

# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

## MATHS CURRICULUM EVENING

# LUNCH WITH PARENTS

Thank you to Mrs Standen and the staff from Caterlink for organising a very successful event.

Elmar, Year R

"Mummy sat down with me. We went to the salad cart and she got me some cucumber".



Augusta, Year 5

"It was very nice to have my mum in school at lunchtime".



Stephane Year 5,

"It was enjoyable to spend time with my mum and dad during lunchtime at school".



Logan, Year R

"Mummy gave me some milk and I got to drink it"





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## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS



*Chutney Making*



*CAFOD Assembly & Mufti Day  
£128 Raised In Aid of Harvest*



*Harvest Donations*

## KEEPING SAFE

### Year 5 Fire Safety Talk



Salem, Year 5

"I really enjoyed the fire safety talk. I learnt that you shouldn't run away from a fire when you're cooking because that will create more oxygen which will make the fire bigger"

Amrutha, Year 5

"I learnt that if you are in danger, alert everybody around you, no matter who they are"



## **Head Teacher Award**

**NURSERY: Amelia, Frankie-Joe & Reon**

**RECEPTION: Isabel**

**YEAR 1: Azreal, Ethan & Maryjoy**

**YEAR 2: Nana, Isabelle & Jonathan**

**YEAR 3: Lifejoy & Tomeka**

**YEAR 4: Zuriel & Abel**

**YEAR 5: Stephanie & Joanne**

**YEAR 6: Becky & Joshua**

### **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

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

**WEEK ENDING: 6TH OCTOBER 2017: WINNING CLASS  
FOR ATTENDANCE—YEAR 5**

**WINNING CLASSES FOR PUNCTUALITY—N, R, Yr2 & Yr6**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 96.9%**

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

*On Thursday of last week, October 5th, we all attended Mass in the church.*

*Fundamentally it was a Thanksgiving Mass for the gift(s) of the Harvest.*

*At the same time, it was very much offered to thank God for the long and loyal service to our school of 3 of our Governors—JANET NELMS, CATHERINE KING and BILL WHITMARSH.*

*We thank them all, and wish them every blessing in their "retirement" from Governance on our behalf.*

## **Diary Dates**

### **1st Half of Autumn Term**

10th October	Yr 5 & Yr 6 Hockey 4pm to 5.30pm Trinity School
13th October	Mrs Saunders and invited children to City Hall Food Market Place
18th October	International Evening 5.45PM
20th October	Break up for Half Term
30th October	School opens to pupils
1st November	Skipping Workshop
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
14th November	Year 4 trip to Vue Cinema
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

*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.*

