



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

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## Welcome back

I hope you all had a restful Christmas. The children have returned to school this term very settled and ready for lots of hard work. Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

We have some educational visits planned for this term and I would urge you to try to volunteer to help on these trips if at all possible. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible so parents have a chance to make work and childcare rearrangements if needed. Trips always need additional adults over and above the normal staffing levels in class and these trips are only possible if parents volunteer to help. Thank you for your support in this.

## Safeguarding concerns

If you have a concern about a child, please speak to Mrs Day, Mrs Downing, Mrs Amusan or Mr Oke. These staff members are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads and will be able to deal with your concern.

## Menu change

On Thursday 17th January we have a special menu: chicken or vegetable burger, potato wedges, baked beans, sweetcorn and coleslaw followed by a fruit cookie. Please encourage your child to have a school dinner on that day.

## Parking

Please remember that parents are not allowed to park or even stop on the yellow zigzags. This is for the safety of everyone in order to make crossing the road much safer. A few parents have said "but I'm just stopping for a minute to drop off", unfortunately, it only takes a minute for an accident to happen. Please be considerate and safe and don't stop on the yellow zigzags outside the school.



## Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked so hard this week and had great behaviour:



Reception: Temi & Aisha

Year 1: Kayden, Logan & Elmar

Year 2: Solliyah & Amelia

Year 3: Edwin & Angel

Year 4: Hannah & Julia

Year 5: Chidera & Beatriz

Year 6: Stephanie & Abigail

## Book Week

Book week at Good Shepherd will start on 11th February.

There will be lots of reading activities in school that week and children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book on Thursday 14th February. This does not have to be an expensive costume that you have bought as sometimes the best ones are where people have been creative and made something.

I'm looking forward to seeing what characters everyone comes to school dressed up as!

## Some of the new words we been learning this week

Year 1: shiver, bitterly

Year 2: complicated, cascading

Year 3: billowed, cloak

Year 4: grapple, ancestor

Year 5: accomplish, empathy

Year 6: competent

## Fr Con's Reflection

Hopefully you will all have enjoyed a happy and peaceful Christmas season. In Church terms, that season officially ends this coming Sunday, when we keep the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

One of the absolutely key words of that season is LIGHT. Last Sunday, the first one of the new year, was epiphany – the 3 Wise Men or Kings following from a long distance the most wondrous star, ever seen in the skies.

This light is our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

May your 2019 be filled with his light, and likewise for your families. May this be so too for your child(ren), our pupil(s).



## Dates for your diary

### January

Tues 15th 8:30—club sign up

### February

Thurs 14th—school closes for half term

Fri 15th—Inset day—no school for children

Mon 25th—school opens

### March

Fri 1st 3:15—PTA Community Stall

Wed 6th 9:15—Mass for Ash Wednesday

Thurs 7th 9:30 Poetry Competition Y3&Y5

Tues 12th—Parents' evening

Thurs 14th—Parents' evening

Fri 29th—PTA Easter event

### April

Thurs 4th Stations of the cross

Fri 5th—school closes for Easter

## Clubs

Signing up session this Tuesday at 8:30 in the hall. Please remember to bring along your completed form. If you are not able to attend in person, it can be sent in with another parent or you can send it in to the office. Please sign up for Mad Science directly with them. Details are being sent home today.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to everyone who has been in school every day this week on time.

Keep it up!



## Cold weather

Please remember to send your child(ren) to school with a coat plus a hat and gloves. A reminder that all items of clothing should be clearly named.

*Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day*