



Good Shepherd Newsletter

12th October 2018

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International Day—next Thursday 3:30-5:00

Our International Day is less than a week away!

The children in every class are invited to come to school dressed in clothes from around the world and they will all perform to you after school.

Pupils will have a drink and a snack in class before being brought to the hall by their teacher where they will sit with their class. Parents are invited to come straight to the hall at 3:15 and are kindly asked to be seated by 3:20 (please note that no unaccompanied secondary school children will be admitted and pre-school children will need to sit on adults' laps). There is a £1 entrance fee which will also enter you into the raffle.



Songs

African drumming

Dance

Open Mornings

Do you have a friend or family member with a child due to start Nursery or Reception next September? Please let them know that there are a number of open mornings coming up this term where they will have an opportunity to meet with me and have a tour of the school. Please ask them to contact the school office to find out the date and time of the next open morning.

Reception cycle training

Please note that this is on 30th October. Children should not bring in their own bicycles as these will be supplied by the trainers.

Attendance and Punctuality

Week commencing 01.10.18

100% attendance: Y2

100% punctuality: N, R, Y2, Y3, Y5

Overall attendance: 98.5%

Well done and keep it up!



Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Mohamad & Emike

Year 1: Joanna & Mitchell

Year 2: Iretomiwa & Mary-Joy

Year 3: Emilie Anne & Jayden N

Year 4: Danzy & Desika

Year 5: Victor, Elaine & Raymond

Year 6: Charis & Salem

Cross Country

Forty four children from Years 1 and 2 took part in a cross country competition yesterday.

It was a long course and they really persevered as well as representing the school brilliantly.

Well done to everyone!



Clubs

There will be no after school clubs on Thursday 18th October or Thursday 1st November. These will be made up on 29th November and 6th December.

Welcome

Welcome to Danzy (Y4) Dajonne (Y1) who have joined recently. We hope you will be very happy at Good Shepherd.

Fr Con's Reflection

At the Tuesday assembly this week we watched the opening part of a Brother Francis DVD. It defines the Rosary as "A SPECIAL WAY TO PRAY".

Prayer, of course, is very special to us and for us. It has to be seen as God's invitation to engage with Him in relationship.

The word "ACTS (= the abbreviations A.C.T.S.) is a very helpful summary of the purpose of prayer.

'A' is for ADORATION. Firstly, we adore God, simply for being God.

'C' is for CONFESSION (or Contrition). We confess that we cannot be as good or great as God.

'T' is for THANKSGIVING. We thank Him for His gifts and graces up to now.

Finally, 'S' is for SUPPLICATION. We ask Him to supply all our needs.



PTA

Ballot papers have gone out today for you to vote for:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Publicity / Events Organiser

There is one ballot paper per family which should be returned to the sealed box by the school office by Wednesday at 3:30pm

The box will be opened and counted by Fr Con and myself. The results will be sent out on Thursday.

Free family activities during half term

There are a number of activities coming up at various Croydon libraries:

Tuesday 23rd October 3:30-4:30 is Rastamouse storytime with its creator, Michael de Souza (New Addington Library—advanced booking required)

Tuesday 23rd and Friday 26th October 4:30-5:30 is Lego coding drop-in session for 8-12 year olds (Central Library—no booking required)

Wednesday 24th October 2:15-3:15 is a celebration of 70th anniversary of the arrival of Windrush for children 7+ (Croydon Library—advanced booking required)

Saturday 27th October 2:00 is African folktales (Central Library—no booking required)

All bookings by email to:

croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk

newaddingtonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

Reminder: school closes next Friday at 3:15 for the half term break and re-opens on Monday 29th October

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Day