



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Important dates

Tuesday 18th December—Jingle Day
Wednesday 19th December—Christmas lunch and pantomime
Thursday 20th December 2pm—KS2 Advent service in church for parents
Friday 21st December 1.15pm—School closes
Monday 7th January 2019—Inset day
Tuesday 8th January 2019—school re-opens to pupils



Nativities

We have been treated to some wonderful Nativity performances this week.

Nursery performed beautifully on Tuesday remembering their songs and actions. This was only their second times performing something in front of an audience and they certainly rose to the occasion.

On Thursday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed Nativity Rocks. It was great to see the children remembering all their lines and enjoying the catchy songs.

The children certainly made a lot of parents and carers very proud, well done, children!



Wedding Bells

Miss Browne, who works in Nursery, is getting married tomorrow. We wish her and her fiancé our blessing.

The children presented cards to her this week.



Junior Advent Service

Children in Year 3-6 will be taking part in a carols service for parents in church next Thursday at 2pm. There will be readings and traditional carols. Please come and join us.

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Mohamad & Joseph
Year 1: Matthew & Max
Year 2: Ella-Jaide & Jayda
Year 3: David & Amisha
Year 4: Ifrah & Saphir
Year 5: Abel & Aaron
Year 6: Marcos & Sherah

Staffing update

Miss Corrigan will be leaving Good Shepherd at the end of term to move abroad and I know she will be missed by everyone. Miss Corrigan has been at Good Shepherd since January 2017 and has contributed greatly to the school in that time. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for the future.

Pantomime

A theatre company will be visiting Good Shepherd next Wednesday afternoon to perform Rumpelstiltskin to all children from Nursery to Year 6.

We are asking parents for a £1 donation to help pay for this show.

Flu immunisation

If your child missed their flu spray at school, there is a walk-in clinic every Thursday between 3:30 and 4:30 at 12-18 Lennard Road, Croydon, CR9 2RS or Parkway Health Centre on Monday 17th December from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

Jingle Day—Tuesday 18th December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas accessory such as a Santa hat, reindeer hairband, Christmassy socks/tights or tinsel next Tuesday. Children should bring in a £1 donation which will be used to buy more playground toys and games.

Please note that all children are expected to wear their full school uniform on this day.



Some of the new words we been learning this week

Year 1: enterprise
Year 2: poaching, inverse
Year 3: unique
Year 4: onomatopoeia
Year 5: conceal, isolation
Year 6: atrocious

Fr Con's Reflection

The holy season of Advent began on Sunday 2nd December. It falls into 2 distinct phases.

Phase 1 ends this Sunday (16th December), and it has pointed us towards spiritual preparation for Christmas.

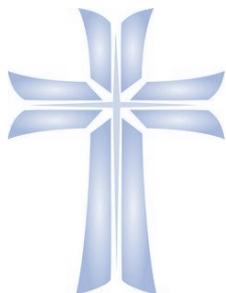
This coming Sunday is GAUDETE SUNDAY ("Rejoicing Sunday").

In other words, from Monday 17th to Christmas Eve, we are exhorted to be spiritually joyful day-by-day, as we draw ever closer to Christmas Day.

Monday 17th, as it were, commences a joyous day-by-day countdown towards the great day itself.

So we all surely notice that there is an in-built order or structure to Advent.

Let us rejoice in Phase 2, having prepared ourselves in its Phase 1.



Enterprise

Well done to:
Nursery: £20 for Crisis
Reception: £100 for Good Shepherd Church
Year 1: £60 for Save the Children
Year 2: £80 for The Trussell Trust
Year 3: £80 for Cafod & Brain Tumour Trust
Year 4: £50 for Age UK
Year 5: £45 for Diabetes UK
Year 6: £140 for Crisis

The children have worked so hard making and selling items to raise money for charity. This is a lovely example of children living their faith by doing something for others.

In response to parental requests, I will look into how this can be more spread out next year so it doesn't fall so close to Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend, school closes at 1:15 next Friday. Mrs Day