



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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House of Lords

We were very privileged to have two pupils invited to a tour of the House of Lords this week. They were shown the Queen's throne which was covered in gold leaf and saw the beautiful stained glass windows. They even saw Jeremy Corbyn!



Home learning

As a school, we really appreciate any support you are able to give your children with their learning. It makes such a difference to children's confidence levels when they have practised skills at home. There are lots of websites with education games available by doing an internet search and I have put links to a few below:

www.timestables.me.uk

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1literacy.html>

Regular visits to New Addington Library will also help develop their interests. They are open Monday-Friday 9am-6pm and 9am-5pm on Saturday.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/find-your-library/new-addington-library>

Safeguarding

Children love to play computer games and it can be difficult for parents to ensure they are fully aware of the appropriateness of games. Information on digital gaming including a search function that gives information on game content and age restrictions can be found on:

www.pegi.info

Please take time to check the suitability of any games if you have not done so already.

Gymnastics competition

Well done to the eight girls and boys who took part in the competition at Meridian High School this week. They performed a floor routine and took part in vaulting against five other schools. It was an exciting opportunity as there are not many gym competitions.

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Mohamad & Frankie

Year 1: Isaiah & Eden

Year 2: Sienna-Rose & Chevaro

Year 3: Emmanuela & Joshua

Year 4: Nathan & Joseph

Year 5: Rashanti & Victor

Year 6: Toyosi & Jemima

Some of the new words we been learning this week

Year 1: squat

Year 2: clasping

Year 3: imposing

Year 4: distinctive

Year 5: ornate

Year 6: reduction

Fr Con's Reflection

Our TV Weather presenters told us on March 1st that we have entered METEOROLOGICAL SPRING.

Now, two weeks' later, we stand just under a week away from the SPRING EQUINOX – actual Spring.

As we prepare to enter the second half of March, we are about to witness the feast days of two very well-known saints.

17th March is St. Patrick's Day. Yet, since it falls this year on a Sunday, it will not actually be celebrated in church. (Every Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead).

Two days thereafter, March 19th, is the feast of St Joseph. He is the greater of these two saints. He is, in fact the greatest saint of all- (as St. Patrick himself would indeed acknowledge).

Mary, Mother of God, is higher than all the saints. She is above them, as their Queen.

So it is Joseph who is the greatest saint. He is patron saint of the universal church, an patron saint of a happy death.

In more earthly terms, he is the primary saint to approach when one seeks to move house-the saint to pray to for a successful move, and conclusion to that process.



St Patrick's Day menu change

Beef or vegetarian sausage

Colcannon mash

Garden peas

Baked beans

Syrup sponge and custard

Football

Ten footballers represented Good Shepherd at Trinity School this week, but were knocked out at the semi-finals. They tried their very best and really enjoyed it. Palace for Life brought the Premier League Trophy with them for everyone to see which was a lovely surprise!



Earrings

Please ensure your child wears small gold or silver studs if their ears are pierced. Hoops or dangly earrings are not permitted for safety reasons.

Attendance and Punctuality

Week commencing 3.3.19

100% attendance: -

100% punctuality: Y2, Y3, Y6

Overall attendance: %

Well done and keep it up!



Lodge Lane

A reminder that Lodge Lane is closed tonight and tomorrow night from 20:00-05:00

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day