



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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A busy final week...

The school choir sang carols in the Whitgift Centre and raised £148 for HCPT to send children with disabilities on a life-changing holiday to Lourdes. Several members of the public stopped to tell me how beautifully they were singing! For more information about the charity, visit <https://www.hcpt.org.uk/>



Christmas Lunch on Wednesday was a very festive occasion and the children loved pulling their crackers and tucking into a traditional roast turkey meal—thank you to Kathy and her team for the lovely lunch which was followed by a Pantomime for everyone.

The Junior children finished off the Christmas festivities yesterday with a Carol service. A particular thanks to Year 4 and Year 6 for leading the school in this prayerful service.

Santa

The children were very excited yesterday as Santa took time out of his very busy schedule to visit us at school and deliver a present for every child—thank you, Santa.

There is a lovely website where you can track Santa on his travels around the world on Christmas Eve <https://www.noradsanta.org/>

Parking

Please remember to park considerately when you are dropping off and picking up so you don't block the driveways of our residents.

Jingle Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA's first fundraising event. We raised £131 which will be spent on balls, skipping ropes, bean bags and hoops for the playground.



Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Aisha, Joel, Leonie, Tianna, Eleana

Year 1: Declan, Jevon

Year 2: Akintayo, Solliyah

Year 3: Edwin, Isabella

Year 4: Danzy, Joseph

Year 5: Kaia, Amelia

Year 6: Stephane, Joshua

Attendance and Punctuality Award

Well done to all the children who have had both 100% attendance and 100% punctuality this term. We had 95 children who received a certificate in assembly this morning.

Well done and keep it up!

Poetry Competition

Years 4 and 6 performed an excellent selection of poems for the competition. The rest of the school thoroughly enjoyed listening to these poems which were recited confidently with loud, clear voices and were very entertaining.

School Council

The "Mystery Prize" raffle draw raised £46.50. The charity chosen was The Princess Royal Hospital. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket.

Fr Con's Reflection

May one and all have a joyful and enjoyable Christmas holiday!

The word "joyful" here points, of course, to the true meaning of Christmas – God becoming human, in the Person of His Only Begotten Son, for our salvation.

The other word "enjoyable" points to the social side of Christmas.

This is the logical 1-2 order for us.

Our society probably needs to re-discover the notion of the 12 days of Christmas – beginning with December 25th and Concluding with January 5th.

12 is a number we are very familiar with in our faith – the number of the tribes of Israel; the number of the Apostles.

So, as we all be happy and stay safe, let us keep uppermost in our hearts and minds the true meaning of Christmas.



Good Shepherd Mass times

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve 6.30pm

Carols at 11pm before Midnight Mass.

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day 8.30am and 11am



Autumn Term Attendance

Nursery 94.1%

Reception 95.1%

Year 1 97.9%

Year 2 97.3%

Year 3 98.1%

Year 4 98.2%

Year 5 98.9%

Year 6 99.0%

Our overall attendance is above the National target—well done.



On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the kind messages, cards and gifts. Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas.

School reopens on Tuesday 8th January.

Mrs Day

