

# Good Shepherd Newsletter

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### **International Day**

The school will be celebrating our International Day on Thursday 18th October at 3:30. All children are invited to come to school on that day in their national dress and every class will be performing at this after-school event so please put it in your diaries.

# **PTA Meeting**

There will be a PTA meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in the Parent Hub. This is an open meeting and all Good Shepherd parents are invited to attend, it would be great to see as many of you as possible. Although PTAs are traditionally known for their fundraising efforts, they also play an important part in developing stronger home-school and parent-parent links through organising social events. At the meeting we would like to share some of our plans with you and would also welcome suggestions from you all so everyone is involved.

Everyone is welcome!

#### Scooters

It's lovely to see so many children coming to school on their scooters but please make sure your child walks up and down the path to prevent accidents and keep everyone safe.

### Clubs

Thank you to all the parents who signed their children up for clubs yesterday. Letters of confirmation will go out on Monday and I ask parents to make sure they make any payments as soon as they receive these.

A particular thanks to Mrs Reichelt for organising the clubs as this is a very big job!

#### Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to everyone who has been on time this week and at school every day.

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: Isaiah & Grigoriy

- Year 1: Kingsley, Allan & Ola
- Year 2: Christina & Moturayo
- Year 3: Daniel, Trinity & Nevaeh
- Year 4: Bella-Rose & Ethan

Year 5: Daniel Q, Tayden, Dylan & Andre

#### Year 6

Year 6 have been attending Whitgift School this week to experience a range of lessons. They have had a wonderful week learning lots of new things and seeing what secondary school might be like.

#### Nuts

Please be reminded that Good Shepherd is a nut-free school and packed lunches or after-school snacks must not contain any nuts.

#### Mobile phones

Please remember:

On site—

not in sight!



# Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends with the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, in the church's calendar.

He was called to discipleship by Jesus when he was Levi, the tax collector, sitting outside the Customs House.

Tax collectors at the time were despised by the general public. After all, they were collecting monies for their oppressors, the ruling Romans. (They were also strongly suspected of keeping back a proportion of monies for themselves).

Yet, in spite of all, this man was called by Jesus to "FOLLOW HIM" in discipleship.

We too are called by Jesus. We are called to follow Jesus.

For us, in this respect, "follow" can and should be interpreted in its sense of "imitate".

We are literally called to the imitation of Christ.

### School photographs

The school photographer will be coming to Good Shepherd on Tuesday to take individual photographs of all children.



If you would like a photograph taken with brothers, sisters or cousins, please come to the school hall between 8:30 and 8:45.

Please send your child into school in smart winter uniform on that day.

# Big Dig

A reminder that the Autumn Big Dig takes place after school today. Families are invited to come along and enjoy getting a bit muddy harvesting vegetables,



weeding the raised beds and tidying the front garden.

No experience is needed, just enthusiasm! (Please note that children must be supervised by their parents).

#### Year 5's cooking session

Different groups of Year 5 children went out with Mrs Saunders yesterday to do some wonderful cooking. They made some delicious soda bread and vegetable soup. Mr Conneely kindly helped Mrs Saunders to dig up potatoes and artichokes from our very own Good Shepherd Garden. The children helped to read the recipe, peel, chop and sauté the vegetables first and then stir the big pots of soup.

"I was very interested and satisfied at the end!"

Thank you to Amariah, Andre, Zuriel, Chidera, Daniel Q, and Jayheim for their cooking report.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Day