



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

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## COMMUNITY MEETING

Fieldway Community Centre



Residents have your say!

**Borough Commander's  
Community meeting to  
discuss Knife Crime  
and Violence**

**27th March 2019  
5:30pm**

**Free  
Refreshments**



## Special visitors

We had some visiting teachers from a variety of schools in Singapore on Wednesday who came to look around Good Shepherd and see our provision. They talked to me about their schools which sounded very different: from Year 1 upwards, the children have different teachers for different subjects. They were very impressed with our school and had an opportunity to talk to a small group of pupils after their tour.



## Wear a hat day

We are asking children to wear a hat to school on Wednesday and donate £1 towards the Brain Tumour charity.



## Netball

We were able to host a 'friendly' netball match during the week and welcomed Forestdale's teams to our school. The children played very well and it was great to

see such good defending skills. Our thanks go to Mrs Dempsey, one of our governors, who volunteers her time for this club.



## Football raffle

Don't forget that we are still selling tickets at £1 each for the football signed by Aaron Wan Bissaka. The raffle will be drawn at the end of next week.

## Headteacher Awards

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

Reception: Aisha & Delwin  
Year 1: Oliver & Chijindu  
Year 2: Daniel & Annabelle  
Year 3: Aaliyah & Jonathan  
Year 4: Caleb & Khaian  
Year 5: Mishael & Malaika  
Year 6: Brandon & Augusta



### Some of the new words we been learning this week

Year 1: tearful

Year 2: adolescence

Year 3: shrieked

Year 4: petition

Year 5: thorax

Year 6: compromise

### Safeguarding

Thinkuknow is the education programme which protects children both online and offline. There is a game for KS2 children to play in order to help them stay safe when they are on a phone, tablet or computer. Children have to make decisions about what is ok to share with others and when they need to get help from a trusted adult.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)

### Fr Con's Reflection

We are now in the official season of Spring.

'Lent' is an old-English word for Spring.

Last Saturday evening, in the sacristy before the first Mass of Sunday (6.30pm), an altar server raised an interesting point.

She had heard it said at her school (FAIRCHILDES PRIMARY), that each Sunday in Lent was a day off from what one was giving up for Lent.

This is correct and it is quite logical.

Every Sunday of the year is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead on the first Easter Sunday.

In contrast, every weekday in Lent points to the first Good Friday, when Jesus was crucified and died on Mount Calvary.

Enjoy your weekend, and especially your Sunday.



### Keeping 'Green'

The School Council have been talking about ways in which classes could be more eco-friendly. Here are some of their suggestions:



- Use a cloth instead of tissues to clean white boards. Give nursery empty boxes to use for modelling etc.
- More recycling of paper.
- Use natural light as much as possible and turn off lights when classrooms are empty.
- Keep doors and windows closed to keep heat in during break time.
- Recycle school uniform with a second hand uniform sale.
- Ensure children put lids on the whiteboard pens properly, so they don't dry out so quickly.
- Don't use lined or plain paper unnecessarily: use scrap paper where possible.

Some great ideas for us to try in school.

### Second-hand uniform sale

Following on from one of the School Council's green ideas, I would like to hold a second-hand uniform sale before Easter. Please donate any uniform your child has grown out of to the school office. I need two volunteers who would be happy to organise the clothes, set up the tables and run the stall please. Let me know if you would be happy to help organise the sale. Thank you.



### Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to everyone who came to school every day last week and was on time every day.

Well done and keep it up!



*Sorry the newsletter is late going out this week, Mrs Day*