



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

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## Prize giving 2019

On Wednesday, we celebrated prize giving in school. Congratulations to the following children:

	Pupil of the year	Respect	Responsibility	Determination	Teamwork	Positivity
<b>R</b>	Erin	Reon	Isabelle	Frankie	Madison	Daniel
<b>Y1</b>	Mitchell	Oliver	Angela	Janelle	Eden	Kingsley
<b>Y2</b>	Chibuikem	Amelia	Badejoko	Azreal	Christina	Joseph
<b>Y3</b>	David	Aparna	Isabelle	Percy	Geoffrey	Stefan
<b>Y4</b>	Caleb	Julia	Angel	Aaron	Bella	Nathan
<b>Y5</b>	Zuriel	Sidney	Mishael	Amariah	Yadi	Hermoine
<b>Y6</b>	Salem	Toyosi	Boadi	Wandile	Abigail	Denicia

## Sport at Good Shepherd

We have had a busy week with both the Croydon Athletics and Catholic Athletics competitions. At Croydon Athletics, most schools in Croydon were there and over half of our pupils got through to the finals. A particular well done to Emmanuel for winning the Y5 high jump, out of the whole of Croydon—quite an achievement.

All the Catholic schools in Croydon took part in the Catholic Athletics and I was particularly impressed with the good sportsmanship our children demonstrated. They cheered and clapped everyone on which was great to see—well done.

## Deputy Head role

Mrs Downing has been Acting Deputy Head this year and has been a great source of support to me since I started in September. I am delighted to announce that following a rigorous recruitment process, the Governors have appointed Mrs Downing as Substantive Deputy Head. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Downing when you next see her.

## Extra-curricular clubs

Please read the important letter about clubs in September, particularly the new way of booking places.

## Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Ranel, Tiammii

Year 1: Jeremiah, Kingsley

Year 2: Aviah, Jaydin

Year 3: Nevaeh, Emilie-Anne

Year 4: Lifejoy, Romaric

Year 5: Raymond, Hermoine

Year 6: Amrutha, Joanne

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday—it was lovely to be able to share this special day with you. Thank you to all the choir member who came to sing at the Mass.

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

Year 1: rhythm

Year 2: lurking

Year 3: penultimate

Year 4: over-joyed

Year 5: lyre

Year 6: succulent

## Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends with the solemn feast of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

This feast is the final one of 4 that have been celebrated this month. The other 3 were:-

SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE: PENTECOST (the descent of the Holy Spirit)

SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE: THE HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE: CORPUS CHRISTI (the feast of Holy Communion)

On Corpus Christi, last Sunday, we witnessed pupils from our school receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.

They all acquitted themselves well on the day.

As usual, the school choir led by Mrs Saunders contributed so much to the First Holy Communion Liturgy. Staff members attended in very good number.

Love is the word linking these 4 great feasts of June. The Holy Spirit is love, the great mutual love between Father and Son in the Holy Trinity. The sacred Heart of Jesus is the depiction of God's love of us.



## Water bottles

Please send your child to school every day with a water bottle. This must have your child's name on it and should not be a single-use plastic bottle but a sturdy refillable one.

Did you know that drinking water throughout the day improves memory and focuses attention.

When we are thirsty, mental performance including memory, attention and concentration can decrease by about 10 per cent. Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance: 97.1%

Week commencing 17th June

100% attendance: no class

100% punctuality: no class



I'm hoping we have better news to share with you during the next three weeks of term. Please make every effort to get to school on time, we seem to be having a number of children that have overslept and maybe need to go to bed a bit earlier. Please note that if one of your children is ill, it is essential that the other children still attend school.

*Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day*