



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Harvest

Our Harvest Mass is next Friday, please do try to come along to our whole school celebration.

We are collecting food for local homeless charities so please give generously. They are in particular need of the following items:

Tinned tomatoes	Toothbrushes
Tinned sweetcorn	Toothpaste
Tinned tuna	Soap/shower gel
mayonnaise	Coffee
Tea	Sugar



Please bring in your donations into class as soon as possible.

Every children should bring in their Rosary beads next Friday

Menu change

There will be a change of menu this Thursday to hot dog/vegetarian hotdog, served with French fires, onions, beans, sweetcorn and coleslaw with BBQ/ketchup/mayonnaise followed by a cookie. Sounds delicious!

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to all the children who came to school every day last week and were on time each morning.



International Day

International Day will be on Thursday 18th October.

Children are invited to come to school on that day dressed in clothes representing countries around the world. All children will be performing at our showcase event at 3:30 until around 5:00.



Curriculum news

Last week, you should have received a letter from your child's class teacher with information about the work the class will be doing over the next few weeks. I hope you have found these useful.

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Funmi & Adele

Year 1: Akshaya & Maximillian

Year 2: Alysha & David

Year 3: Stefan & Faith

Year 4: Bella, Romeo & Khaian

Year 5: Emmanuel & Andre

Year 6: Toyosi, Amrutha, Ayush, Brandon & Kemari

Welcome

We welcomed some new children to our school last week:

Elena, Joel and Tianna in Reception

Oliver in Year 1 and Geoffrey in Year 3.

We hope you and your families settle in quickly to our school community.

Bikeability

Twenty of Year 5 and 6 pupils have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability lessons next week to improve their cycling skills.

Don't forget to bring your bike to school every day next week if you are one of those pupils.

Sporting events

Good Shepherd children have been very busy representing the school over the last 2 weeks.

Last week we had 2 tag rugby events and this week, we had orienteering and another tag rugby event.

All these events were for Years 4, 5 and 6 and our children represented the school brilliantly on each occasion. Staff from other schools commented on how well they played as a team — well done and thank you.

PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting next Friday at 2pm in the Parent Hub. All Good Shepherd parents are invited to attend and it would be great to see as many of you as possible. PTAs play an important part in developing stronger home-school and parent-parent links through organising social events and fundraising.

Clubs

Please remember that clubs start the week beginning 8th October. Payments must be made on ParentPay as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Fr Con's Reflection

As it reaches its conclusion, we give thanks to God for His graces received in this opening month of the new school year.

Particularly at this time we thank Him for the gifts of the harvest, in a year that has been very difficult for farmers.

This will be especially reflected next Friday (October 5th) at our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass in the church.

Monday opens the month of the Holy Rosary. May each "HAIL, MARY" we offer to her in October figuratively represent a rose in petition and thanksgiving to her. She is our great exemplar in how to always be people of profound thanksgiving to God.



Swimming

The children at our school are very fortunate to have swimming lessons every week from Year 3 to Year 6. This is a lot more than many schools are able to offer their pupils but reflects how important we feel this life skill is.



If you are able to help walk the children to and from the swimming pool occasionally that would be really appreciated. We are fortunate to have a group of volunteers but sometimes they are unable to help and I would really like to have a back-up list rather than having to take a member of staff from another class.

If you are able to help occasionally, please give your name to the school office so you can be added to the list.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Day