



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Invitation to all parents

I would like to invite all parents to my Induction Mass on Friday 9th November at 2pm.

An Induction Mass is a way of formally inducting a new Headteacher during a liturgical celebration as a way of affirming the role of the Headteacher and the important link between family, school and parish.

I hope you will be able to join me on this special occasion.

Safeguarding

Childnet International have issued some useful guidance to parents on how to set boundaries, setting up parental controls and talking to their children about their internet usage. I have included the hyperlinks for older children as well as I know many of you also have secondary-aged children.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing/3-7-year-olds->

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing/7-11-year-olds->

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing/11-14-year-olds>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing/14-18-year-olds->

Please take time to click on these links.

All Saints Day

The children celebrated All Saints Day yesterday with a whole school Mass. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us.

Attendance and Punctuality

Week commencing 15.10.18

100% attendance: Y6

100% punctuality: Y3

Overall attendance: 96.1%

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: Nia & Kadiann

Year 1: Adonai & Joanna

Year 2: Anabelle & Azreal

Year 3: Emmanuela & Joshua

Year 4: David & Damario

Year 5: Aaliyah & Emmanuel

Year 6: Alias & David

New certificates

Children who receive a Head Teacher's Award on a Friday will now receive a lovely sparkly certificate as well as a sticker. This is a way of parents being able to share their children's good news with relatives as well as having a certificate to treasure and display at home.



Computing

Please can any parent who has not returned the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) return these as a matter of urgency. Copies have been sent home again today for those that are missing.

Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends on ALL SOULS' DAY (November 2nd).

It is very closely linked with the day before which is ALL SAINTS' DAY.

Heaven is the destiny God has always intended for each of us. To be there is to be a saint.

Just as the angels are arrayed in ranks, so there are degrees or extents of saintliness.

All Souls' Day points us straightaway to Purgatory. It is a place of cleansing or purification. Souls there are saved, but are gaining further cleansing by fire's light. When they have taken in enough light, God will then have them enter heaven, where everything is lit up by the face of God. They will then pray for souls who enter Purgatory after them.

So this Friday we pray especially for the souls in Purgatory, who can do nothing to assist themselves.



Parents' evening

It was lovely to see so many parents at the parents evenings this week. I hope you found it useful and informative.

If you haven't yet met with your child's teacher, please make an appointment as soon as possible.

Water

Please remember to send your child to school with a bottle of water each day (water only, no juice or squash please).

Science Quiz

A very well done to Boadi and Salem in Year 6 and

Amelia and Jayheim in Year 5.

They were selected to represent Good Shepherd at a science quiz held on Tuesday at St Cyprian's. These children performed brilliantly and came second overall—congratulations!



In November, we remember...

Every child in the school has made a poppy which is displayed in either the infant or junior hall. There is also a collection box and range of Royal British Legion merchandise available from school. We will also be holding an assembly near to the 11th with a reflection period.

These are some of the ways in which we can help children develop an age-appropriate understanding of why people wear poppies in November.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Day