



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Sound Start concert

Year 4 have been having weekly music lessons learning how to play the trombone, trumpet or chalumeau. They performed to the school last Thursday along with some pupils from Year 5 and 6 who have continued learning these instruments.

Stations of the Cross

Year 3 led the school in a very moving liturgy in church yesterday, reminding us of the last few hours of Jesus' life on earth.



Year 5 trip

Year 5 visited Hampton Court on Wednesday as part of their history topic on the Tudors. They learnt about the Tudor life, Henry VIII and took part in some role play. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the royal palace.



Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Joel & Amelia

Year 1: Akshaya & Chika

Year 2: Yasmin & Alysha

Year 3: Akin & Trinity

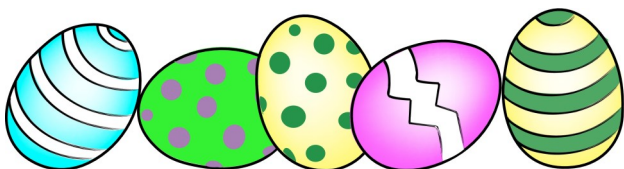
Year 4: Kosi & Ethan

Year 5: Yadi & Abel

Year 6: Denicia & Amrutha

PTA Easter event

The PTA organised a fun Easter event for the school last Friday including egg and spoon races and an egg hunt. The children had great fun—thank you.



London Fire Brigade

Year 2 and Year 5 had a visit from the London Fire Brigade on Tuesday for some special workshops. It was lovely to hear the Regional Educational Officer tell me what a lovely school Good Shepherd is and how well-behaved the children are. Although this is something I already know about our children, it is always lovely to hear compliments from someone who visits lots of schools—well done children for being a credit to Good Shepherd.

Chaplaincy gardening group

Thank you to the Y5 pupils who stayed behind after school with Mrs Saunders to dig the beds and plant new crops.

Football raffle

Well done to Delwin in Reception and Mr Conneely who won the footballs signed by Aaron Wan Bissaka. The raffle raised £100 which will be put towards sport equipment.

Computer room

We will be having some work done over the next few weeks to create a dedicated computer room. The children were very excited to hear about these new plans as our current laptops are extremely old and unreliable.



Football

A group of Year 5 and 6 pupils represented the school last week in a girls' football tournament at Margaret Roper with the other schools in the Umbrella Trust. They all tried their hardest and played four matches: winning one, drawing another and narrowly losing two—well done.



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance since September: 97.9%



Well done and keep it up!

Do you know what the most powerful sentence parents can say to their children? The answer is simply, "I'm proud of you!"

Safeguarding

For information on popular social media apps including advice on privacy settings and potential risks to users, visit: www.net-aware.org.uk

Attendance and punctuality awards

Well done to the following children who have 100% attendance and punctuality since September:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mitchell	Nathaneal	Akinfolahan	Louise	Mishael	David
Oliver	Akintayo	David	Angel	Josianne	Joshua
Eden	Emmanuel	Faith	Lifejoy	Raymond	Adrian
Kayden	Ethan	Stefan	Julia	Emmanuel	Realjoy
Akshaya	Iretomiwa	Daniel		Chidera	Stephane
Kelvin	Kaiden	Jayden		Daniel O	
Daniel	David	Isabelle		Daniel Q	
	Joseph	Angel		Kaia	
	Maryjoy	Emmanuela			
		Geoffrey			

Some of the new words we been learning this week

Year 1: resurrection

Year 2: fire hydrant

Year 3: empire

Year 4: courteously

Year 5: metamorphosis

Year 6: tapering

Fr Con's Reflection

The date of Easter Sunday is always different from year to year. (It is determined by the moon and the tides).

Some years, schools break up as late as Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday.

This year, schools break up 2 weeks before Good Friday.

This means that Holy Week is the final full week of the Easter Holidays 2019.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. Its next great day is Maundy Thursday, followed by Good Friday, Holy Saturday and then Easter Sunday itself.

That Thursday, Friday, plus Saturday night/ Sunday are known as the Sacred Triduum – understood as ONE LONG SERVICE in 3 PARTS.

This year, with an early start to the Easter school holidays, may we keep uppermost in our hearts and minds, this great trilogy:

THE LAST SUPPER
THE CRUCIFIXION
THE RESURRECTION

Wishing all the blessing and joys of Easter to one and all.



Easter Services at Good shepherd Church

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday

8:30 am Mass, 11:00 am Mass
(or 6:30 pm on Saturday evening)

Tuesday 16th April Reconciliation Service
7:30 pm (3 visiting priests hearing individual confession)

Thursday 18th April Maundy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 pm

Friday 19th April Good Friday
Children's Stations of the Cross 12 noon
Service of the Passion 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm

Saturday 20th April Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 8:30 pm

Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday
8:30 am Mass, 11:00 am Mass



Uniform

Children may start wearing their summer uniform after Easter if they wish.

*Have a lovely Easter. School reopens on Wednesday 24th April.
Mrs Day*