



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Staffing for 2019-2020

Your children will be moving up to their new classes for the day on Thursday 11th and again on Thursday 18th. They will meet their new class teachers and spend a while getting to know them in preparation for September.

Miss Hart will be leaving the staff at the end of the academic year, as she is relocating. Miss Hart has been an excellent and extremely valued member of staff over the last three years, and we are very sorry to see her leave us. Mrs Ugwu will also be leaving us at the end of term. Although she has only been with us a few months we will miss her and wish her well.

I am pleased to report that Mr Fernandes will be joining our teaching team and we are also fortunate in having Mr Oke returning to Good Shepherd as a class teacher. We welcome Mr Fernandes to our school community. Please see the attached letter with the detailed staffing information.

Congratulations to Leonie (Rec) and Jayden (Y3) on their baptism —we wish you both many blessings.



Breakfast club

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent Breakfast club questionnaire. A letter is attached with a link to enable parents to sign up for specific sessions. Please note that parents must make September bookings through this website before Friday 19th July.

Sacred music

The children heard a wonderful recital of sacred music on Wednesday when around 15 musicians visited Good Shepherd. The children excelled themselves with their good listening skills whilst choral music was performed and seemed to find it extremely relaxing. The musicians commented to me afterwards about the children's exemplary behaviour.



Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Jaden, Emeke

Year 1: Alimat, Elmar

Year 2: Zack, Akintayo

Year 3: Jonathan, Trinity

Year 4: Damario, Romeo

Year 5: Elaine, Bea

Year 6: Jemima, Charis

Mums' breakfast

Please remember to return your reply slip by Monday for the breakfast for female carers on Tuesday at 8:30am.

Lost property

All lost property must be collected by next Friday (11th). Any remaining uniform or other pieces of clothing will be added to our next uniform sale.

Prize giving for Nursery

The Nursery children have all had a great start to their education and a few were selected to receive a certificates:

Pupil of the year	Respect	Responsibility	Determination	Teamwork	Positivity
Imoleayo	Eric-George	Johnny	Udele	Judah	Ivanna

Summer Festival

The PTA raised £194 for the school—thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Important club information

Please read the attached letter carefully about how to book onto clubs next year.

Fr Con's Reflection

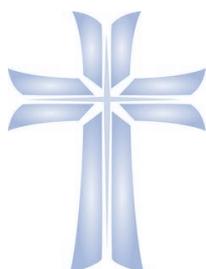
In the first week of July, we surely notice how our immediate world is absolutely awash with sport: tennis, ladies' football, cricket, to name but a few.

Our former pupil, Aaron Wan-Bissaska has finalised his expected move to Manchester United, arguably the biggest club in the world.

The England Ladies' football team have acquitted themselves very well in the World Cup in France. Their manager, Philip Neville, has presented himself very well in the media.

In spiritual terms, however, much praise is due to Nikita Parris, one of the England footballers. In the Catholic newspaper, the "Universe", recently she stated how she blesses herself before every game, and attends church regularly with her grandmother. She was also quoted in another journal as follows: "FOR ME, CATHOLICISM IS ALL ABOUT THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US."

That surely says it all – A CAPITAL COMMENT DESERVING OF CAPITAL LETTERS .



Infant Sports

Eighteen children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 represented Good Shepherd alongside the other eight Catholic schools in the Umbrella Trust. The children did brilliantly; Leonie and Saviour in Reception came back with two bronze medals for the Olympic rings event and then we heard the great news that we had come first overall with a total of 791 points. We returned to school with 2 bronze medals, 18 gold medals and a cup—fantastic!



Change of date

The early May Bank Holiday has been changed and is now not on 4th May 2020 as set out in our school dates for academic year 2019-2020, but on Friday 8 May 2020.

This change of Bank Holiday date has been decided in order to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe.

The holiday will form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events across the UK.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance: 97%

Week commencing 24.6.19

100% attendance: no class

100% punctuality: Y3

Try to be in school every day next week!



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day