



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 7th December 2018

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Important dates

Tuesday 11th December 9.30—Nursery Nativity (PARENTS WELCOME)

Thursday 13th December 9.30—Reception, Y1 & Y2 Nativity (PARENTS WELCOME)

Friday 14th December 2pm—Choir singing in the Whitgift Centre (PARENTS WELCOME)

Tuesday 18th December—Jingle Day

Wednesday 19th December—Christmas lunch and pantomime

Thursday 20th December 2pm—KS2 Advent service in church (PARENTS WELCOME)

Friday 21st December 1.15pm—School closes

Monday 7th January 2019—Inset day

Tuesday 8th January 2019—school re-opens to pupils



Jingle Day—Tuesday 18th December

The newly formed PTA are having their first fundraising activity during the last week of term.



Children are invited to wear a Christmas accessory such as a Santa hat, reindeer hairband, Christmassy socks/tights or tinsel.



In return, children should bring in a £1 donation which will be used to buy more playground toys and games.

Please note that all children are expected to wear their full school uniform on this day.

Drinks in school

Children should bring water only; no juice or squash for class or packed lunches.

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Tiammii & Ethan

Year 1: Jeremiah & Chika

Year 2: Daniel & Ethan S

Year 3: Malachi & Nana

Year 4: Hannah & Khaian

Year 5: Sidney & Amariah

Year 6: Ayush & Marcos

Other: Geoffrey (Y3)

Gymnastics competition

Four children from Year 2 represented the school brilliantly at an inter-school competition two weeks ago—well done!

Some of the new words we been learning this week

Year 1: lowing, cattle

Year 2: skillet, frantic

Year 3: catastrophe, glimmering

Year 4: measly, gazed

Year 5: phenomenal

Year 6: indubitable, plethora

Carol singing

Year 5 sang a wide repertoire of carols to the residents at Addington Heights yesterday, bringing some Christmas cheer.

Fr Con's Reflection

This Saturday, 8th December, is the great feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Young Mary was conceived Immaculate in the womb of her mother Anne.

('Immaculate' means she was totally free from the mark of Original Sin, passed down from Adam and Eve.)

This took place to enable God to become human, in the Person of His Only Begotten Son – the great event known as The Incarnation.

Without the Immaculate Conception, we would not have had the great event of the Bethlehem manger – the first Christmas- God the Son being born, in order to die, within about 30 years and to rise, for our salvation and redemption.

So 8th December is a truly great feast, and obviously it always occurs in this holy season of Advent.



Flu immunisation

The school nursing team visited school yesterday to administer the nasal flu immunisation to children in Reception to Year 5.

Unfortunately they had a very low uptake of parents consenting to this so only a quarter of the eligible children received the vaccination.

I know how busy it can be at this time of year and consenting online or popping into the school office to complete a form can be one more thing to add to your busy lives.

I would urge you to ensure your child receives this immunisation which is not an injection but a quick spray in the nose, as this will help protect your family from the flu bug.

If your child missed their flu spray at school, there is a walk-in clinic every Thursday between 3:30 and 4:30 at:

Croydon Health Services

12-18 Lennard Road

Croydon, CR9 2RS

For more information, contact

CH-Tr.ImmunisationTeam@nhs.net

or 020 8274 6453

Attendance and Punctuality

Week commencing 26th Nov

100% attendance: Y4

100% punctuality: Y2, Y3, Y6

Overall attendance: 98.0%

Well done and keep it up!



Reminder

School closes at 1:15 on Friday 21st December.



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day