



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome back to all our children and families, I hope you had a restful holiday. Thank you for sending the children back to school so smartly dressed, it has been lovely to see how excited they have been to catch up with all their school friends. They have really settled back to school so well and have worked extremely hard this week—well done children.

Our Reception children started on Wednesday and it has been wonderful to see how well they have settled back after the summer. Welcome to Mohamed, Tiammi, Grigoriy, Emike, Nia, Joseph and their families who are new to Good Shepherd. We also welcome Stefan in Year 3 and his family. We hope all our new families will quickly feel part of the community.

A particular welcome also to our new staff: Mrs Johnson in Nursery, Mrs Mascarenhas in Y2, Miss Hill in Y4 and Mrs Peters, our School Business Manager.

All the staff, children and parents have made me feel extremely welcome this week as part of the Good Shepherd family, thank you, I have really appreciated this.

RIP

Please remember Mrs Reichelt and Mrs Browne in your prayers who both had family members who died during the summer holidays. May they rest in peace.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to everyone who has been in school on each of the four days this week and has arrived on time. From next week, I will publish the attendance figures and hopefully we will have lots of classes with 100% attendance!



Parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to support their child during Early Morning Work time from 8:40. The class teacher will let you know when it is time for you to leave so that the register and teaching input can be given to the whole class.

Please remember that all arrivals AFTER 9:00am will be marked in the class register as late. Furthermore, arrivals after 9:15am will be marked as an unauthorised absence in compliance with our Attendance Policy.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please feel free to contact Mr Oke, our Attendance Officer.

Start of the year Mass

The school attended a lovely Mass with Fr Con and some parents and parishioners this morning. This Mass was for St Joachim and St Anne, the parents of Our Lady.



School Council

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class-mates to represent their class on the School Council:

Year 1—Isaiah & Angela

Year 2—Emmanuel & Amelia

Year 3—David & Isabelle

Year 4—Julia & David

Year 5—Aaliyah & Mishael

Year 6—Boadi & Toyosi

These children will meet with Mrs Smith on a regular basis to plan and organise events and suggest improvements that could be implemented. They are our 'Pupil Voice' and have an important role within the school.

Thank you, children, for volunteering to do this role, you will be presented with badges in assembly shortly.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Uniform

Please ensure all clothing is labelled, especially jumpers and coats as these can easily get mislaid at lunchtime or when changing for P.E.

Fr Con's Reflection

Hopefully everyone will have enjoyed a peaceful and restful summer break.

On Saturday of this week, 8th September, the Church celebrates the birthday of Our Blessed Lady.

She was the tutor of her son Jesus in his formative years.

So we commend to her intercession our new headteacher Mrs. Day and all her staff, together with all our parents, support staff and governors.

At the same time, we beseech Our Lady's intercession for Mrs. Fernandes in pastures new.

We ask our Blessed Lady to inspire all our pupils to achieve their best, in all activities in the new school year.

Birthdays

Any family who would like to celebrate their child's birthday with the class are invited to bring in fruit for the class or to give a book for the class reading corner. I will then stick a special bookplate with your child's name on it so it can be treasured by the class.

Please do not send in sweets, cakes, party bags or other gifts for each child.



Dates for your diary

Monday 15th October—Start of International Week

Friday 19th October—School closes for half term

Monday 29th October—School re-opens

Monday 26th November—Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Thursday 6th December—Year R to 5 Na-sal Flu Immunisation

Friday 21st December—school closes 1:15

Parking

A polite reminder that stopping, even for a minute or two, is not permitted on the yellow zigzags outside the school gate in order to make crossing the road safer for everyone.



Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Downing and myself will be at the gate most mornings and afternoons so please do ask us if you have a query.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Day