



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Bibles

Fr Con presented every child from Year 3-6 with a Good News Bible on Tuesday. This is a wonderful resource to have in school and we are very grateful to the Bible for Schools charity for this kind donation. These Bibles will be used to enhance Religion lessons further and enable children to learn how to find particular passages of Scripture within the Bible. The Year 2 children were presented with a book of Bible stories each.



Lent

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the parish Ash Wednesday Mass. The children have written Lenten promises in class of things they are going to try to do during Lent.

Fundraising

Do you work for one of the companies listed in the attached document. If so, Good Shepherd qualifies for 'Match Funding'.

Match giving or match funding is a simple way of maximising the fundraising efforts of the PTA. Not all companies offer matched funding but those that do will pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised to the charity or school of their choice. Generally speaking, banks and building societies, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers, phone companies and car manufacturers are known to offer match-funding schemes. One large bank offers to match up to £750 three times a year so please check if your company offer this scheme. More information can be found on the following link.

<http://www.pta.co.uk/funding/faqs-match-funding.aspx>

Raffle

Raffle tickets for the signed footballs have been selling fast this week. Tickets are £1 each, please send money in with your child if they would like to buy a ticket or two. Parents are welcome to buy a ticket too!

Headteacher Awards

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

Reception: Grigoriy & Isaiah

Year 1: Anthony & Declan

Year 2: Jaydin & Azreal

Year 3: Giancarlo & Jayden M

Year 4: Elsie & Aaron

Year 5: Chidera & Yadi

Year 6: Amrutha & Stephanie



Please sign up if you haven't done so already, so you can talk to your child's teacher about their progress and how you can help them at home.



Some of the new words we been learning this week

Year 1: mischievous

Year 2: diabolical

Year 3: architect

Year 4: parchment

Year 5: foetid

Year 6: evaded

Rosary

Mrs Snow will lead children in a decade of the Rosary, Monday to Thursday lunchtimes during Lent. Please encourage your child to come along.

Fr Con's Reflection

The 40 days of Lent (beginning with Ash Wednesday) present a great opportunity to engage with the Bible.

The Bible, of course, represents a series of books.

A great place to start would be the Psalms, of which there are 150.

Religious communities (e.g. monks and nuns) would cover all of these in a week, by meeting together in chapel on 5 or 6 occasions in every 24-hour period.

Obviously we cannot match that.

Instead we could request from Google, a grid with the numbers 1 to 150, for us to print off. Then, pen or pencil in hand and with eyes closed, we would point to a number.

That can then be our Psalm of the Day. After a first reading follow it immediately with a second. It will not disappoint – in no time, we will be praying with Sacred Scripture.



Poetry competition

Well done to everyone in Y3 and Y5 who took part in the competition yesterday.

Recycling

The children had an assembly about recycling on Monday and showed our visitor how knowledgeable they were about what could be recycled and which bin to put in it!

Hockey

Fourteen children competed in a hockey competition after school last Friday and played brilliantly—well done.

Community Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the wonderful PTA Community Stall on Friday after school. All the food and drink proved very popular and I know that this is something that the PTA are going to be repeating on a regular basis.

A very impressive £141 was raised which will purchase some bright and vibrant cushions for our new library.

The PTA are organising an Easter event on Friday 29th March. Children will be able to take part in an Easter egg hunt, an egg decoration competition, an Easter hat competition and many more activities during the school day.



Attendance and Punctuality

Week commencing 25.2.19

100% attendance: Y1, Y2

100% punctuality: Y2, Y3, Y6

Overall attendance: 98.2%

Well done and keep it up!



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day