



Friday 12th July 2019

# Good Shepherd Newsletter

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## Breakfast club

Reminder: Parents must make bookings for September through Sport Active's website by Friday 19th July.

To book your place onto the club, please use the link below.

<http://sportsactivecoaching.co.uk/active-schools/active-club/>

If you require more information, please contact Trevor Meader on 07740 292 379 or by email at

[trevor.meader@sportsactivecoaching.co.uk](mailto:trevor.meader@sportsactivecoaching.co.uk)

## Free holiday activities and healthy food

Children aged 5-16 and their families are invited to take part in a wide range of free holiday clubs in Croydon this summer!

Holiday Food and Fun is being co-ordinated by Family Action and Croydon Council, with funding from the Department of Education.

- Try out activities such as cooking, sport, arts and craft and music.
- Enjoy free tasty meals and snacks.
- Have fun with your friends – and make new ones!

This will be held at Play Place, 21 Wayside, New Addington on the week beginning 29th July, 5th, 12th and 19th August from 11am to 3pm.

Children 8+ may attend unaccompanied and those under 8 must come with an adult.

Please email [info@playplace.org](mailto:info@playplace.org) for more information.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Croydon Libraries have launched 'Space Chase' as the theme for the Reading Challenge this year to mark the 50th anniversary of the first moon landings. All of the libraries in Croydon are running the challenge. Children have to read at least six books to complete the challenge and they'll be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a Kindle Fire.



## Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Ethan, Funmi, Delwin, Joseph, Grigoriy

Year 1: Kelvin, Anthony

Year 2: Ella-Jaide, Emmanuel

Year 3: Joshua, Aparna

Year 4: Akeshia-Rai, Danzy

Year 5: Victor, Hermoine

Year 6: Ayush, Marcos

### Transition day

The children spent a day with their new teachers yesterday and will spend another day with them next Thursday. It was lovely to see how they rose to the increased level of expectations in the next year group — they are definitely ready to embrace the new challenges that lay ahead!

### End of term reminders

The Year 6 performance is on Wednesday 17th at 5:00pm

Our leavers' Mass is on Monday 22nd July at 9am in the school hall—all are welcome.

Term finishes on Tuesday 23rd July at 1:15pm

### Fr Con's Reflection

This month of July does not have any major feast days.

In this respect, it is quite different from June.

June contained 3 major Sunday feasts:

Pentecost (the Descent of the Holy Spirit).

The Most Holy Trinity.

Corpus Christi (the feast of Holy Communion).

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Less well known is the fact that July is the month of the Precious Blood.

Now, of course, there is a very close connection between those two themes.

Sacred scripture tells us that when Jesus' side was pierced upon the cross, blood and water poured out. (The human heart is encased in a water sac).

His precious Blood is the source of our salvation.

So, in terms of our faith, July is very much a continuation of June.



### Reception 2020 Admissions

The closing date for Reception applications in Primary schools in the Local Authority of Croydon is 15th January 2020.

Parents/Carers of children born between 1.9.2015 and 31.8.2016 who wish to apply for a place at Good Shepherd should complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and obtain a reference from their Parish Priest. We welcome receipt of the SIF and any accompanying paperwork, any time after 1st September. An online form also needs to be completed on [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk).

Parents are welcome to telephone the school office to arrange a convenient date for a tour of the school. Please encourage neighbours, relatives and friends who are looking for a Christian education for their children to visit.

Please e-mail:

[office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk) or telephone 01689 841 771.

Please note all information regarding admissions is available on our website [www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk)

### Attendance

A reminder that parents must telephone the school if their child is ill, or must complete a form if their child has a planned absence such as a hospital appointment.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance: 97%

Week commencing 1st July

100% attendance: None at 100% but Year 3 had 99.7%

100% punctuality: Year 3 and Year 5

Well done and keep it up!



*Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day*