



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2019

International Day

Our annual International Day is coming up on Wednesday 9th October at 2pm. All children are invited to come to school on that day wearing clothes that reflect the wonderful multicultural world we live in and to bring in a £1 donation to charity.

This is a special day and one of the highlights of the year. There will be a whole school celebration for parents at 2pm where we will showcase dancing, steel pans, African drumming and singing.

I hope you will be able to join us as every child in the school, from Nursery to Year 6, will be performing.



Croydon Deanery Mass

Good Shepherd hosted the Deanery Mass on Wednesday for all staff working in Catholic primary and secondary schools in Croydon. We had 35 members of the choir who willingly gave up their evening to sing at Mass and so many colleagues complimented the children how beautifully they sang—well done children.

Sarah Jones MP

Our local MP, Sarah Jones, will be visiting Good Shepherd on Wednesday to lead an assembly for the school on her role as an MP. She will be holding an advice surgery from 8:45-9:30 in the hall for parents and carers. This will be an opportunity to discuss local issues with her, so please make every effort to come along, even if it is just an opportunity to say hello to her.



Safety reminder

Please be reminded that parents of children in Nursery-Year 2 should be brought all the way to their classrooms in the morning so they can join in with their child's early morning work. There have been reports of children being dropped on Dunley Drive and running in by themselves. Please bring your child all the way into school.

On another note, parents are welcome to make an appointment to speak to a teacher but this has to be before or after the school day and not when they have children in their class.

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

Last evening, Wednesday 25th September, our church staged the annual Deanery Thanksgiving Mass for teachers and all school support staff.

So many people carry out crucial roles in the day-to-day running of a school: - the secretarial staff; the Business Manager; the site manager; the kitchen staff; the team of cleaners. They do so, without being situated in the classroom.

They are crucial for the smooth running of the school. Therefore they are greatly appreciated and most worthy of an expression of gratitude.

At the above Mass, we had a total of 8 priests and a Deacon - all from the Croydon Deanery.

The theme of that Mass is that we all have a role to play in influencing the young for good, and to be and achieve their best.

They will remember all adults, irrespective of role, who positively helped them. What is taught is obviously vital – but there is also what is caught – the importance of good example.



Safeguarding

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that members of the school staff, known as the Dedicated Safeguarding Leads (Mrs Day and Mrs Downing), are trained to allow them to liaise with the police. This information is shared, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



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Clubs

All clubs start next week. Please remind your children about their lunchtime and after school clubs.

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Judah & Aniyah

Year 1: Joel & Reon

Year 2: Joanna & Chika

Year 3: Josef & Chibuikem

Year 4: Amisha & Daniel

Year 5: Jason & Angel

Year 6: Sidney & Abel

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance: 96.6%

100% attendance: Y4

100% punctuality: Y6, Y2, Y1

Well done and keep it up!



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day