



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2019

Harvest

We will be collecting food for our Harvest Festival in the next two weeks. There will be more information next week but please start thinking about the toiletries, dried food and tinned food you could donate.

Medical forms

Thank you to those parents who have returned the completed forms which were sent out this week. Please send it back on Monday if you have not done so already.

International Day

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2PM



All children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 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. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL CELEBRATION**

Helping your child at home

Here are some websites you may like to look at with your child:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

This website has fun maths games for all ages.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com>

The School Run has downloadable worksheets as well as explanations on how to work maths calculations.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Each week in class, the children discuss an issue that has been in the news. These often cover issues around democracy, tolerance, diversity, human rights and government. Newsround provides 'child friendly' news for you to watch and discuss with your child.

<https://www.pobble365.com/watch-and-learn/>

Pobble also has some really interesting pictures and questions to discuss. Did you know that sharing their thoughts and ideas with an adult helps children to write more fluently?

Internet safety

Remember to remind your children to be SMART online

S—SAFE: keep safe by not giving out personal information when you are chatting or posting online

M—MEET: meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous

A—ACCEPTING: accepting emails, messages or opening files from people you don't know can lead to problems as they may contain viruses or nasty messages

R—RELIABLE: someone online might lie about who they are, and other information on the internet may not be true

T—TELL: tell your parent, carer or teacher if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

We have entered the month of the Holy Rosary.

This October stands to be a most momentous month for both the U.K. and for the European Union. To name but one prayer intention, we need to pray the Rosary each day this month for the issue of BREXIT.

The Rosary was given to St. Dominic by Our Blessed Lady in the Middle Ages. It was a time when monasteries were being invaded. Monks lost access to their holy books containing the 150 Psalms, which they would chant, in total, each week.

So Our Lady presented a devotion containing in its fullness 150 "Hail Marys". These were arranged into 3 sections, each with 50 – the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries – each set of Mysteries portraying one event.

In the early 1990's Pope John Paul II gave us the Luminous Mysteries (the mysteries of Light). He saw that the Rosary would welcome a set of Mysteries mentioning events from Jesus' 3 - year public ministry.

So, especially this October, let us really want to pray 5 decades daily. At the least, let us remind our children that each "Hail Mary" represents a rose offered to Our Lady.



Sporting events this week

Good Shepherd were represented at two sporting events this week. Well done to the following children for their sporting achievements:

Tag rugby: Shai-Nefer, Saphir, Daniel O, Caleb, Emmanuel, Millan-I, Chidera, Abigail

Table tennis: Rashanti, Raymond, Daniel Q, Amelia

Our local MP

We had a wonderful visit from Sarah Jones this week and the children had lots of questions to ask her. It was lovely to see how many children were interested in politics and were clearly regular listeners to the news.



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Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Crystal, Uriel

Year 1: Frankie-Joe, Emike

Year 2: Dasia, Janelle

Year 3: Zack, Moturaya

Year 4: Percy, Faith

Year 5: Ethan, Caleb

Year 6: Malaika, Tayden, Misheal

Spanish: Aviah

Date for your diary

Palace for Life are coming in to lead an assembly next Thursday at 9am. Please come along.

Rosary

Mrs Snow will lead a decade of the Rosary every lunchtime except Friday. Please encourage your children to come along.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day