

# **Good Shepherd Newsletter**

Friday 25th March 2022

#### School Events this Week

We enjoyed two events this week with the Reception Class Assembly and the Year 2 Poetry Performance. Both classes did extremely well projecting their voices to the back of the hall and it was great to have so many parents at both events. I know that the children really enjoy it when their parents are able to attend.

Future events where parents are invited are:

Tuesday 29th March 9:05am Y5 Palm Sunday assembly

Wednesday 30th March 9:05am Y4 Last Supper assembly

Thursday 31st March 9:05am Y3 Way of the Cross assembly

Tuesday 26th April 9:15am Summer term Mass N-Y6 (in church)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 9:05am Y2 class assembly

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 9:05am Y1 Poetry performance

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 9:05am Rec class assembly

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9:05am Y1 class assembly

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 9:05am Rec Poetry performance

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 5pm Year 6 performance

Tuesday 19th July 9.15am End of year Mass N-Y6 (in church)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 9:05am Y6 class assembly

#### Uniform

Thank you for completing the recent consultation of the proposed uniform change of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 wearing polo shirts.

There was a comment made about the additional cost of buying polo shirts, another, worried that children would not learn how to do up buttons. However, the majority of comments were very positive about the change e.g.

"It's easier for them to change after sports."

"I think the polo shirt helps encourage the children to dress themselves independently."

"This would be easier for them to put it on by themselves, practising independence."

"A great change to the uniform."

The uniform will now change for the infants and children should wear a plain white polo shirt and no tie.

There is no need for parents to buy polo shirts straight away, but just do so when their child grows out of their current set of school shirts. Please note that during this transition phase, children who wear a shirt must also continue to wear their tie.

## **School Disco**

Tuesday 21st June 3:15pm for Years 1-6. More details after Easter.



Teamwork

## Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

> **Kindness Headteacher Award:** Award:

R: Adam, Zeah, Aaron Y1: Christable, Princess, Alde Y2: Jevon, Marvellous, Daniel Y3: Mi-Zani, Ranel, Joel Y4: Abigail, Declan, Elmar

Stefan

Y5: Joel, Josef,

Y6: David, Jayden M,



Emmanuel

# **Free Easter Holiday Activities**

The Good Food Matters Charity is running some free activities over the Easter Holidays for children in Y3-6 from 10:00-2:00pm on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Mickleham Way, New Addington, CR0 0PN.

For more information and details about how to book a place, please see attached poster.

#### Save the Date

**Friday** 10th June 3:15pm



#### **Mission Statement**

The children have been revisiting the school's Mission Statement and coming up with ideas to make it more child-friendly and memorable. If you have any good ideas, please share them! Our current one can be viewed on the website: Mission Statement | **Good Shepherd Primary** 

(goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk)

#### Amendment to Term Dates

Schools have been granted an additional day of holiday to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. As a result of this, Good Shepherd will now close for the half term break on Thursday 26th May and not Friday 27th May.

# **Neurodiversity Week**

Children have been learning about Neurodiversity in assembly this week. Well done to Stefan, Emmanuel and Joshua (Y5&6) for the research and posters they made about this topic.

## Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends with the great solemn feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to young Mary of Nazareth, telling her she had been specially chosen by God to become the Mother of his only begotten son).

March 25<sup>th</sup> is surely the primary of all feasts. Without God becoming human, there would be no Bethlehem manger, no Good Friday, no first Easter Sunday etc....

Sunday is Mothers' Day. Clocks etc NEED TO GO FORWARD BY ONE HOUR, LAST THING ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

To mark the feast day of March 25<sup>th</sup> (9 months before Christmas Day), may our families commit to praying the 1<sup>st</sup> joyful Mystery of the Rosary (The Annunciation of the Lord) for the following 3 intentions:

Consecrating our own families to Mary Consecrating our school family to Mary Consecrating the mothers and families of Ukraine to Mary

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> Have a lovely weekend Mrs Day