



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023

## Happy New Year

I hope you all managed to have a rest over Christmas.



Starting on Monday, we are trialling a change of routine in the mornings so that all children walk into class together, thereby helping to create a smoother and swifter start to the day. The gates will open at 8:30 and children in Y1-6 should go to the infant or junior playground (not the field). They are permitted to play on the playground but not use the gym equipment or climbing frames. At 8:40am, the bell will ring once for the children to stand still and a second time for children to line up and go into class.

Children in Nursery and Reception will not line up but will go straight into class at 8:40am.

## Admissions

The deadline is fast approaching for all applications to be finalised.

### Nursery in September 2023

All parents must complete a school form by next Friday (13th).

### Reception in September 2023

All parents must complete a Croydon form plus a school form by next Friday (13th).

**Please note that parents of our current Nursery children must also do this.**

Please remind family and friends of this deadline.

## Healthy School Street from 23 January

Croydon Council will trial a new Healthy School Street scheme on Dunley Drive and Walker Close to benefit pupils of Good Shepherd by closing the surrounding roads to traffic during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

Dunley Drive & Walker Close will become a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone only (except for those eligible for exemption permits) between the hours of 8- 9.30am and 2 - 4pm from Monday to Friday, during school term time only.

The scheme will be enforced using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, which will only capture registration numbers of vehicles entering the Healthy School Street during operational hours and issue fines.

Any parent who has been specifically asked by the office to collect a child early and drive onto Dunley Drive must give their car registration to the school office to avoid receiving a fixed penalty notice (Croydon Council is responsible for enforcing this scheme and issuing fines - it is not at the discretion of the Good Shepherd staff).

The scheme will start on Monday 23rd Jan.

## Epiphany

We celebrated a prayer service in school this morning to remember when the Wise Men visited Jesus.



*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Determination*

*Positivity*

*Teamwork*

### Attendance

A very well done to the 27 children who got certificates for having 100% attendance in the autumn term.

Let's see if we can beat that figure this term and have even more children with 100% attendance between now and Easter.



### Inset

The staff had a very busy inset day on Tuesday with everyone completing a 6 hour practical first aid course including CPR and helping someone who is choking.

### Chatterbox

These are targeted groups to promote, support and encourage children's speech, language and communication development. They are aimed at children aged 4 years old and under whose parents have concerns about their child's talking or interaction and are run by Croydon Children's Speech & Language Therapy Service. Every Thursday, a session is held at Castle Hill Children's Centre Hub 1pm-2:30pm. Please see attached leaflet for more information.

### Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Reminder—FROGS Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17th January. Please see attached poster for more information.



### A New Year Blessing

May the road you walk  
Be a smooth one,  
May your problems be few - if any,  
May the days and the years  
That lie ahead  
Be healthy, happy and many,  
May you have friends in abundance,  
May the sun  
Shine bright around you,  
May the world  
Be a wonderful place to live,  
And may God's love always surround you.  
Amen



### Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals or would like a Food Bank voucher, please speak to Mrs Snow in the school office.

### After School Clubs

A reminder that after school clubs start on Monday 9th January.

### Healthy Eating

Over Christmas, the BBC have updated their £1 a portion meal ideas with some lovely recipes.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/budget\\_family\\_meal\\_plan\\_for\\_four](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/budget_family_meal_plan_for_four)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/1\\_dinners](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/1_dinners)

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**  
**office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk**

Please be advised that the school office is open 8:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-3:30 on Fridays.

*Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Day*

*Learning together as part of God's family*