

Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2023

Theatre Trip

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 had a wonderful morning at the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon watching Jack v Giant, a re-

imagined version of the classic fairy tale Jack and the Beanstalk.

Thank you to Miss Butler for managing to secure free tickets through a charitable scheme.



Free School Meals

Are you missing out on Free School Meals and all the benefits this gives you? There are no forms to fill out, just speak to Mrs Snow or Ms Stephenson and they can check online instantly. If you are eligible, not only will you receive a free lunch for your child, but you will also receive free educational visits, 50% subsidy on extra-curricular clubs, free holiday clubs plus the school gets additional funding to support your child academically.

Poetry Performance

The Y3 and Y5 poetry performance will be held next Thursday at 9:05am in the school hall—parents are very welcome.

P.E. Kits

There are lots of children attending P.E. lessons without their kits. All children must bring their P.E. kits to school on a Monday morning and not bring them home until Friday afternoon. The children have been reminded about this today. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Cycling

The Y4 children have been learning how to ride a bike this week which is a wonderful opportunity for those who have never ridden before. Look how well they got on!













There have been six children in Y5 who have

undertaken their bikability course this week where they learnt to



ride safely on the road.



This morning they rode all the way to Shirley Hills—well done.

Cafod

Thank you to those of you who have sent your child into school with some money for their class Cafod collection. So far, we have raised £92.11 to go to the World Gifts. This is in addition to the £84.12 raised recently for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. Our Cafod collection will continue until the end of term. Thank you

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:

Headteacher	Kindness
Award:	Award:

R: Chidera, Vincenzo, Freya
Y1: Levi, Mahmoud, Dennis
Y2: Annaya, Kyriacos, Esther
Y3: Gregor, Yeabhne, Byron
Y4: Chinaza, Daniel, Funmi
Y5: Angela, Daniel, Abhay
Y6: Azreal, Maryjoy, Prudent



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Thank you for all the gifts you have donated to the school office.

Monday 13th March will see our first FROGS' Mother's Day sale at Good Shepherd. Children will have the chance to visit the hall with their teacher and buy one of the gifts on offer. There will be lots of lovely gifts on sale for £1, £2 or £3 so please remember to send your child to school with some money on that day.



Food Bank

If you are in need of a voucher for the New Addington Food Bank, please speak to Mrs Snow or Ms Stephenson in the school office.

Easter Holiday Club

Following on from the success of the half term holiday club, Aim High will be hosting an Easter holiday club from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April for Reception to Year 6 at Good Shepherd. The children will be playing both sitting down and running around games and will be given lunch. This is completely free for children eligible for free school meals and will cost £15/day for others. I will let you know as soon as you are able to book onto this. Parents will be able to book onto all four days or just one or two.

Fr Con's Reflection

The Cross is at the very heart of this Holy Season of Lent.



Jesus went to the Cross for the salvation of humankind.

He assured us that to be His followers we must take up our individual 'cross' and do this daily.

Yet the 'cross' is not forever. Death is not the end. Resurrection from the dead is the very centre of our faith.

So, Lent is like our lives in miniature or microcosm. It leads to Jesus' death, yes, but ends with Resurrection.

These days, due to worldwide energy costs and the dreadful war in Ukraine, one's individual 'cross' may be all too evident.

As our families understandably ponder the 'COST OF LIVING', may we also always ponder what was, for Jesus, the 'COST OF DYING'!

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

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Day

Learning together as part of God's family