



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 23rd September 2022

School Photographs

The photographer is coming to school on Wednesday 28th September.



Cardboard Tubes

We are looking for cardboard kitchen roll, foil or clingfilm tubes to use for planting seeds in. There will be a box outside my office for collecting these. Please do not send in toilet roll tubes, only kitchen roll tubes. Thank you

International Day

Tuesday 4th October is our annual International Day where we ask children to come to school dressed in their national outfit or in the colours of their flag.



I would like to ensure that we can display flags from all countries represented in Good Shepherd. If you are able to give a flag to the school which we can keep to use for our International Days, International Talent Shows and International Summer Fairs. This would be really appreciated.

Parenting Programmes

Parents and carers in Croydon can access a range of group-based parenting programmes delivered by the Support and Interventions team.

Parents/ carers can choose between virtual and in person groups, based on their availability and personal preference.

The Support and Interventions team currently run the following group programmes:

Mellow Mums – an attachment-based, psycho-educational group aimed mothers of children aged 0-3, who may be struggling with personal challenges, including trauma and mental health

Triple P and Triple P Teen – a strength-based parenting group designed to prevent, as well as address, behavioural and emotional problems in children and young people

Stepping Stones – a strength-based parenting programme aimed at parents or carers who have a child aged 0-12 with a disability or special educational need

Family Transitions – a group programme supporting parents or carers who are experiencing personal distress from separation or divorce, which is impacting on or complicating their parenting

We have had a number of parents who have attended these excellent courses in previous years. For more information about each of these programmes and to book a place, please speak to Mrs Downing.

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

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:

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Isabel, Nana,	Annette
Y1: Levi, Kiron,	Vanessa
Y2: Chimdindu, Daniel,	Avaeyah
Y3: Judah, Imoleayo,	Kayden, John, Marvellous
Y4: Aisha, Reon,	Johan
Y5: Adonai, Chika,	Daniel
Y6: Emmanuel, Gabriella, Aaliyah	



Year 6 assembly

Year 6 led the school in a lovely assembly about looking after our world. Thank you to the parents who came to support.

Start of the Year Mass

We celebrated a whole school Mass this week, thank you to those parents who were able to join us in church.

Fr Con's Reflection

Wednesday of this momentous week (21st September) was the feast of St Matthew, the Apostle. As we know, he was Levi the tax collector when Jesus called him. He would become a Gospel writer, writing in the Hebrew language.



The first reading for his feast gives the following words of St Paul in Ephesians 4 verse 11:

“And to some, His gift was that they should be Apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers...”

We see exceedingly rapid change in the respective lives of Matthew (formerly Levi) and Paul (formerly Saul, rounding up Christians for persecutions!)

By contrast, in our times, Charles has been “King-in-waiting” for over half a century!

May God bless him with many years of Reign!

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Coffee Mornings FROGS will be having a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 8th November at 8.40am in the School Hall. Please make a note in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.



Light Party Monday 31st October 2022 3-15pm - 4.30pm. More details to follow.

I have also attached a Who's Who FROGS Committee page.

Support for Domestic Abuse

Please remember that Good Shepherd is a safe space for you to come if you need help or advice. You can speak to any member of staff but Miss Baxter, our Pastoral Lead, has lots of experience from a previous role. Please click on the links for more information.

[Safe Spaces Locations - UK SAYS NO MORE](#)

[Refuge – For women and children. Against](#)

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