



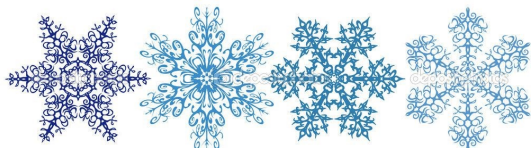
Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Church Bazaar

Good Shepherd Church are holding their annual Christmas Bazaar in the school hall tomorrow from 11:00-4:00pm.

Please come along and support the Bazaar.



Please note that Monday 27th is an inset day and the school is closed to pupils.

Prayer and Liturgy

In our Prayer and Liturgies this week, we had a visitor from the Starfish Malawi charity who spoke about what schools are like in Malawi.

Yesterday, the Y1 children told the school all about the sacrament of Baptism and how we belong to God's family.

Reading for Pleasure

Are you able to help please? As part of our drive to promote reading, we would like all children to bring a book to school wrapped in wrapping paper next week. Class teachers will then select a book each day to read to the class and the book will then be returned to the child. Please note that this does not need to be a new book.

Due to time constraints, older children will need to bring in a short story book, poetry book, book of prayers or non-fiction book as there will not be time to read a long chapter book every day.



The Polar Express

To celebrate the launch of our whole school text 'The Polar Express', children are invited to bring in their pyjamas to school on Tuesday 28th November.

Please note that for safeguarding reasons, they will need to wear their uniform, coats and school shoes to and from school.



Healthy Homes

Please find attached the guide on helping you heat your home and reduce your fuel bills from Croydon Healthy Homes, which is Croydon Council's free energy advice service.

Christmas Raffle

Parents get ready for our Christmas raffle!

There are two raffle draws:

Parents - £1 a ticket or £4 for 5 tickets

Children - 50p a ticket or £2 for 5 tickets

Tickets will go on sale from Tuesday 27th November in the carpark every day after school.

Lots of lovely prizes to be won.

The draw will be on the last day of term.



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: Elza, Taliyah,	Patience
Y1: Annette, Bridget, Festus,	Nana
Y2: Mahmoud, Natalio,	Mariyam
Y3: Esmerelda, Temmy,	Juanita
Y4: Ameliah, Messie,	Imoleayo
Y5: Chinaza, Temi,	Mizani
Y6: Chika, Jensina,	Jevon



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

FROGS Christmas Dinner - Saturday 9th December



A reminder to parents coming to the Christmas Dinner. Before the dinner, the restaurant would like each person to pre-order from the menus attached. Please ensure we have your choice of meal, by Friday 1st December. This can be done face-to-face, by text or call to Eleesha or Christy.

'Good Shepherd has Talent' Show

Acts have now been selected for the Talent Show. We thank all the children who auditioned.

'Good Shepherd has Talent' Show will be on Wednesday 29th November from 2.45pm - 4.30pm. Parents are welcome.

Entry price - Adults - £1 and Children - Free.

A member of staff will be there to collect your payment at the door.

A Reminder of Diary Dates

W 29 th Nov 2:45pm	Talent Show
Th 30 th Nov 8:55am	Y3 class assembly
W 6 th Dec 9.30am	Y1/Y2 Nativity
W 13 th Dec 9.30am	Nur & Rec Nativity
W 13 th Dec	Christmas lunch
M 18 th Dec 2:00pm	KS2 carol service
W 20 th Dec 1:15pm	School closes
T 2 nd Jan 8:40am	School opens

Please note the very early start after the Christmas holidays of **2nd January 2024**.

Fr Con's Reflection



This Sunday is the Solemnity (or Solemn Feast) of 'CHRIST THE KING' – The final Sunday of the Church's Year. It is always the 33rd or 34th Sunday of the Church's Calendar- the numeral is dependent on the date of Easter, which itself is dependent on the moon and the tides.

As King, Jesus is a Royal Shepherd of His People, leading them to the Kingdom of His Father. He is the Good Shepherd and this is reflected in the 1st Reading and Gospel at the coming Sunday's Mass.

So, the title 'CHRIST THE KING' has a particularly close significance for both our school and parish.

May we find time this Sunday to commit to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, all connected with our school and all its daily activities and concerns.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day

Learning together as part of God's family