



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

## Nativity

The Year 1 and 2 children retold the Nativity story brilliantly on Wednesday in lovely loud, clear voices with beautiful singing—well done.



## The Wind in the Willows

The Image Musical Theatre Company visited Good Shepherd yesterday to perform a vibrant musical production with plenty of audience participation. The children followed the lives of the river animals as they tried to help Mr Toad become a better creature.



## Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 13th

Roast turkey, roast potatoes, chicken sausage, stuffing, peas, carrot, gravy

Or tomato and cheese wheels

Chocolate ice-cream



All allergies and dietary requirements are catered for. If you have any concerns, please check at the school office beforehand.

Wednesday is a school uniform day but children are encouraged to wear a Christmas accessory such as a Santa hat or festive socks etc.

## Advent

On Monday we held an Advent day of reflection with lots of different activities throughout the day linked to the themes of Advent:

Everyone has written their Advent promise on a bauble, these are now hanging on one of our Christmas trees as a constant reminder of the promises we made at the beginning of Advent.

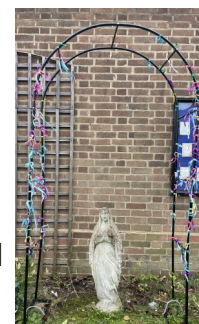


**LOVE:** Each child made a Christmas card to give to a member of the community. These will be placed in church and delivered to Coloma Court and Addington Heights care homes to show love and that someone is thinking about them.

**PEACE:** Classes have created a peace paperchain to show how they can spread peace and make a difference during Advent.

**HOPE:** We have created an arch of hope into the prayer garden by tying a coloured ribbon onto the arch in the prayer garden to represent their hopes for the world.

**JOY:** Each child wrote a compliment, a positive message or drawing on an angel so the recipient received the gift of joy.



Please remember our annual Advent collection for Cafod and send in some coins with your child for their class collecting tin.

[Find your gift – CAFOD World Gifts](#)

*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: Annabel, Julia,	Sukaina
Y1: Chidera, Nana,	Tricia
Y2: Ari'ah, Nahla, Natalio, Zofia,	Levi
Y3: Juanita, Kyriacos,	Keziah-Rose
Y4: Messie, Rashaad,	Byron
Y5: Ethan, Nia	Leonie
Y6: Abhay, Oliver,	Usman



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

### Christmas Raffle

Parents get ready for our Christmas raffle! There are two raffle draws with wonderful prizes to be won:



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

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

Tickets are on sale in the carpark every day after school.



## Can we help?

There are a number of ways the school can help:

- ◇ Supermarket vouchers for school holidays
- ◇ Referral to the Food Bank
- ◇ Free educational visits
- ◇ Reduced cost clubs

Please speak to Ms Stephenson or Mrs Snow in the school office for more information.

## Nativity

Nursery and Reception will be performing their Nativity on Wednesday at 9:30am in the hall. Parents and carers are welcome to sit in the hall from 8:40am once they have dropped their children off. Please ensure you are seated by 9:20am at the latest.



## Travelling Crib

The travelling cribs will be coming home with every child during Advent to remind families of the true meaning of Christmas.



## Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends on the great solemn Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



She was conceived Immaculate in the womb of her mother Anne.

As such, she is the only human being to ever having been free from the mark of Original Sin on her soul- therefore she is the highest honour of the human race. (She was born out of the human race whereas the Son of God entered the human race from above).

She was Jesus' tutor in the Hebrew Scriptures, whereas Joseph taught Him carpentry.

May she always intercede for everyone connected with our school, and for all the school's undertaking.

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*