



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

## Early Years Nativity

Well done to the children in Nursery and Reception for their Nativity on Wednesday. It was lovely to see how confident they have become.



There will be a Carol service at 2pm on Monday 18th—all are welcome.

## Our Visit to Coloma Court

A group of Year 5 children brought some Christmas joy to the residents of Coloma Court Care Home this morning by singing some songs, chatting to them and delivering Christmas cards—well done.



## Cafod Collection

Please be reminded that Tuesday is the last day for our Cafod collection. Each class has a collecting box to raise money for the charity. In previous years, we have provided families with a steady supply of clean, safe water for drinking and cooking. Using a water pump also means families can wash in clean water, keeping everyone safe from infection. We have also bought chickens, along with the training to help look after them, so families can produce eggs to eat or sell. Next week, I will be asking the children for their suggestions as to what we should buy this year so please have a look through the website with your child so they can make some suggestions. [CAFOD World Gifts](#)

## Food Support

Aim High Dance Academy, who provide our dance and gymnastics lessons as well as holiday camps, are keen for our families to benefit from their food programme and will be distributing a variety of food (fresh fruit and vegetables, readymade meals and frozen food) in the first week of January.

If you are interested in collecting food, please WhatsApp Aim High Dance Academy on 07904 313 603. You will be added to a group WhatsApp and a notification will be sent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 with details of where you can collect the food.

## Santa Came to Good Shepherd!

We were extremely lucky on Tuesday that Santa took time out of his very busy schedule to visit Good Shepherd. He went to every class and gave each child a present before the class sang him a song. Thank you Santa for visiting us!



*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:

R: Adura, Isaiah,  
Luis Levi,

Y1: George, Joesiah, Mikel, Petra

Y2: Benedict, Marcan, Anaiah-Jay

Y3: Esther, Marie, Bishoy

Y4: Marvellous, Ronelle, Judah

Y5: Erin, Mohamad, Eleana, Erin

Y6: D'asia, Kingsley, Janelle

#### Kindness Award:

Devarsh,  
Isabella



### Christmas Lunch

The children all enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Ishmael and her team for the lovely food.

### Late Collection Fee

The vast majority of children are collected promptly every day but unfortunately, there are some children who are regularly collected late. Please note that all children are expected to be collected promptly at 3:15pm. It is understood and accepted that there will be occasions where parents face unavoidable delays and parents will need to contact the school office to inform them. However, where a child is collected 15 minutes or more late on two occasions within the same week there will be a charge of £5 per 15 minutes. Thank you for your understanding.

### Panathlon

A group of Year 5 children were chosen to take part in the Panathlon Challenge. They competed in Tenpin bowling and all had great fun. Well done to Precious who got the highest score of 92 for our team. As ever our children represented our Good Shepherd family very well.



### Fr Con's Reflection

When this school week ends, there will be 10 days before Christmas Day.



Family preparations are likely to be somewhat hectic.

Hopefully, not too hectic, surely!

It is very important to factor into daily life short spells of silence and stillness- to unwind spiritually- to focus, in our mind's eye, upon the absolute poverty of the Bethlehem stable, two thousand or so years ago.

At the same time, we recall the current horrors taking place in Israel- Palestine, the Holy Land, the very setting of the Bethlehem manger event.

May your Christmas and entry to 2024 be blessed.

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*