



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

Happy Retirement!

We marked a very special day on Thursday with the retirement of Mrs Sharkey and Mrs Macaskill after 32 and 23 years respectively. The whole school celebrated a thanksgiving Mass for their long service to the school and to ask God to protect them throughout their retirement.



Harvest

Please remember to send in donations for the harvest table at school. These donations will all be sent to the New Addington Food Bank on 17th October. I spoke to the children in assembly this morning about the collection. If every child brought in one or two tins or packets it would be an amazing gift to give to the Food Bank.

Year 5 will be leading us in our harvest Mass on Tuesday 17th October at 9:15am

Half Term

Have you remembered that we have a two-week half term coming up? Following a survey last year, it was a popular idea amongst parents and staff to extend the October half term and make up these five school days at other times of the year.

School closes on Friday 20th October and reopens on Monday 6th November

Please remember that all holidays must be taken within the 13 weeks school holidays and must not be taken in term time.

International Day

Please note that International Day is now on Friday 20th October.

Nursery and Reception September 2024

Come and join our wonderful Early Years next year. Please remind family and friends that it is time to apply and that we welcome children of all faiths.

“Purposeful learning was being well-led by adults, who were engaging pupils in different activities.” (LA Advisor Nov 2022)

“Relationships were excellent, both peer to peer and adult/child.” (LA Advisor Nov 2022)

Nursery in September 2024: All parents must complete a school form.

Reception in September 2024: All parents must complete a Croydon form plus a school form. **Please note that parents of our current**

Nursery children must also do this.



Black History Month

Classes have been celebrating Black History Month. In Year 3, they have been looking at famous women of colour and learnt about their achievements.

They wrote poems to celebrate them, here is some of their work:



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: Devarsh, Isabella,	DeBruyne
Y1: Freya, Petra,	Deniece
Y2: Aniyah-Jay, Brue,	Zennia
Y3: Alde, Zarah,	Kyriacos
Y4: Atanas, Sabrina,	Messie
Y5: Daniel N, Madison,	Johan
Y6: Elmar, Ethen,	Edwina



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Light Party is on Thursday 19th October 3.15pm - 4.30pm (Year 1-6). Entry is £2.50 per child and should be paid using your child's ParentPay account. All payments should be made by Monday 16th October. Children can wear white or bright coloured clothes on Thursday 19th, as it is a non-uniform day.



FROGS Coffee Morning

Monday 16th October at 8.40am in the School Breakfast Hub. All parents are invited to come along.

If you are unable to make it, parents are welcome to join us on Zoom. Monday 16th October at 8pm to have the opportunity to catch up on what was discussed in the Coffee Morning Meeting.

Zoom Meeting ID:

5348733122 Code: 3agzK3

Dunley Drive—School Street

Please note that parents are not permitted to drive along Dunley Drive between 08:00 to 09:30 and 14:00 to 16:00 on weekdays. Restrictions are only enforced during school term time. Cameras have been erected recently and fines will be issued by Croydon Council.

Fr Con's Reflection

This opening week of October 2023 has no shortage of religious "themes". This month of the Rosary opened last Sunday; this month's 1st Sunday always being "Rosary Sunday" Monday (2nd October) was the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Wednesday (4th October) was the Memorial of one of the best-loved saints- Francis of Assisi. Saturday of this week (7th October) will be the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.



Into this somewhat maze of themes, there was a wonderfully powerful remark made on the BBC 10pm News on Sunday 1st October. The context was that day's prayer gathering in Central Croydon. It mentioned Elianne (the 15-year-old girl murdered there on Wednesday 27th September), and Brandon (murdered here in New Addington on Tuesday 12th September).

The remark in question was from Elianne's pastor. It was "ELIANNE REALLY LOVED JESUS!"

(Truly, that is what religion and faith is all about).

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day

Learning together as part of God's family