



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

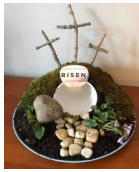
Friday 28th March 2025

*Learning together as part of God's family*

## Easter Gardens

Children will be making Easter Gardens in school next week. If you have anything which could be useful, please send it in on Monday.

Items such as small twigs which can become crosses or clean yogurt pots which can become an empty tombs or small stones would all be useful. The children with the best Easter Gardens will go on a special trip to Westminster Cathedral.



## Hutchinson's Bank

Following the successful art trip to Box Hill, we have been invited to Hutchinson's Bank in New Addington on Saturday 10th May for a Forest School and meet the artist activities. Please see flyer for booking details.

## Wraparound Childcare

I am pleased to inform you that we will be offering childcare after school. This will start after Easter with a company called Active Future. The sessions will include crafts, sports, games and a snack. Please read the attached information for prices, times and how to book.

## Free Family Fun this Easter

CALAT are offering free family sessions during the Easter holidays in different locations across Croydon, including New Addington. These sessions must be booked in advance on [www.calat.ac.uk/easter-family-fun](http://www.calat.ac.uk/easter-family-fun)

*Be kind and respectful*

## Addington Heights

Our Year 2 class visited Addington Heights again this week to bring the residents some joy. Both the residents and the staff are enjoying this new partnership. The children participated in art activities with the residents in the glorious sunshine.

A woman they met on the bus thought it was so lovely that the children were doing something for older people that it brought tears to her eyes.



## Cricket

The children have really been enjoying their cricket lessons this half term with a coach from Surrey County Cricket Club. There are free cricket sessions every Saturday at Thornton Heath Leisure Centre (see attached flyer for more information). This is extremely easy to get to as it is on the 130 bus route.

*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: Amen, Chloe,  
Y1: Oliver, Paul,  
Y2: Faustina, Owen,  
Y3: Jonathan, Mariyam,  
Y4: Chrisean, Mateo, Oscar,  
Y5: Byron, Elianna,  
Y6: Isaiah, Madison,

### Kindness Award:

Anne-Sophia  
Amelia  
Freya, all Y2  
Gabriella  
Daniel  
Aiden  
Adele



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Mother's Day stall. A massive thank you to parents, staff and all the local businesses who donated towards our Mother's Day stall. We really appreciate your support in helping our stall to be a success. All the children enjoyed choosing a gift for you. We hope you have a lovely Mother's Day and love the gifts your children have chosen for you.

Easter egg competition The closing date for the Easter Egg competition is Monday 31st March. Please remember to attach your entry fee of 50p. Winners will be announced on Friday 4th April.

Easter parent raffle Tickets are available every morning and afternoon until Tues 1st .

1 raffle ticket is £1.00, 5 raffle tickets are £2.00

Prizes to be won - 1 x Chocolate hamper with a swimming session voucher for 2 adults and 2 children. Winners announced on Friday 4th.

Thank you to the following businesses who donated gifts for the Mother's Day stall and the Easter raffle:



New Addington Leisure Centre - 1 voucher for a family swim.

Starburger, New Addington - 2 hamburgers and chips meal for two people voucher.

Dominos, New Addington - 2 large pizzas and 2 garlic bread meal voucher.

Blooming Lovely Florist, New Addington - 1 plant display

Morrisons, Croydon - Face masks, incense sticks, tealight candles and keyrings.

Tesco, Purley - £25 gift card

Tesco, Elmers End - £25 gift card, 4 candles, a tub of chocolates, 1 bottle of gin and 2 bottles of wine.

Tescos, Orpington - £25 gift card

## Fr Con's Reflection



Very early on this Sunday morning (March 30<sup>th</sup>), British Summer Time (BST) replaces Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Accordingly, clocks and watches etc need to go FORWARD one-hour, last thing on Saturday night.

Sunday is also Mother's Day. In Church terms, it always coincides with 'LAETARE' Sunday.

'Laetare' is a Latin exhortation meaning "REJOICE!" it is seen as a relaxation day for Lenten penance.

This Sunday is also the start of Passiontide fortnight, when crosses and statues in church are covered in purple. The purpose of this is to lead us inward and deeper, away from the mere externals.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
TO ALL OUR MOTHERS!

*Have a lovely weekend*

**School closes at 1:15pm next Friday.**

*Mrs Day*