



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

Reminder

School closes for half term on Thursday 12th February at 3:15pm and reopens on Monday 23rd February at 8:40am.

Talent Show

Thank you to all the children who performed at the Talent Show on Tuesday—you were all great!

Disco

Please see attached poster about the three discos we have planned for 11th February: infant disco, junior disco and a quiet disco for those children who prefer a quieter space.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Croydon SENDIAS service offer independent, impartial, confidential and free of charge legal advice and support for young people (YP) and families who have children/ YP with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND). If you need legal advice, support or assistance with:

- Requesting EHC needs assessment
- Understanding EHCP process
- Annual EHCP review process
- Appealing LA's decisions
- Discussions and meetings with school/ Local Authority on SEND matters

For more information contact:

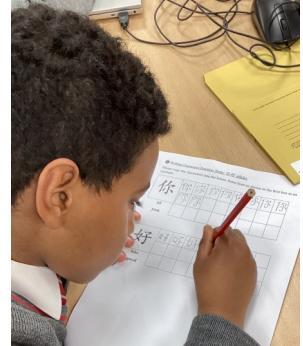
croydon@kids.org.uk or 020 8152 4558

Breakfast Club Changes

After half term, all Breakfast Club places must be booked in advance and a payment made. There will be a maximum number of places offered each day so please ensure you book your child's place in good time.

Whitgift

Our Year 5 class was invited to Whitgift School last week and had a wonderful 5-day programme of lessons including Computing, Mandarin, Sport and Chemistry.



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: Aziah
Y1: Katura
Y2: Oliver
Y3: Adepa
Y4: Emma
Y5: Josiah
Y6: Judah

Kindness Award:

Smitwaah
Eliora
Augustine
Faustina
Aaron
Abhid
Makamona



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

FROGS Coffee morning/afternoon

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th February at 8.40am and 2.30pm in the hub.



Mother's Day stall -Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March

We are now accepting donations for our stall. If you have unopened or unwanted gifts for women in good condition such as toiletries, perfume, books, stationery etc. that we can reuse as gifts for our stall, please donate them to us.

All donations should be given to the school office.

Educational Visit

The Year 3 class thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to the Samuel Coleridge Taylor exhibition at Croydon Museum.



Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 2—well done.



8:40am Start of the Day

A reminder that registration is at 8:40am

Lots of children are still arriving after the gates close each morning. Children are missing vital learning time and it creates extra work for the office staff in registering them and selecting their meals.

All children must be **inside** their classrooms at 8:40am and not walking through the gate at that time.



Fr Con's Reflection

The last day of January is dedicated to St. John Bosco (1815-1888 in Italy).



He was very well known in the field of Education. His methods may be summarised by creating a “school” that feels like a “home”, which fosters confidence and trust between educators and youth.

He founded the Salesians- named after St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622 in Italy). This saint has his “Feast Day” exactly one week before Fr. John Bosco (i.e., 24th January).

St. Francis de Sales believed in educating the whole person, fostering freedom, with his motto “DOING ALL THROUGH LOVE, NOTHING THROUGH CONSTRAINT.”

Two saints, 200 or so years apart, who have so much to offer for teaching staff and pupils/students of our times.

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*