



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

RE Day at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd hosted a very special RE day at school for all the other Catholic primary schools in Croydon. Over 80 children from the various schools took part in prayer and craft activities linked to our faith.



Be kind and respectful

International Day



Wednesday 8th October is our annual International Day. To celebrate all the different countries Good Shepherd families come from, children are invited to come to school dressed in their national dress or the colours of their flag.

As part of the celebratory day, each class will be performing in assembly and parents are welcome to join us at 8:55am on Wednesday.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Speech and language is about understanding and talking. These are the most complex skills we ever learn.

For most children, speech and language develops with no trouble, through interacting with the people around them. However, a significant group of children struggle to develop these skills.

Croydon families with children aged 5 years old and under (under school reception age) who have concerns about their child's talking or interaction can visit The Chatterbox Groups. At Good Shepherd our nearest group is at The Woodland's Children Centre every Thursday 1:00-2:30.

These groups are play-based and a speech and language therapist is present to offer advice and support.

Please remember early identification and support is key.

For further information please see the attached flyer.

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: Heran, Sara,	Aaron-Junior
Y1: Abigail, Keturah, Nolan,	Eliora
Y2: Augustine, Joella, Rehmah,	Junior
Y3: Owen, Petra,	Jahleel
Y4: Ademide, Gabriella,	Samuel
Y5: Ariella, Keziah,	Annaya
Y6: Benjamin, Chisom, Sefaah, Yeabhne,	Tiffany



Meetings with Mrs Downing

Over the next few weeks, all families who joined Good Shepherd during last academic year will be receiving an invitation to a meeting with Mrs Downing. The purpose of this meeting will be to check how the family have settled into our lovely school community and answer any queries.

Harvest

Thank you for all the donations of packets and tins we have had so far. Please continue to send in non-perishable food items next week.

Croydon Harvest

This weekend, there is a special autumn celebration with folk stories, dancing, crafts and performances in Croydon town centre. Please see details in the link.

<https://www.culturecroydon.com/event/croydon-harvest-featuring-the-walnut-fair/>

Friends of Good Shepherd FROGS)

World Teachers' Day! -To mark World Teacher's Day, all children are invited to come to school dressed up as a teacher for £1 on Monday 6th October. (information attached).

Non - Uniform Day and Light Party (disco) To show that Jesus is the Light of the World, the whole school is encouraged to wear bright colourful clothes as this will be a non-uniform day on Tuesday 21st October (information attached).

Christmas Stall FROGS are now accepting Christmas Stall donations! Our first Christmas stall event is happening this December!

To help make this a success, we are kindly asking for donations in good condition that we can beautifully wrap as gifts for the children to choose and buy for their parents.

Donations are being accepted from **today** and will close on **Tuesday 2nd December**. Please drop any donations off at the school office e.g. candles, toiletries, small gift sets, books, mugs or anything else suitable.

Fr Con's Reflection

Wednesday of this week brought us, once more, into the month of the Holy Rosary.



The rose is very clearly associated with Mary, Mother of God. She is known as 'the Mystical Rose'.

This flower is also most closely linked with this country of England. (Its glorious redness emblazoned on the nation's sporting jerseys etc).

For centuries, England has been known as the "dowry" of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This October, let us draw ever closer to her as our Heavenly and Spiritual Mother.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day*