



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who brought in food and toiletry items for our harvest collection—we had a wonderful collection to donate to the New Addington Food Bank this week.



The Chaplaincy Team led the school in a Mass of thanksgiving on Tuesday for the many gifts we have.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Are you in need of information or help for applying for benefits, DLA and Carers allowance? Please remember I can assist you with these forms.

Do you have difficulties with housing or private rental?

Would you like to take part in a new parenting course to further enhance your busy family life?

Croydon Best Start can offer you help and support over the phone or a 1:1 appointment in a private and confidential space.

Please look at the attached leaflet with all of the information the Family Support Team can help you with.

Do not delay, help is available!

Be kind and respectful

Attendance

Here are some things parents can do to help their child maintain good attendance levels:

- Book medical appointments outside of school hours where possible. Where this isn't possible, they should bring their child to school before, and return afterwards.
- Vaccinations are a key line of defence against flu and other preventable illnesses. When children receive all the recommended vaccines, it helps protect their health and support the wellbeing of the whole school community.

But remember that handwashing is a simple but powerful tool. Hand hygiene is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs, particularly those that cause diarrhoea or vomiting. Encourage your child to

- Wash their hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes then throw them in the bin.
- Avoid touching their face, particularly their eyes, nose and mouth.

By following these simple steps, you can help ensure your child stays healthy and enjoys a successful school term.

The NHS provides clear guidance on when children are well enough to attend school. Most mild illnesses, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, do **not** require time off school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

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: Jevarni, Neziah-Rae,	Taaliah
Y1: Joseph, Juana	Damary-Deon
Y2: Annabel, Sukaina,	Taliyah
Y3: Dasia, Nathan, Zarah,	Adepa
Y4: Emma, Sienna,	Olawamiri
Y5: Bishoy, Chrisean, Marie, Mateo,	Chrisean
Y6: Chisom, David, Washburn,	Ronelle



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Christmas Stall FROGS are 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 now being accepted 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.

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Y4 again with 99.3% attendance - very impressive!



Family Justice Service

Please click on the link below for the Family Justice Service which offers support, comfort and understanding to domestic violence victims and their families. <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/community-and-safety/support-groups-and-advice/domestic-abuse/family-justice-service>

Light Party Tuesday 21st October

Tuesday is a non-uniform day for all children (even if they are not going to the Light Party after school). To show that Jesus is the Light of the World, the whole school is encouraged to wear bright or light coloured clothes.

If your child is not going to the Light Party, please collect them at 3:15pm as normal.

If you have paid for a ticket for your child on ParentPay, teachers will bring your child to the Light Party after school. Parents should collect from classroom doors at 4:30pm.



Macmillan Cake Sale

A really well done to everyone in Year 1 for raising £62.60 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Fr Con's Reflection



As this school week ends just past the middle of the month, we see that we have exactly two weeks left of Rosary month.

Our Blessed Lady's primary prayer intention of this devotion is WORLD PEACE.

With the ceasefire reached in Gaza, we witness the greatest opportunity ever for peace in the Middle East.

During the next fortnight, let us pray the Rosary for peace in Israel-Palestine, the land graced by Mary, the first and greatest disciple of Jesus, her Son.

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