



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Food Stop

The Food Stop is a community food-sharing membership scheme where for £4 you can buy approximately £25 worth of food and essentials.

Membership is available for residents living in Fieldway and New Addington. A membership form will need to be completed - remember to bring along proof of address such as a recent council tax bill (proof of address must be dated within two months of sign-up) and a membership fee of £4 per weekly visit.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

9:30am– 12:30pm

For more information contact 01689 844 277 or 07498 058 733 or email thefamilycentre@hotmail.co.uk

The Family Centre, Fieldway, New Addington, CR0 9AZ

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Bonfire Night Event for Children with SEND

Firework's night can be a stressful time for children with additional needs. Traditional firework displays can be too busy and overwhelming for SEND individuals and the noise of the fireworks can be very distressing. However, there is an alternative event.

Why should your child miss out?

On Sunday, 2 November 2025

5.30pm–8pm

@Croydon Fire Station

There is a light and sensory event designed specifically for SEND families to attend.

Please see attached flyer to buy tickets.

Be kind and respectful

Half Term Holiday Competition

Mrs Downing and myself are looking for the class who can complete the most challenges this half term. Here is the list of things that all children need to do:

- Read as many books as possible during the week (parents need to sign their reading record book accordingly).
- Collect autumn things on a walk (conkers, acorns, leaves etc.) and bring into class on Monday 3rd for some autumn artwork.
- Go to the library (N.A. closed Wed & Sun).
- Make a 'den', either inside or outside (a very easy den is using a sheet between two chairs).
- Treasure hunt—find something around your home which begins with each letter of the alphabet and bring the list of things you found into school e.g.

A-apple

B-bath

C-cardigan

- Write a story, poem or write a fact file about something you are interested in and bring into class to share.
- Positive Pebbles—find a stone in your garden or when you go on your walk. Give it a wash and then write or paint a positive word on it e.g. joy, prayer, love, peace. Bring it into school for Our Lady's Prayer Garden.
- Recycling sculpture—Create a sculpture out of things from the recycling box. Wash them first and then stack them on top of each other to make a robot, space ship or something else. Bring it into class to show your friends.

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: Amara, Yaqub,	Smitwaah
Y1: Amen, Olivia,	Lily-Kay
Y2: Amelia, Jenneh,	Gabriella
Y3: Adepa, Owen, Tricia,	Dasia
Y4: Dennis, Zofia,	Mahmoud, Vanessa
Y5: Fiona, Zhyan,	Annaya
Y6: Ameliah, Ivanna,	Aiden



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening this term is on Thursday 13th Nov & Tuesday 18th Nov. Please sign up from Monday 27th October on Teachers2Parents. You will receive a link to this when it is live.

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Y5 with 98.7% attendance - very impressive!



Glasses

If your child has not had their eyes tested for over a year, please use the half term to organise a free eye test for them. It's really important that children can see the board properly. Children who need glasses but do not have any or don't bring their glasses to school every day run the risk of falling behind in their school work.



Dates

A reminder of the important dates for next half term:

Mon 3 rd Nov 8:40am	School opens
Mon 10 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Tues 11 th Nov 8:55am	Y6 class assembly
Wed 12 th Nov	Non-uniform day
Thurs 13 th Nov	Parents' Evening
Thurs 13 th Nov 8:55am	Y4 class assembly
Tues 18 th Nov	Parents' Evening
Thurs 20 th Nov 8:55am	Y1 class assembly
Sat 22 nd Nov	Christmas Bazaar
Mon 24 th Nov	School closed
Thurs 27 th Nov 8:55am	Y3 class assembly
Wed 10 th Dec 9:00am	Nur/Rec Nativity
Wed 10 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Wed 17 th Dec 9.00am	Y1/2 Nativity
Thurs 18 th Dec 8:55am	Y5 class assembly
Thurs 18 th Dec 2:30pm	KS2 carol service
Fri 19 th Dec 1:15pm	School closes

Fr Con's Reflection

On this coming Saturday night, clocks and watches etc need to go BACK BY ONE HOUR. British Summer Time (BST) is being replaced by Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).



Friday October 31st is Halloween - the night before ALL HALLOWS, another title for ALL SAINTS, which is traditionally celebrated on November 1st. (This year, it is moved from the Saturday to the Sunday, since it is a major Feast). This means that ALL SOULS, usually November 2nd, moves to the Monday.

May every member of our school family have a blessed, safe and happy half-term.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

*Have a lovely half term,
Mrs Day*