



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

Christmas cards

We have some super organised parents asking about Christmas cards already. Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards as normal but please do not seal the envelopes by licking them. Children should give them to their class teacher and they will be given out at the end of each week.

Road safety

Please remind your child if they are walking home alone to cross all roads safely. Even though Applegarth is a cul-de-sac, there is a considerable amount of traffic there now that the younger year groups are using the back gate and so children must remain alert when crossing the road.



Curriculum information

Parents wanting to know more about what their child is learning at school should look at the curriculum maps on the school website where there is detailed information about each year group.

www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/curriculum

Advent

Thank you to our Year 2 children who have made a beautiful advent wreath with Mrs Saunders for the school hall.



Cafod have an interactive Advent calendar for families which has a daily reflection and free activity for you and your children in preparation for Christmas. They are inviting you to join with them as we journey throughout the season of Advent with our global family

[Advent calendar for families | CAFOD](#)

Inset Day

We were due to have an inset day on Monday 30th November. Due to the recent school closure, this has now been cancelled and children are expected in school on this day.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 15th December. This is a day when all children are encouraged to have a school dinner, even if they normally have a packed lunch, so please make sure you have money on your ParentPay account.



Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard or had great behaviour or shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Jeremy & Mateo	Jayden
Y1: Ameliah & Kairi	Aniyah
Y2: Amelia & Joel	Nia
Y3: Janelle & Jevon	Elmar
Y4: Nathan & Yasmin	Bade
Y5: Jayden M & Michael	Angel
Y6: Julia & Romeo	Millani-i



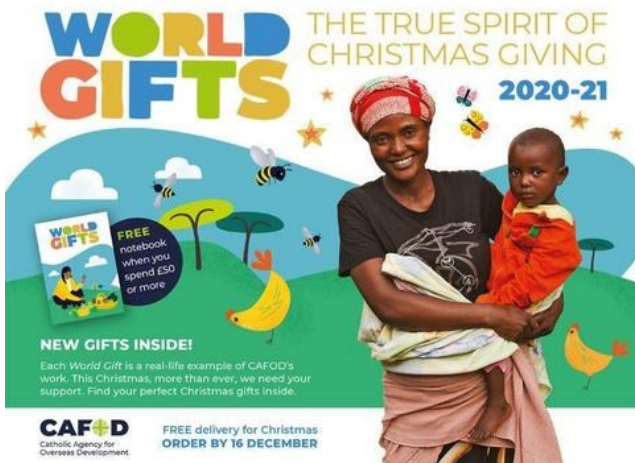
Cafod

Each class will be collecting money for Cafod during Advent again this year.

Last year we raised over £200 and were able to buy chickens, seeds for crops and water taps for communities in need.

Please encourage your child to bring in loose change as every penny counts.

[CAFOD World Gifts – CAFOD World Gifts](#)



Face coverings

The Local Authority have asked all schools to remind their families that children in Y6 or above and all parents/carers must wear face coverings on public transport unless they are exempt.

Staying safe

If you or someone in your family has one or more of the coronavirus symptoms, your children must not come to school and must self-isolate until they know the outcome of the test. If you are unsure, about the rules in your particular circumstance, please telephone the school office for advice.

Fr Con's Reflection

With our churches closed in lockdown once more, it may have "slipped under the radar" that last Sunday was the solemn feast of CHRIST THE KING – the final Sunday of Church's calendar.



So this coming Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent, moving us to YEAR B in the 3-year Sunday cycle.

We will return to Mass with congregation from THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER, a few days ahead of the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

COVID-19 and all the restrictions, lockdown etc may indeed prove to have been a massive distraction to us, regarding the living -out of our faith, and faith practice.

Let us determine to use the Holy Season of Advent 2020 to orientate ourselves regarding church practice, when churches open once more.

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*Have a good weekend,
Mrs Day*