



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

Nativity Performances

This week, all classes have been busy filming a short festive performance for parents which will be shared with you next week on Google Classrooms.



Free Event

Storyteller John Kirk will be performing popular pantomime stories via Zoom on Saturday 19th December at 10am. Free tickets are available on our Croydon Libraries Eventbrite page: <http://bit.ly/CroyLibsEventbrite>.

Please see attached poster for more information.

Memorial Service

The memorial service for Leroy Fab Asadu (Y6 parent) will be this Saturday (12th) at 3pm at Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Please note that due to government Covid-19 restrictions, attendance will be limited to close family and nominated representatives only but parents have been invited by the family to follow the link and join them virtually.

Below is the live streaming link to join the memorial service

<https://fb.me/e/1Muil4lva>

The family encourage you to visit the online condolence page to leave your tribute.

<https://www.forevermissd.com/leroy-fab-asadu>



LET'S BE
FOOD
SMART
FOR BODY AND BRAIN

Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Jingle Day

This Tuesday is our Christmas Jingle Day. Children need to wear school uniform but may also wear a Christmas accessory such as a Santa hat, boppers, Christmas socks etc. Alternatively, they may wear a Christmas jumper over their uniform. Please donate a box of tissues for your child's classroom.



Breaking News

Santa is hoping to visit us on Tuesday!



Staffing Changes

Mr Fernandes had his final day at Good Shepherd today and he will be greatly missed at school. Mr Fernandes has been at Good Shepherd since June 2019 and has contributed greatly to the school in that time.

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: Alde & Ariella	Mateo
Y1: David & Makamona	Marvellous
Y2: Raphael & Reon	Joel
Y3: Abigail & Mitchell	Angela
Y4: Chevaro & Yasmin	Moturayo
Y5: David A & Isabelle	Percy
Y6: Akeshia-Rai & Caleb	Desika



End of Term Arrangements

School closes for Christmas next Thursday. Please see the finishing times for the different year groups below:

Nursery: N/A	Year 3: 12:55pm
Reception: 12:55pm	Year 4: 1:05pm
Year 1: 1:05pm	Year 5: 1:05pm
Year 2: 12:55pm	Year 6: 1:15pm

Menu Changes Next Week

Please note that there will be some changes to the menu next week:

Monday—macaroni cheese or 5 bean chilli

Tuesday—Christmas lunch day

Wednesday—beef or veggie burger

Thursday—fish & chips or cheese & tomato pinwheel

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Fr Con's Reflection

Tuesday December 8th was a massive day in the church's calendar.



Apart from feasts relating to the 3 Persons in God (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday etc), today may indeed be said to be the leading feast day in the Church's year.

December 8th is the great solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception – the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother Anne. ("Immaculate" meaning here that Mary was the only member of the human race to be completely free of the mark of the Original Sin, passed down from Adam and Eve).

In this, we see straightaway the great plan of God the Father. Mary was preserved Immaculate so that, at the appointed moment, God would become human in the Person of His Only Begotten Son. That would be the Greatest event imaginable – the Incarnation – for human salvation.

So, December 8th lights up the entire Advent Season. Of this, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who is the leading character – after all, the Son of God was still in her womb in the first Advent.

Our Cafod Collection

So far we have raised £106. It's not too late to send in money so we can buy Cafod's World Gifts to help others around the world <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>. Please send in any money by Wednesday morning.

Look at the lovely carrots Y3 have harvested from the school garden today!



*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Day*