



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Thursday 17th December 2020

Important Coronavirus Information

The DfE and PHE have asked all schools to assist with contact tracing during the Christmas holidays where necessary. Therefore, if your child tests positive for coronavirus once school has closed, please let me know by using the school text service. I will then telephone you to find out the date of your child's test and nature of their symptoms and ensure that relevant contacts in Good Shepherd are traced so they can self-isolate. Please note, you only need to inform me if your child has tested positive and not if it is another family member.

School reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Christmas Nativities

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, each class have produced a short Christmas-themed film for you which you can view through Google Classroom. We hope you enjoy it.



Cafod

Thank you to everyone for bringing in your coins. We raised a very impressive £232

With this money we were able to buy the following for families around the world:

- Seeds for a vegetable garden for 2 families
- Some bees for a family
- A goat for 2 families
- Some chickens for a family
- A clean water tap for 4 families

What a wonderful way to show that we care by making a real difference to these families.

Our weekly in-class discussion theme this week has been about this year's John Lewis Christmas advert which revolves around a theme inspired by the kindness of the British public during the coronavirus pandemic. Our question of the week has been 'How can we show we care from afar?' Our Cafod gifts have definitely demonstrated care from afar.

First Holy Communion

Wishing the children who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday a wonderful day as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Christmas Carol Service

The Salvation Army have put together a wonderful Carol Service made up of New Addington community groups including some children from Good Shepherd school.

This will be shown this Sunday (20th) at 6pm and will be a lovely service to share with your families.

<https://youtu.be/fFG1vm-0a0o>

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:

R: Avaeyah & Azariah
Y1: Byron & Gregor
Y2: Aisha & Delwin
Y3: Daniel & Elijah
Y4: Christina & Nathan
Y5: David J & Giancarlo
Y6: Ifrah & Rojus

Kindness Award:

Evelyn
Udele
Emike
All of Y3
Bade
Kaitlyn
Malvin



Flu vaccination clinics during the Christmas Holidays

If children missed their flu vaccination or needed the alternative to the nasal spray, the school immunisation team is running clinics during the Christmas holidays. Monday 21st December 9.00am – 5.00pm Parkway Health Centre, New Addington

*These clinics are appointment only due to COVID.

All appointments can be made by contacting the Immunisation Team

ch-tr.immunisationteam@nhs.net

or 020 8274 6453.

Tissues

Thank you to everyone who sent in boxes of tissues this week, it really makes a big difference.

Santa

Santa dropped off some presents for the children on Tuesday morning but was unable to visit each classroom this year. Don't worry if your child was absent this week as they will receive their present in January instead.

School Council

Congratulations to the following children who have been voted by their peers to represent their class on the School Council this year:

Y3– Dasia & Jevon

Y4-Joseph S & Aviah

Y5– Otzara & David A

Y6-Romaric & Akeshia-Rai

School Council Monitor—Peniel

Fr Con's Reflection

So, the strangest of school calendar years reaches its close. The strangest of years on all aspects of life.



The Holy Feast of Christmas will be so different this year. In our parish church we will not be having Midnight Mass. Our "Track & Trace" system has been effective, but a Midnight Mass could well overstretch it. Moreover, no carol singing would be permissible before, or during, such a Mass.

Even socially, Christmas 2020 will be very different. How, then, might we extract something of a positive from so many apparent "negatives"?

"NO ROOM AT THE INN" – words with which we are all familiar. Now more than ever, we need to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas. "Distractions" to this abound now more than ever. In the "inn" of our individual hearts and minds, let us ensure there is unlimited room for commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, our saviour.

HAVE A BLESSED, JOYFUL AND SAFE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

Christmas lunch

The children enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Ishmael and her team for their hard work.

*Wishing you all a happy
and Holy Christmas, Mrs Day*

