



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

## Educational Visits

It has been a busy week at Good Shepherd with three visits off-site.

On Monday, Year 5 visited the Science Museum as part of their science topic on Space. They learnt about how space travel has evolved, why satellites are used and about astronauts travelling into space.



The children in Year 6 went to Croydon Fire Station on Tuesday for citizenship training. They found out about safe travel and some do's and don'ts, how to ask for help when they are out, emergency first aid, stranger danger and personal safety.



Year 3 were lucky enough to receive free tickets to watch The Snow Queen at the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon. They thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were complimented by a member of the public on their good behaviour. Last week at swimming, two different members of the public commented on how well behaved they were—very well done year 3 for representing the school so well.

## Personal Safety

I know that some of the children at Good Shepherd, or possibly your older children, may have received new phones or high-value clothing at Christmas.

In an effort to keep everyone safe and help prevent these items getting stolen, please speak to your children about how they can keep these items safe and also read the attached letter.

Robbery continues to be a concern in the Croydon area and young people are generally targeted by other young people for phones and high-value clothing.

The Police offer DNA tagging for mobile phones and advise parents to understand how they can monitor these electrical devices through family accounts and other useful apps.

Please read the attached letter from the Police for more information.

## Free Lunches

We are happy to confirm that the Mayor is extending the funding for Universal Free School Meals for another academic year.

Please find attached the letter from the Deputy Mayor of Children and Families which provides more information about the extension.

## Exciting News!

We are looking into the possibility of extending our wonderful Nursery provision to 5 full days each week. The Nursery parents will be receiving more information next week but please share this news with anyone who you think may be interested.

*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: Patience, Ryan,	Taliyah
Y1: Annette, Jewel,	Mikel
Y2: Adam, Benedict,	Jhenae
Y3: Daniel, Keziah,	Princess
Y4: Rashaad, Uriel,	Aidan
Y5: Eleana, Mizani,	Nia
Y6: Akshaya, Mitchell,	D'asia



### Term Dates

Please find the term dates for 2024-2025 attached. These are also on the school website.

### Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



#### Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 16th January at 8.40am** in the **School Breakfast Hub**, followed by an online meeting in the evening at 8pm.

To join us on Zoom, please use the details sent separately to log in. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### WhatsApp group

Due to a cyber software security breach, earlier this week on our WhatsApp platform, we have deleted our WhatsApp group as a safety precaution. A letter has been sent out to parents with more information and for parents/carers to join the group. Please return the completed slip to the school office. If you have any questions, speak to Eleesha.

### Gift Items Needed

In support of our Mother's Day stall on **Wednesday 6th** and **Thursday 7th March**, we are kindly asking for parents to donate any unwanted ladies' items in good condition for our stall, we will also be collecting items for our Father's day stall too.

Gift Donations are welcome from **Monday 8th January** until **Wednesday 21st February** at the School Office.

Many thanks, FROGS

### Fr Con's Reflection

On Tuesday of this week (January 9<sup>th</sup>) we returned to ORDINARY TIME in the Church's Calendar, of the 52 weeks of the year, it accounts for 33 or 34 weeks, depending on the date of Easter (which changes each year as it is determined by the moon and the tides).



Therefore, the remaining 19 or 18 weeks are known as EXTRAORDINARY TIME i.e. ADVENT + CHRISTMAS; LENT + EASTER; PENTECOST (THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT).

This all-round structure to the Church's Year really gives stability to our daily lives, and especially when we are so recently into the New Year.

May everybody attached in any way to our school have a blest, happy and healthy 2024!

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

*Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Day*

*Learning together as part of God's family*