



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2020

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to welcome back everyone to Good Shepherd this week. The children have returned to school with lovely smiles and clearly seem delighted to be back.

I am sure the children will be more tired than usual now they are back at school so will need to make sure they are in bed early!



School lunches

Good Shepherd is serving both hot and cold lunches again. Additional measures have been put in place to keep everyone safe such as each class sitting as a bubble together, salad being served from the counter rather than children serving themselves to reduce the risk of contamination, extra cleaning and hand gel before eating and increased levels of cleaning.

Back to school reminders

Please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle every day and make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled.



Uniform

If anyone is in need of school uniform, please email the office with a list of items and sizes and Mrs Reichelt or Mrs Snow will have a look to see if we have the right size. We have lots of uniform which is clean and in good condition looking for new homes!

House Points

We have refreshed our house point system this year and children will receive a house point token which they will then put in the box by my office. This will replace Dojos and table points and ensure we have one system throughout the school.



Wraparound Care

Before School and after school childcare at Good Shepherd will not be running this half term as there are not enough children to make it financially viable for the company.

Hopefully, depending on the level of interest, this will resume from 7:30am-5:45pm after October half term.

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: Princess	Amiyah
Y1: Jevon & Lauryl	Gregor
Y2: Emike & Funmi	Saviour
Y3: Elijah & Elmar	Angela & Chika
Y4: Ethan S & Jayda	Alysha
Y5: Danilia & Neveah	Joshua
Y6: Kosi	Caleb



End of the day routines

Thank you for your patience while we all adjust to our new systems. Each year group has a staggered start and end time. Please arrive at the correct time and do not arrive too early as this causes congestion around the gate making it hard to socially distance.

2:55pm—Y2 parents to stand to the left of the gates (the church side) and Y6 parents to stand to the right of the gates (away from the church)

3:05pm—Y3 parents to stand to the right of the gates (away from the church)

3:15pm—Y4 parents to stand to the left of the gates (the church side) and Y5 parents to stand to the right of the gates (away from the church)

We will dismiss from the vehicle gate rather than the pedestrian gate to make things as speedy as possible but please do not stand in the road as this is unsafe.

Pupil Premium

Did you know that the school can receive additional funding to support your child if you receive certain benefits?

Click on this link to check if you are eligible. You will need your National Insurance number or National Asylum seeker number in order to apply.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals>

Please do check as Pupil Premium children receive free educational visits and free school lunches (Y3-6) if you are eligible as well as extra support in class.

Fr Con's Reflection

In more normal years than 2020, September is like the beginning of a calendar year. It is the start of the academic year. Now that school has resumed full-time, may that be a sign of normality having returned.



As a Roman Catholic school we trust in God to keep safe everyone connected with the school.

During the long lockdown, I came across a healing prayer of one of the most recent saints of the Church (Padre Pio, St Pius of Pietrelcina). Part of it is addressed to God, as follows: -

“LOVING FATHER, TOUCH ME NOW WITH YOUR HEALING HANDS, FOR I BELIEVE THAT YOUR WILL IS FOR ME TO BE WELL IN MIND, BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT.”

May we each take these words to ourselves, confident that any learning time, lost to lockdown, is more than recoverable.

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Have a good weekend,

Mrs Day