



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

Welcome Back

It has been so lovely this week to have all the children back at school. They have seemed so pleased to be back with their friends again. We have done lots of work this week on wellbeing to settle the children in and will continue this focus next week.

A big thank you to all parents and carers for keeping to the one-way system at the end of the day. This has all worked extremely smoothly and because of this, the end of day times have changed so that parents do not have to wait around so long for siblings.

Please keep all children close to you while you are on site, children should not go off to play on the climbing frame etc. as this is not supervised at this time of day and means that bubbles are mixing.

The new timings are in red, all other timings remain unchanged.

	Arrive	Leave
Nursery	8:45	3:15
Reception	8:40	3:05
Year 1	8:50	3:05
Year 2	8:40	3:10
Year 3	8:50	3:05
Year 4	9:00	3:15
Year 5	8:45	3:15
Year 6	8:40	3:10

Coronavirus Flowchart

The Local Authority have produced an updated flowchart in conjunction with Public Health with what to do in different situations and self-isolation periods. Please see the attached document.

Lent

The children have been talking to some of the staff about wanting to raise money for Cafod for Lent. I think this is a really lovely idea that they are thinking of others. As we don't have long before we break up for Easter, they will be collecting small change in each class so we can raise money for Cafod's Lenten Appeal which is to provide clean and safe water around the world—this seems very fitting in a time when handwashing has become so much part of our lives and yet so many people around the world don't have ready access to clean water.



Parents' Evening

You should all have received an envelope of work from the autumn term this week, I hope you enjoyed seeing some of their hard work. Inside the envelope was also a letter about parents' evening which is being held just after Easter. If you have not already returned your child's slip, please send this back as soon as possible so appointment times can be allocated.

Slips will be sent home after Easter confirming your appointment time.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Before School Boosters

All before school boosters start next week. If your child is part of this group, you will already have received a letter.

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	Kindness Award:
R: Daniel, Otiwaah	Avaeyah
Y1: Imoleayo, Joy	Udele
Y2: Mi-Zani, Nia	Leonie
Y3: Akshaya, Isaiah	Jevon
Y4: Chibuikem, Zack	Jayda
Y5: Edwin, Jayden N	Trinity
Y6: Chizim, Louisa	Millan-I



Home Testing for Families

The government is offering twice-weekly home testing which will be given for free to all families and households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles. This is to help find more COVID-19 cases and break chains of transmission. More information is available on the following link

[All households with children of school age to get 2 rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/all-households-with-children-of-school-age-to-get-2-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week)

You can collect packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment. Click on the link to find out more information [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#).

Alternatively, you can order a home test kit online by clicking on the link [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#).

Nursery Places

We still have a few places available in our Nursery for September. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to telephone the school office.



School Lunches

After Easter, a new catering company, 'Relish' will be taking over from AIP. The Relish team use all fresh ingredients and are really keen to cook food our children will enjoy. I did a lunch survey with the children before Christmas and Relish have used this information to create a delicious sounding menu. They tried this out with a group of 21 children yesterday who all thought the food was really tasty.

There will be more information including menus in the next couple of weeks but in the meantime, a letter from Relish with information is attached.



A Prayer for Your Family

Remind me each morning
Of your constant love,
For I put my trust in you.
Amen
(Psalm 143:8)



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Have a good weekend,

Mrs Day