



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 26th March 2021

Whole School Mass

We will be livestreaming our end of term Mass on Monday at 9:30am and it would be lovely if you could join us. Fr Malachy made our last Mass very special for the children by welcoming them so warmly and I am sure he will do the same again on Monday.

[Holy Family Catholic Church Sanderstead](#)

Food

Do you make use of the Food Stop? If not, why not give it a try? It is especially for New Addington residents and for £3.50, you can get £20 of food every week, saving each family over £500 every year. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

The Food Stop can also give advice about benefits and help maximise income through personal budgeting support, debt management, landlord liaison and by helping residents gain employment.

In addition, if you need a voucher for the New Addington Food Bank, please speak to Mrs Snow in confidence by telephoning the school office.



Your local Food Stop membership scheme

Cafod

Thank you for your donations for the Cafod Lenten appeal, so far, we have raised over £190 which will help 5 families by providing them with access to a solar-powered water pump so they have a steady supply of clean, safe water for drinking and cooking.



If you would like to contribute, please send money into school with your child on Monday or Tuesday so that we can have the final count up before the end of term.

Poetry Festival

The Y2 and Y3 children treated the school to a wonderful selection of poetry at our assembly this morning. Thank you to everyone who performed today.

Start and End of Day Arrangements

The start and end of the day seem to be working very smoothly now so fingers crossed there will not need to be any further changes for a while!

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: Josiah, Malaika	Weronika
Y1: Aiden, Naomi	David
Y2: Daniel, Kadiann	Raphael
Y3: Elmar, Jevon	Angela
Y4: Azreal, Emmanuel	Gabriella
Y5: Emma, Michael	David A
Y6: Aaron, Nathan	Chizim



Uniform

Children should continue to wear their winter uniform after Easter.

School Lunches



Our new catering contractor, Relish, will be taking over the meals at Good Shepherd immediately after Easter and I have attached the 3-week menu.

When I spoke to the children before Christmas they told me how they would prefer food with more flavour and spices and Relish have taken this information on board in drawing up the menus.

They have a special login area called the 'Parent Portal' on their website where you can view and download the menus and recipes and look at allergens. To set up your parent account, click on the link:

[Login to the Relish Parents Section \(relishschoolfood.co.uk\)](http://relishschoolfood.co.uk)

A reminder that lunches will be going up by 5p to £2.30 after Easter.

End of Term Arrangements

School closes for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 31st March.

The pick-up times are as follows:

	31st March only
Nursery	1:15
Reception	1:05
Year 1	1:05
Year 2	1:10
Year 3	1:05
Year 4	1:15
Year 5	1:15
Year 6	1:10

Fr Con's Reflection

On Thursday of this week (March 25th), we celebrated the great solemn feast of the Annunciation to the Lord.



This was the announcement of God becoming human for our salvation – the greatest event that could ever happen in human history, since God is Absolute Spirit.

(March 25th, we can see in this instance, is exactly 9 months ahead of Christmas Day).

Next week is Holy Week, the 2nd half of which comprises the Sacred Triduum, the holiest 3 days of the Christian Calendar:

Maundy Thursday evening: the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday 3pm: the Service of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday night: the Easter Vigil.

Let us approach Easter Sunday in a spirit of humble thanksgiving to God, for sending His Only Begotten Son to earth for our salvation.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**

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Have a good weekend,

Mrs Day