



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Wednesday 31st March 2021

## Whole School Mass

We livestreamed our end of term Mass on Monday morning and Fr Malachy made the Mass very special for the children by welcoming them so warmly. I hope some of you were able to join us virtually.

## Cafod Lenten Collection

Thank you for your generous donations for the Cafod Lenten appeal. We have raised over £315.88 which will help 9 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.



## School Photographs

Each class will have their group photograph taken on Monday 26th April.

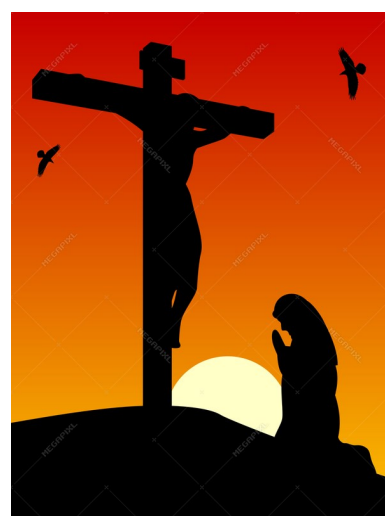
## Parents Evening

Telephone appointments will take place during the week beginning 26th April. Your individual time slot will be sent home after Easter.

## Easter Service Times at Good Shepherd Church

- Thursday 8pm Mass of the Lords Supper
- Friday 3pm Service of the Passion
- Friday 8pm Stations of the Cross
- Saturday 8.30pm Easter Vigil
- Sunday 8.30am and 11am Mass

There is no need to book but please arrive at least 15 minutes before the service is about to start (due to track and trace).



## Letter from the Secretary of State for Education

The Secretary of State for Education has written to children and young people to recognise the impact of the disruption they have faced over the past year and to thank them for their resilience. He outlines his continued commitment to supporting children and young people to recover from the disruption now that they have returned to school and college. The letter also highlights the importance of coronavirus (COVID-19) testing and the vital role this plays in helping to prevent the virus spreading.

Please read the attached letter to your children.

*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: Esther, Jayden	Princess
Y1: Annette, Imoleayo	Messie
Y2: Aisha, Madison	Saviour
Y3: Adonai, Joanna	Allan
Y4: Bade, Jaydin	Sienna
Y5: Akin, Percy	Daniel O
Y6: Elsie, Leona	Nathan



### Track and Trace

If your child tests positive to coronavirus during the Easter holidays, please let the school know through the text messaging service as bubbles may need to self-isolate.

### Remember the Food Stop

For £3.50, you can get £20 of food every week. You do not need a referral to use this service and it is not linked to what your income is or what benefits you receive although it is only for New Addington residents.



Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm

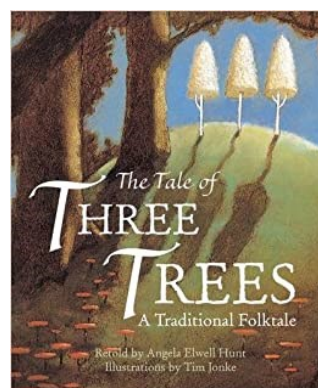
### Coronavirus Symptoms

If your child develop a dry continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss /change to their taste or smell, you must take them for a test at the New Addington centre.

I know that many of you have lateral flow test kits at home now but these are only for detecting asymptomatic cases and should not be used with anyone displaying symptoms of coronavirus.

### Weekly Reflection

I told the children in assembly today that I would include the link to this beautiful Easter story in this week's newsletter. Please listen to and enjoy the story as a family.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5qRzTOpOnk>

Dear Lord Jesus

We thank you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven. Amen.



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

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*Have a lovely Easter break.*

**School reopens on Tuesday 20th April**

*Mrs Day*

