



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 30th April 2021

## Pastoral Lead

Below is a message from Miss Baxter about her work at Good Shepherd. We are fortunate that Miss Baxter works full time at school and so she is able to support a large number of children.

Hello.....I want to re-introduce myself, as although I have been at Good Shepherd for nearly a year, I haven't had the chance to meet many of you due to restrictions. My name is Miss Baxter and I am Pastoral Lead at Good Shepherd. My role is mainly focused on working with the children, by supporting them to ensure they are happy and feeling settled in school. The children I work with are normally referred to me from the teacher or the child themselves may come and speak to me. I either do 1-2-1 with children or small group work and work closely alongside the class teacher to support children. We will be starting a new project in the next few weeks called ELSA. ELSA stands for Emotional Literacy Support Assistant and the aim is to remove the barriers to learning and to have happy children in school and at home. When we know which children will be taking part in this, I will be sending a letter and an information leaflet home. If you have any questions about anything, please get in touch. Have a good weekend, Miss Baxter.

## Face Coverings

A polite reminder that parents and carers should wear face coverings when collecting at the end of the day and keep to the one-way-system.



## 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.



## Parents Evening

All parents should have received their telephone parents evening call this week which I hope you found helpful. If you missed your appointment, the class teacher will try again one day next week.

## Children's NHS Eye Tests

Eye tests are particularly important during childhood because it means potential problems with vision can be spotted early. This improves the chances of successful treatment, if it is needed.

All children under 16 years old are entitled to one free eye check every two years, or more often, if recommended by their optician. In addition, they can also get an optical voucher to help pay for their glasses, which means many glasses are completely free for children.

Don't worry if your child is not sure of their letters as opticians use pictures instead with very young 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: Annaya, Keziah	Esther
Y1: Ivanna, John	Imoleayo
Y2: Ethan, Tiammii	Grigoriy
Y3: Alimat, Janelle	Joanna
Y4: Ethan C, Moturayo	Joseph
Y5: Nevaeh, Otzara	Danilia
Y6: Ethan, Tomeka	Elia



### Uniform

Children may wear the winter or summer uniform from now until the end of the year.

### Parking

Thank you to everyone that parks a little way down Dunley Drive as I've noticed that the parking has got much better recently. However, there is still a small minority of parents who stop on the yellow zigzags. Please do not stop on the yellow zigzags in the morning, even if you are running a bit late as this could endanger a child's life.

The Local Authority have asked all schools this week to remind parents not to leave their car engines running unnecessarily as this greatly impacts on air quality around schools.



### International Day of Dance

We celebrated a day of dance at school yesterday with all classes taking part in dance routines during the day.

### Hula Hooping

We have hula hooping workshops booked for all classes next Wednesday. The children love playing with hula hoops in the playground so hopefully they'll learn some new skills which will help them develop their techniques!



### Fr Con's Reflection

This Saturday we enter the month of May. Its opening day is dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker, and the month has always been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



St. Joseph is the first and greatest of all the saints (for Mary is higher than they are, as their Queen).

Mary would have been tutor to the young Jesus in the Jewish Scriptures.

Joseph, his foster father, trained him in carpentry (and quite possibly also in how to work stone).

Mary and Joseph, therefore, are the "go-to" heavenly persons to pray to regarding our pupils' all round progress and development. (Mary for the "academic" side of things and Joseph for the more practical aspects).

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

**[office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk)**

*Have a lovely weekend.*

**Please remember that school is closed on Monday as it is the May Bank Holiday.**

*Mrs Day*