



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020

Remember to queue

Please form a queue to collect your child at the end of the day and maintain social distancing. We are all trying to get used to a 'new normal' in every aspect of our lives over the last few months but it is really important that parents and carers queue rather than calling their child to them from the other side of the road as this makes it extremely hard to ensure every child has safely gone with the correct adult.

Thank you for your understanding.

Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting Good Shepherd on Monday to take individual photos of every child. Unfortunately, there will be no family photographs this year as bubbles cannot mix in school.

Parking

Please remember, nobody must stop on the zig zags outside the school. This is to keep both children and adults safe when crossing the road.

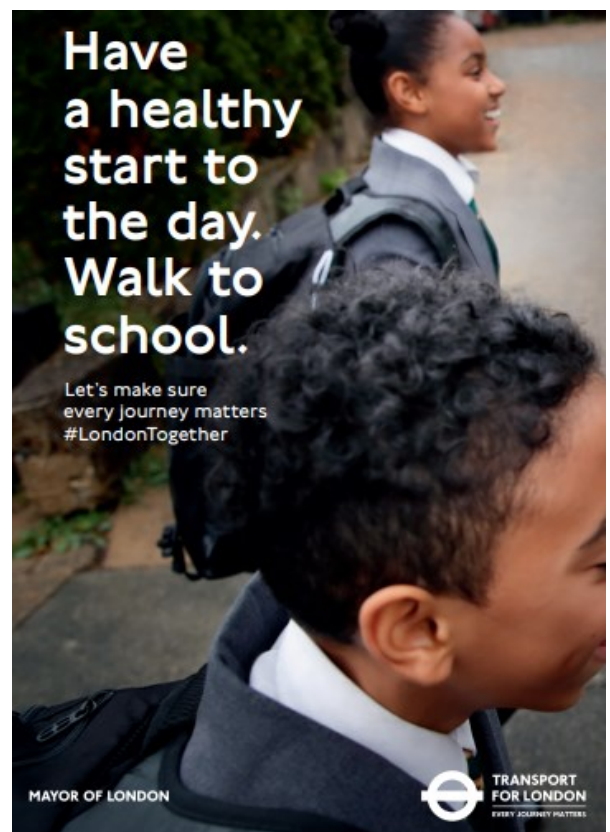


Even if you're late, don't park near our gate!

PE and swimming

Children should now come to school in their PE kit on the days on which they have PE. They do not need to bring their uniform with them at all. Whilst the weather is mild, they may come in their shorts but once the weather turns colder, they must wear plain navy joggers and either a plain navy sweatshirt or their school jumper/ cardigan.

For the time being, the juniors will not be going swimming each week.



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: Keziah-Rose & Leo	Jeremy
Y1: Byron & Imoleayo	Sabrina
Y2: Eleana & Reon	Tiammii
Y3: Kingsley & Leon-Jay	Dasia
Y4: Amelia & Moturayo	Zac
Y5: Giancarlo & Jayden	David
Y6: Angel & Daniel	David



Reading

Reading is the key to unlocking a child's potential and the Government have produced some information for parents on how to encourage to reading and develop a love of reading:

1. Encourage your child to read
2. Read aloud regularly
3. Encourage reading choice
4. Read together
5. Create a comfortable environment
6. Make use of your local library
7. Talk about books
8. Bring reading to life
9. Make reading active
10. Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them

For more information about each of these tips, click on the link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>



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

On Tuesday of our school's first week back in earnest, we had the great feast of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th September).



Here is a short prayer to her:

Mary, ever Blessed mother of God, we consecrate to you every person in any way presently connected with our school—from the youngest to the oldest. Keep them safe and in good health in these difficult times and always. Amen

Congratulations

Congratulations to Akeshia-Rai and Shai-Nefer on the birth of their new baby sister.



Flu vaccine

Flu vaccination consent forms – please remember to return these if you have not already done so (even if it is to say NO consent) by 15th September at the latest.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone
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*Have a good weekend,
Mrs Day*