



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 2nd July 2021

Transition Days

The children have missed a lot of face to face teaching over the last two years and you will have seen from the staffing list in last week's newsletter that a number of teachers are moving up with their current class. I felt that the best option for as many children as possible was to continue with their current class teacher next year as their current teacher knows them really well already and understands their learning gaps fully. Obviously this isn't always an option for a variety of reasons but those children remaining with the same class teacher really can 'hit the ground running' in September rather than having a few weeks to get to know each other.

All children will move to their new classes on Wednesday 7th and 14th July and spend time with next year's teacher.

Poetry Performance

Well done to all the Reception children on a great performance of "Each Peach Plum Pear" to the whole school in assembly this morning.

Covid Safety

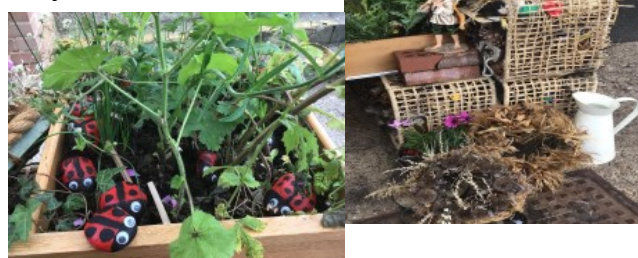
Please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell and take them for a PCR test. It is not sufficient to use a home testing kit as this is only for people with no symptoms at all.

I have noticed that there are some parents who have stopped wearing face coverings when they come onto the school premises. An NHS poster I saw recently had a catchy slogan: **Don't let COVID win:**

Cover your nose and chin

Hampton Court

We have a group of children going to the Hampton Court flower Show on Monday to enter their bug house in the schools' competition—we wish them well and look forward to hearing more about it when they come back.



Free Course—Places Still Available

We will be offering a free family learning course for mums, dads and carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

The Making Maths Fun course is an opportunity to improve your maths skills together whilst making maths games to support your child at home and at school.

This course will be held every Tuesday from 14th September—19th October 1:00pm-3:00pm and will be led by Funmilola who is a member of the Croydon Calat Team.

Places are limited so please speak to the school office as soon as possible if you would like to take part next term.

Times Tables

We have been competing against 50 other London schools as part of London Maths Week. Good Shepherd are in 10th place which is amazing news—well done children for working so hard to learn your times tables!



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 kindness others:

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Avaeyah, Evelyn	Keziah-Rose
Y1: Ameliah, Gregor	Udele
Y2: Chinaza, Funmi	Aisha
Y3: Daniel, Eden	D'asia
Y4: Josef, Moturayo	Amelia
Y5: All of Y5	Kaitlyn
Y6: Damario, Shai-Nefer	Daniel

Special Visitor

We had a special visit from Kola Agboola today, the new councillor for New Addington North. He was impressed with the school as he looked around and heard children talk about their learning.

Pony Visit

The ponies visited on Monday and all the children really seemed to enjoy this novel experience. Here are some of the things the Y1 children said:

"It was exciting and fun!"

"They must be clever!"



Sporting Event

We had our first sporting event for a very long time at Trinity last Friday. The Y5 footballers represented Good Shepherd very well.

Fr Con's Reflection



We have reached the midpoint of the calendar year 2021.

This point in each year is a suitable time to momentarily take stock of our spiritual journey.

We are only too aware that the past 6 months, added on the previous 10 months of 2020, have been unprecedented.

Yet, through it all, God is always there for each and every one of us equally. He is always the great inviter – He invited us to relationship and engagement with him. He will never force us, for He will always respect the gift of free will He has given us.

Prayer is this relationship and engagement with God. It is well summarized by the acronym A.C.T.S. (or the word ACTS). This tells us what should be the order or sequence to our prayer(s).

'A' for ADORATION (praising God for being God).

'C' for CONTRITION (admitting to Him our unworthiness).

'T' for THANKSGIVING (thanking Him for His gifts, to date).

'S' for SUPPLICATION (asking Him to supply needs and graces).

Let us approach the 2nd half of 2021, in great confidence, knowing and believing He is right (t) here with us. May these new 6 months bring a great pandemic improvement, both near and far.

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day