



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2020

Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest a little differently this year. We will start our celebrations on Thursday 8th October with an online Harvest assembly for all Catholic primary schools and on the following Thursday (15th October) we will have our own school-based virtual Harvest assembly.

We will be collecting items of food for the New Addington Food Bank.

They are in particular need of:

Jam	Tinned meat
Pasta	Tinned vegetables
Oil	Tinned potatoes

However, they are always very grateful of any toiletries or food as long as it is not fresh/chilled.



Children should bring in any donations into their class between now and 15th October and each class will create their own harvest display before handing them to the Food Bank.

School lunch payments

Please can all parents of children in Years 3-6 who are not eligible for free school meals, please ensure they have money on their ParentPay account.

Whilst I appreciate the financial difficulties that some of our families may be experiencing, the school can't afford for families to get into school meal debt.

Parents must pay IN ADVANCE and not IN ARREARS.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please check by completing the short application form on <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals>

Alternatively, Mrs Snow is happy to do this on your behalf if you contact her.

Reminder

Photos must be ordered online by 3rd October at the latest.

Coats and jumpers

Please remember to send your child with a coat and jumper every day. The classrooms can feel chilly sometimes as we have windows and doors open for good ventilation.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner at Good Shepherd Monday-Friday 3:30-5:45pm.

If you, or some one you know, is interested, please complete an application form on the school website.



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:

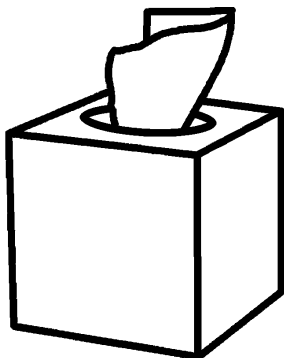
Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Esmerelda & Weronika	Elise
Y1: Azariah & David	Judah
Y2: Daniel & Eleana	Mohamad
Y3: Declan & Usman	Jeremiah
Y4: Gabriella & Joseph	Aaliyah
Y5: Geoffrey & Kaitlyn	Alvin
Y6: Leona & Malvin	Kosi



Tissues

Please remember to send your child to school with a small pack of tissues if they have a cold and remind them about covering their mouths when they sneeze.

If you are able to donate a box of tissues for general class use that would be gratefully appreciated. With almost 250 children we can get through a lot of tissues!



Bike to school week

Next week is bike or scoot to school week—try allowing a bit more time in the morning and not use the car next week for the school run, even if it's just for one or two days.



Emergency contact details

Please can all families make sure we have the correct contact details for you including at least 2 telephone numbers of people we can contact in the event of an emergency. Please contact the school office if you know that numbers have changed.

Fr Con's Reflection

Jesus made great use of parables as a teaching tool. A parable is a short story containing a higher or deeper meaning.



In this Sunday's Gospel, there is a short parable where Jesus' recipients are the chief priests and elders in Judaism.

It is a story of two sons, each of whom is asked to go and work in their father's vineyard. The first to be asked is headstrong and disobedient. Soon, however, he thinks better of it and duly goes to the vineyard.

The other son is cunning and mischievous. At first, he says that certainly he will go to the vineyard. Yet he is insincere and does not go there.

The chief priests and elders are, says Jesus, akin to this other son. They refused to accept John the Baptist, even though he was well schooled in Judaism. In their fine clothing, they presumably had no time for someone of John's rough appearance.

From this scripture passage, we learn to always be honest and consistent. Jesus expects of us that we be humble and, if fitting, to humbly own up to any mistakes(s) on our part – to express sorrow and to accept forgiveness.

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