



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024

*Learning together as part of God's family*

## International Day

We will be celebrating International Day on Wednesday 9th October. Children are invited to come to school in clothes representing their heritage. This is always a perfect opportunity to celebrate our wonderfully rich cultural diverseness at Good Shepherd.



## Harvest

Please remember to send in some tins and packets of food for our Harvest display. If every child brought just one item it would be wonderful.

## Light Party

Make sure you pay for your child's ticket on ParentPay so they can attend the Light Party. For the benefit of our new parents, we hold this annual event as a way of reminding children that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Please note that if you have bought a ticket for your child, the class teacher will take them to the Light Party and you do not need to collect until 4:30pm. Children not attending must be collected at 3:15pm.



*Be kind and respectful*

## RE Day

Good Shepherd hosted a special RE Day for children from local Catholic primary schools this week. It was a great success and all the visiting children thoroughly enjoyed working on the activities linked to their faith. The schools work very closely together and have a full programme of sports competitions, quizzes and religious events each year. This particular event is a lovely way for the children to share their faith with each other through a day of prayer, reflection and craft activities.

## Premier League Trophy

The children were very excited to see the Premier League Trophy on Monday. It was a highlight of the week for many of our football fans!

## Nursery and Reception September 2025

Come and join our wonderful Early Years next year. Please remind family and friends that it is time to apply and that we welcome children of all faiths.

Nursery in September 2025: All parents must complete a school form. Full-time and part-time places available.

Reception in September 2025: All parents must complete a Croydon form plus a school form.

Please note that parents of our current Nursery children must also do this.



*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Determination*

*Positivity*

*Teamwork*

## Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

<b>Headteacher Award:</b>	<b>Kindness Award:</b>
R: Isaiah, Lydianne,	Keturah
Y1: Adepa, Junior,	Taliyah
Y2: Jahleel, Tricia,	Adepa
Y3: Emma, Mariyam,	Anaiah-Jay
Y4: Anna, Fiona,	Zarah
Y5: Judah, Uriel,	Kezia
Y6: Emike, Jaden,	Joseph



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



### Light Party and Non-uniform day

Friends of Good Shepherd are inviting Reception to Year 6 pupils to the Light Party on Thursday 31st October from 3:15pm to 4:30pm. Price is £2.50.

Please use ParentPay to pay for your child's ticket.

In support of this event children are asked to wear brightly coloured clothes, as it is a non-uniform day.

## Parent Conduct

Please do not approach children before or after school as children often find this intimidating. Instead, share your concern with Mrs Downing or myself.

## Upcoming Parent Events

'All about Phonics' for all Reception and Y1 parents.

Tuesday 29th October 8:45am in the Hub.

'How to keep your child safe online' for Nursery to Y6 parents.

Thursday 31st October 8:45am in the Hub.

## Cross Country

A large group of children took part in a very challenging cross country course yesterday at Royal Russell. They all did really well to complete the course over different terrains. A particular well done to Daniel in Y6 who was selected to compete in the London Youth Games—an amazing achievement!

## Reading

Please ensure your child reads every day at home as this will help them enormously in their academic achievement.

## Fr Con's Reflection



Designated as Rosary month, this opening week of October has significant days in the Church's calendar.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> feature the Memorials of 2 of the most loved saints: Therese of Lisieux ("The Little Flower") and Francis of Assisi (famed for his love of nature) respectively the 2<sup>nd</sup> day is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels.

Additionally, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of October is always designated Rosary Sunday, and day 7 is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Quite a "parade" for the opening week of the month!

The Entrance Antiphon of the Mass of the Holy Guardian Angels (2<sup>nd</sup> October) illustrates the importance of the humble little comma: "ANGELS OF THE LORD, BLESS THE LORD..." (It is not a statement. Rather, we are asking on our behalf; For they see Him, and we do not. AT LEAST, NOT YET! NOT FOR THE MOMENT!)

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**  
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*Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Day*