



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2020

## Harvest

Thank you to everyone who has brought in harvest donations for the New Addington Food Bank. There is still time to bring in your donations next week. They are very appreciative of any long-life food items but are in particular need of tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned meat, jam, pasta, rice, long-life milk.

We will be having our own harvest celebration next Thursday. We can't gather in the hall altogether this year but we will have a virtual assembly instead.

Yesterday, we watched a Cafod assembly in our classes which was for all Catholic schools in the UK. We found out about how Cafod started and the work that they do around the world. The assembly also focused on the importance of water during coronavirus so we can wash our hands. It would be lovely for families to re-watch it over the weekend.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Harvest-assembly>

We are going to do some fundraising in a safe and socially-distanced way in school and hold our very own 'Keep fit with Cafod' to raise money for a community tap in a place where people do not have access to clean running water.

## Google Classroom

I know a few parents have been having difficulty with homework. There is no need to print out the work, simply take a photo of your child's work and upload the photo to Google Classroom (in a similar way to WhatApping a photo). There are lots of 'how to' guides on the internet: <https://www.wikihow.com/Upload-Homework-to-Google-Classroom> .

## PE kits

Please could I remind families that they should come to school in full Good Shepherd PE kit on the days they have PE as there are still a number of children in each class who are not wearing the correct uniform:

- Red Good Shepherd t-shirt
- Navy shorts or navy jogging bottoms
- Navy sweatshirt or school jumper/cardigan
- Trainers or plimsols

## Outside footwear

I would like to continue to use the field all year round for playtime and lunchtime rather than just in the summer months. In order to do this, children in Y3-6 will need to bring in a second pair of footwear (such as a pair of trainers), which they can wear outside. Anyone who doesn't bring in an extra pair of footwear will need to play on the playground only so we don't bring mud into the classrooms.



## Parents' evening

Parents evening this term will look very different from other years in that it will all be by telephone. Letters went out this week with the dates for each year group. Thank you to the parents who have already sent back their reply slips with their preferred date and time. If you haven't done so already, please send it in with your child early next 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 Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Joseph & Maria	Annaya
Y1: Aniyah & Udele	Annette
Y2: Grigoriy & Ranel	Kadiann
Y3: Angela & Isaiah	Abigail
Y4: Kaiden & Maryjoy	David
Y5: Percy & Sebastian	David
Y6: Lifejoy & Peniel	Louisa



## Celebrating the wider curriculum

I am sure you have noticed that I have been telling you in my newsletters about the fantastic work which has been happening in the different year groups and about lots of special days at Good Shepherd. So far, we have had First Aid Day, Healthy Eating, recycling and Mental Health, plus, of course, we have been celebrating Black History Month.

This week children across the school have been learning about Jessica Ennis, Usain Bolt, Mary Seacole, Malorie Blackman and Marcus Rashford, as part of Black History Month, to name but a few.

Making sure I tell you about these special days in the newsletter is in direct response to your feedback in the parent survey completed at parents' evening last March, where some parents felt that Good Shepherd didn't offer a wide curriculum—I think maybe I didn't celebrate all the wonderful things we do enough so I'm making amends this year!

The children have planted lovely pansies in the junior playground to cheer up our school!



## Fr Con's Reflection

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our Lady gave this devotion to (St) Dominic in the Middle Ages.

It was a time when monasteries were being raided, and monks' books of the Psalms being destroyed. (The total number of Psalms=150).

The devotion then had 150 "Hail Marys" spread across 3 sets of "Mysteries":

The "Joyful"; the "Sorrowful"; The "Glorious". (referring to events in the lives of Jesus & Mary). In the 1990's Pope John Paul II gave us an extra set of "Mysteries" – the "Luminous" or "Mysteries of Light".

The Rosary has great application in our lives – never more so than in an atmosphere of pandemic.

Our children, our pupils, can even be introduced to it in something of a playful way. They are very familiar with "HIGH FIVES". Well, on either hand could be a "mini rosary" of one "Our Father", three "Hail Marys" and one "Glory be" – the 3 prayers that feature in this devotion.

Alternatively or additionally, use of both hands together, at one and the same time, would cover the 10 "Hail Marys" of a single "decade."



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*Have a good weekend,*

*Mrs Day*