



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020

School admissions

Please encourage anyone who has a child ready to start in either our Nursery class or in our Reception class in September 2021 that they must apply for a place during the next few weeks. Although the closing date is in January, I strongly recommend that an application form is handed in before the school breaks up for Christmas.

If a parent/carer attended Mass in a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 when the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was temporarily ceased, then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

The governors have drafted an amendment to the admissions criteria for September 2022. They would like to consult with the parents on the amendments and any responses should be sent to the school office by Tuesday 8th December marked 'For the attention of the Governors'.

The main change in the draft policy is to give priority to children who are one of the following:

- Catholic children
- A member of the Eastern Orthodox Church
- A member Churches Together in England
- Part of the Evangelical Alliance
- Belonging to other Christian churches

Priority will be given to these children over those of other faiths or of no faith.

The full document is on the school website under the 'About our School' tab and the new additions are marked in red font.

**School reopens on
Monday 2nd November**

Wondering what to do during half term?

Over half term, Trinity School are inviting you to take part in an Activity Programme designed by the Sports Department.

Each day there are a variety of activities to take part in, a series of self-care ideas, and at the end of the week they invite you to record your scores on this Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfS45EVysXAYc7i5UwhUC3vgJpH4BvURc1bpx50n_lgTGA8g/viewform?usp=sf_link

The school with the highest levels of participation will win a Sports Equipment Bundle from Trinity, so we ask you all to help us by taking part in as many activities as you can and record your results accurately by Sunday 1st November!

Attached is the programme calendar, showing all the activities on offer to participate in each day.

Here is a link to the 'How to' video that the Trinity staff and pupils have produced, to show you how to perform the exercises correctly:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OLSCIf-H9A

We hope you really enjoy taking part in this competition and look forward to hearing all about how you get on after half-term.

Half term events

Croydon Libraries are hosting two online events via Zoom over Half Term:

Storyteller Richard Neville will be running a Story Lab on Monday 26th October at 4:30pm.

Storyteller John Kirk will be performing a retelling on Roald Dahl's "The Enormous Crocodile" on Thursday 29th October at 10am.

Free tickets are available from Eventbrite:

<http://bit.ly/CroyLibsEventbrite>

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: Christable & Leylah	Otiwaah
Y1: Messi & Rukia	Amelia
Y2: Amelia & Tiammii	Leonie
Y3: Dasia & Kayden	Kingsley
Y4: Joel & Nathanael	Amelia
Y5: Akin & Stefan	Edwin
Y6: Daniel & Shai-Nefer	Lifejoy



Learning an instrument

If your child learnt an instrument in school last year, they are able to continue lessons in small groups through Croydon Music and Arts. Mr Deacon currently teaches brass instruments (trumpet and trombone) at Good Shepherd every week and has some spaces for new pupils.



Croydon Music and Arts also teach a wide range of instruments from Y2 upwards with no previous experience necessary.

Learning an instrument has been proven to help develop a child's overall development such as discipline, self expression and concentration.

If you would like to find out more, please visit the website below:

www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk

Harvest donations for the Food Bank

Major Emma from the Salvation Army came to collect all your kind donations for the New Addington Food Bank. She was overwhelmed with your generosity and asked me to pass on a great big...



Fr Con's Reflection

This coming Sunday is the 30th Sunday in the Church's Year – a year that will end on 22nd November with the solemn feast of CHRIST THE KING.



This coming Sunday's Gospel passage is very short. Jesus is asked by the Pharisees: "Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?"

His answer is in 2 parts: primarily one must love God with all of one's heart, soul and mind. Secondly, one must love one's neighbour as oneself.

From Jesus' answer, we can quite properly detect that we are called to have also a healthy and positive love of self, because we are created in God's image and likeness - which means we were created "holy".

Love of neighbour, respect for others – these are certainly called for from us in a situation of pandemic and, indeed, at all times.

Hopefully everyone connected with our school will have a happy and safe ½ term week, despite the necessary COVID-19 restrictions.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone

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Have a good half term

Mrs Day