



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

Parents' evening

Thank you to all the parents who have had their virtual parents' evening this week. I hope you found it a useful way of finding out how your child has settled back this term and also found it easier to have been sent the targets beforehand.



This new method certainly seemed to run very smoothly; thank you for your cooperation in ensuring you were ready for your telephone meeting.

Nursery and Reception places

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.

Parents/Carers will still need to ask their Priest/Vicar/Minister to complete the correct section on their Supplementary Information Form. You will need to check arrangements for doing this as each parish will have their own system.

Poppy art

Children have been producing some wonderful poppies in their art lessons this week ahead of our Remembrance assembly next Wednesday.



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: Anna & Esther	Joseph
Y1: Chisom & John	Judah
Y2: Nia & Grigoriy	Temi
Y3: Azariah & Mitchell	Declan
Y4: Ethan C & Sienna	Emmanuel
Y5: Benjamin & Malachi	Jonathan
Y6: Millan-I & Romaric	Ethan



Did you know we have some school pets?

Y5 are currently looking after some sea monkeys which they hatched from eggs. Sea monkeys are brine shrimps which are too small to see with the naked eye initially but grow to about 1cm in length. Sea monkeys are born with one eye, and get two eyes when they are fully grown. They are translucent and breathe through their feathery feet.

Y4 adopted the Ileach pod of bottlenose dolphins at the beginning of September through the World Wildlife Fund. There are around 30-40 dolphins in this pod that stay around the Hebrides all year round. These dolphins have a short, thick beak and a curved mouth, giving the appearance that they are always smiling! They are usually grey in colour, and measure around two to four metres in length.

Good Shepherd Church 6th Nov-2nd Dec



During lockdown, the church is open for private prayer Monday-Friday 3pm-4pm.

There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays and Sundays 3pm-4pm.

Fr Con's Reflection

Our parish church has now entered another lockdown of no public Masses. In the previous lockdown this curtailment lasted for 15 weeks.

Having returned with Masses in public at the start of July, we can see that this "return" has lasted for 4 months.



Thankfully, we have been able to mark All Saint's Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd), as Masses with congregation.

Those 2 days are so closely interlinked – November 1st is our celebration of those in heaven; November 2nd is our day for remembering the Holy Souls in Purgatory – they are saved but need to undergo further purification, before God will call them individually into His Presence in Heaven.

So, in November let us pray daily for the souls in Purgatory, for they can do nothing to help themselves.

(Hopefully, one and all had a good half-term break. May all have a blessed month, albeit in lockdown).

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Have a good weekend,

Mrs Day