



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2019

Travelling Crib

Every class has a travelling crib which will go home with a different child every day. This is to help us remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem, and, as a family take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.



You are invited to set up the crib scene, light the candle, have a few moments of reflection and say a prayer together as a family. Everything you need, including the instructions and the prayer, are in the box.

Loose Change for Cafod

Each class has been given a collecting box for Advent. If you end up with a handful of coins in your pocket, please send them in with your child for their box. We are raising money for Cafod World Gifts. For example, £33 can supply clean, safe water for drinking, cooking and washing, keeping everyone safe from infection <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

Upcoming dates

Thursday 5th 9:00

Y3 and Y6 Poetry Competition—all welcome

Tuesday 10th 9:30am

Nursery Nativity—all welcome

Thursday 12th 9:30am

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nativity—all welcome

Tuesday 17th

Christmas Lunch Nursery-Year 6

Wednesday 18th 10:30am (in church)

Year 4 Carol Service—all welcome

Thursday 19th

1:15pm

School closes for Christmas (and re-opens on Tuesday 7th January)



Advent Reflection

Please see the attached leaflet with information about an Advent reflection for adults. All are welcome to attend Sister Sheila's sessions.

Tea Time Club

Sports Active, the company who provide our Breakfast Club will be starting a Tea Time Club from 7th January which will run from 3:15 until 5:45pm every day and cost £11.

In the same way as our Breakfast Club, you can book a place online either in advance or on the day. Both regular and occasional bookers are welcome.

<http://sportsactivecoaching.co.uk/active-schools/active-club/>

I know that finding childcare can sometimes be difficult so I am sure you will agree that having before school and after school childcare is an asset for the school.

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

We are in the final week of the Church's Year.

Sunday is December 1st, the opening Sunday of the Church's New Year. It is also the 1st day of Winter. As we leave the month of November, we reflect that the key word of that month is "SAINT", the word we are given on its opening day, All Saints. The destiny of each one of us is to be, and become, a saint. We are each created holy, in the image and likeness of God. To be a saint is therefore our calling and destiny.

The coming Sunday is the first Sunday in the holy season of Advent. This is our period of spiritual preparation for the holy season of Christmas. Let us endeavour to use the 3 ½ weeks before the big day of the 25th, as an encouragement regarding the true meaning of Christmas.



Christmas Crafts

Saturday 30th November, 12pm-4pm at Pathfinders Octagon Building, New Addington

Create your own Christmas crafts, all made from natural resources, at the New Addington Christmas Market. Anything you make will be yours to take away and enjoy over the festive period! Free event, all ages welcome.

New Addington Community Events

Saturday 30th November

The Big Switch On

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th

Rapunzel Pantomime

Tuesday 24th

Carols by Candlelight

These are all free events, please see the attached leaflets for more information.

Look out for 'Baby Jesus' stones hidden around the community—a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.



Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked so hard this week and had great behaviour:



Reception: Simon & Gregor

Year 1: Kadiann & Joseph

Year 2: Kelvin & Daniel

Year 3: Chevaro & Akintayo

Year 4: Carlo & Geoffrey

Year 5: David & Tomeka

Year 6: Victor & Abigail

Other: Romeo, Romaric, Ifrah & Jason

Leotards for sale

We have 4 brand new navy leotard and shorts sets (sizes 28 and 30) with sparkly diamante lettering. Please pop along to the office if you are interested. Cost £5



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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day