



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2019

New Addington Community Events

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December at 2pm & 6pm.

Rapunzel Pantomime at Addington Community Centre.

Contact newaddingtonpanto@gmail.com for free tickets.

Tuesday 24th December at 4pm.

Child friendly Carols by Candlelight at Timebridge Community Centre.

Also, look out for 'Baby Jesus' stones hidden around the community—a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. If you find one, ask your child to bring it in to share at assembly.



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/>

Loose Change for Cafod

Each class has been given a collecting box for Advent. Please send in loose change for their box. We are raising money for Cafod World Gifts. For example, a supply of clean, safe water for drinking, cooking and washing, keeping everyone safe from infection, or the gift of learning how to read or enough seeds to plant which will feed a whole family for a year. Have a look at the link with your child to see how the school can help others. <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>



Upcoming dates

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)



Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

This Sunday, just gone, marked a little series of firsts:

It was the first day of December, and therefore the opening day of Winter; it was the first day of the universal Church's New Year; it was the first day of the Holy Season of Advent.

It is Mary, Mother of God, who is the leading character of the Advent Season. (After all, the Son of God was a foetus then, and about four weeks away from being born). So Advent is very much about impending motherhood.

Mary is mother of God, mother of the church, mother of each and all of us. Let us pray extra-especially to her throughout Advent. Particularly let us pray for any mothers-to-be amongst our school community.



Important news, stop press!

I've received an email from Mrs Claus saying that the Elves will be visiting school on Monday 16th. I'm sure all the children have been very good this year!



Jingle Day

We are holding another Jingle Day this year on the same day as Christmas lunch, Tuesday 17th December.

Children should wear school uniform on this day but can wear a Christmas accessory such as a Santa hat, festive tights or a jumper over their uniform.

Children should bring in £1 please and parents are reminded to check they have money on their ParentPay account for Christmas lunch.

Please note that we are not holding a Christmas jumper day next Friday.

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Imoleayo & Messie

Year 1: Ranel & Tianna

Year 2: Azariah & Angela

Year 3: David, Sienna & Solliyah

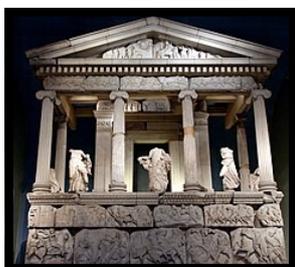
Year 4: Emmanuela & Danilia

Year 5: Angel & Marco

Year 6: Amariah & Kaia

Year 5 trip

Year 5 visited the British Museum last week as part of their work on The Ancient Greeks and had a wonderful work shop on the Greek temples.



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance: 97.2%

99.4% attendance: Y2 & Y4

100% punctuality: Y1, Y4 & Y5

Well done and keep it up!



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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day