



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2020

Year 6 trip

Year 6 spent a very interesting day at the London Transport Museum last Friday as part of their history work on World War 2. They saw the different types of transport from WWII, bomb shelters as well as being able to sit inside some of the trains and buses on display.

"It was a fascinating trip!"

"It was one of the best trips I've ever been on!"

Times Tables Rock Stars

Remember to find time to allow your child to practise their times tables. After your child logs in, they need to click on 'Studio' in order to be included on the leader board. They can practice on any of the games but it is only the results from the Studio game that push them up the leader board and lead to them being presented with a certificate.



Tips and Tricks from Mrs Downing

This is a new section of the newsletter which I hope you will find helpful.

This week, the tips and tricks are to support parents and carers with their children's speech, language and communication development:

- * Use your child's name before talking to them and ensure you have their attention
- * Speak in your home language if that is most comfortable for you and your child
- * Keep instruction short and clear. Break information into chunks
- * Use demonstration and gesture to reinforce your meaning
- * Give your child time to process information and respond
- * If your child says something incorrectly, repeat it back in the correct way, but don't pressure them to copy you

If you have an idea of something you would like to be covered, please let us know.



Spring term dates

Thursday 13th February 3:15pm—school closes for half term

Friday 14th February—inset day, school closed to pupils

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March—Parents' evening for Nursery to Year 6 (no clubs)

Thursday 12th March 9:15am—poetry competition for Y2 & 4 (please note change of year groups)

Thursday 2nd April 10:30am—Stations of the Cross led by Y3

Friday 3rd April 1:15pm school closes for Easter

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

Each year in the Church's calendar, we have the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It begins on January 18th and concludes on January 25th with the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Jesus always prayed most earnestly to God his Father, that his followers might be united as one, just as he and God the Father were one, and are one.

Jesus also said that he had others to bring into his fold, the fold of the Good Shepherd. By this, he clearly meant people from the other world faiths.

It is highly significant that God's people should be one (united).

For being One is God's fundamental characteristic. He is one God in three Persons. (This is the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which is a heavenly phenomenon which no human being can explain).

Let us, therefore, always strive for oneness (united-ness) in our personal families, in the family of Church and school, and towards all others in the worldwide family of humankind.



Parenting ideas

Family Lives is a national family support charity providing help and support to families. On their website, they have short video clips for instant parenting tips on learning, wellbeing and behaviour for four different age groups (0-5, 5-9, 9-14, 14-19).

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/parentchannel-tv/>

Freebies

The Department for Education's (DfE) Period Product scheme to provide free period products to young people who need them in schools and colleges across England is now available. Good Shepherd have registered for this scheme and will soon be in a position to offer free sanitary products to the girls in our school.

Clubs

Please note that some clubs have been cancelled due to lack of interest. The revised timetable is attached, but to summarise:

Irish Dancing (MONDAY LUNCHTIME) cancelled

Steel Pans (MONDAY AFTERSCHOOL) cancelled

Musical Theatre (TUESDAY AFTERSCHOOL) cancelled – transferred to Friday afterschool club

Art (WEDNESDAY AFTERSCHOOL) cancelled

Art & Craft (THURSDAY AFTERSCHOOL) cancelled

Boys and Girls Football (FRIDAY AFTERSCHOOL) cancelled – transferred to Monday afterschool club

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Uriel and David

Year 1: Madison and Tiammii

Year 2: Joanna and Isaiah

Year 3: Abigail and Jaydin

Year 4: Amisha and Isabelle

Year 5: Shai-Nefer and Riaz

Year 6: Jayheim and Aaliyah

Attendance and Punctuality



Overall attendance: 97.2%

Best attendance: Y3 (100%)

Best punctuality: Y4 (100%)

It's been a little while since we've had 100% in a class—very well done and keep it up!

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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day