



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2020

## Good Shepherd book week

This will be taking place on the week commencing 2nd March.

This year's theme in the Catholic church is **The Year of the Word** so we are asking everyone to come dressed as a Bible character or as something linked to one of the stories in the Bible on Tuesday 3rd March. Here are some ideas:

*One of the animals from Noah's ark*

*Moses*

*Mary*

*The star of Bethlehem*

*Apostle*

*Angel Gabriel*

*Joseph and the dream coat*

*Shepherd*

*Loaves and fish*

We will be having a whole school assembly on Tuesday 3rd March at 9:15am to celebrate everyone's Bible-themed costumes. Please come along and join us on this special day.

## Mini Marathon

Does your child enjoy running? If so, why not consider entering them for the Mini London Marathon 2020.

Trial Date: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Mini London Marathon: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Further details about the event can be found at: <https://www.minimarathon.co.uk/en/>

## Reminder

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

Friday 14th February  
inset day, school closed to pupils

Monday 24th February  
school reopens 8:40am

## YouTube

Whilst there are lots of useful and fun videos on YouTube, please can I urge you to supervise closely the clips your child is watching. There have been a number of children I have spoken to recently who talk about seeing or hearing things which are not suitable for children.



## Chicken pox

We have a few cases of chicken pox at school at the moment so please keep an eye on your children if they haven't had chicken pox before.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

## Active Club

Before School and after school childcare at Good Shepherd 7:30am-5:45pm:

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

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Determination*

*Positivity*

*Teamwork*

### Fr Con's Reflection

Last Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, was Candlemas (the feast of LIGHT). That day, London suffered another atrocity – another major act of darkness – this time, on Streatham High Road.

The word "LIGHT" is one of the key words of the Christmas season. (Candlemas is 40 days after Christmas Day – inclusive of Christmas Day.)

Now that we are back in the church season of ORDINARY TIME, we continue to reflect that Jesus is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. As he assured us, he has overcome the world and all its darkness.



### Children's Mental Health Week

The theme this week was 'Find your Brave'. We started the week in assembly on Monday, finding out about the things we can do to improve our mental health. Classes have been talking about the importance of exercise on their well-being, they have been trying to be extra kind to each other and pupils have also been encouraged to share their feelings. Work has been completed on being brave and facing their fears as well as the effect of praise.

### Tips and Tricks from Mrs Downing

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

- Comment on what your child is doing/ playing rather than asking lots of questions (e.g. 'You're climbing!')
- Read to your child and listen to them read to you. Discuss what has happened in the book and what they think will happen and why.
- Play board games or other games to encourage your child to take turns.
- If your child is struggling to think of a word, rather than giving it to them, encourage them to describe what they are talking about.

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



### Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Byron, Eric-George

Year 1: Erin, Leonie

Year 2: Janelle, Azariah

Year 3: Amelia, David

Year 4: Kaitlyn, Nana

Year 5: Damario, Desika

Year 6: Joseph S, Olivia, Adrian

Other: Mohamad

### Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance this year: 97.3%

Best attendance this week: Y6 (99%)

Best punctuality this week: Y4 & Y5 (100%)

Well done and keep it up!



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*Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day*