



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2020

## **BOOK WEEK – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Our annual Book Week takes place next week and children will be taking part in a range of book-related activities.

**Every day: Reading drop in.** Each morning from 8.45am all classrooms (Nursery to Year 6) will be open for parents and carers to come in and join the children as they read, write and enjoy stories together. Please make sure you join your child at least once next week to share a book.

**Tuesday: Dress up as a Bible character** and donate £1. Come and join the school for assembly on Tuesday at 9:15 and see what everyone is wearing (including the staff!)

**Wednesday: Storyteller day.** We are delighted to welcome a storyteller Rosie Tells Tales to Good Shepherd School on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. She is a professional Storyteller who will deliver workshops to class groups.

**Thursday: Share books day.** If there are any books at home that your child no longer reads, then please give them to your child to bring in, as children will be able to swap books with their classmates.

**Friday: book tokens.** These will be handed out to Children. They can use this to get money off books in Waterstone's or WHSmith stores.

## **Coronavirus**

With so much in the news at the moment, it is important to encourage your children to practise good hygiene measures in order to stop any kind of germs spreading:



- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. (Please show them how to wash their hands well).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Do not share your cups, bottles etc.

## **Lent**

As part of our preparation for Easter, the Travelling Stations of the Cross bags will start going home tonight. Each day, a different child in every class will bring this special bag home so that they can share the story of Jesus' last few days on Earth with their families. There is guidance inside the bag as to what to say and do. Children are welcome to write their own prayer in the prayer book and/or include photographs. Please ensure all the contents of the bag is returned to school the following day.

## **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

Hopefully a happy and safe half-term week will have been everyone's experience.

In this last week of this leap-year month, we have had Ash Wednesday. The school joined the parish for Mass that day and ashes were applied to the foreheads of those present.

Accepting such ashes is a sign of our humility towards God. That day opened the 40 days of the holy season of Lent (which is an old-English word for Spring).



## Kindness

When the ashes were applied to the children's foreheads on Wednesday the following words were said:

**"Always try to do what is good and right"**

We are having a special focus on kindness to others. It seems very appropriate that we should start this as Lent begins although it will continue throughout the year.

Today in assembly, I was able to present the very first Good Shepherd Kindness Awards to the following children:

Reception: Lauryl

Year 1: Aisha

Year 2: Dasia

Year 3: Joseph

Year 4: Isabelle

Year 5: Chizim

Year 6: Princess

Mrs Day's nomination: Aaliyah (Y3)



## It's good to talk

Teachers are very happy to meet with parents so if there is something you would like to discuss, please make sure you either arrange a meeting with them through the school office or speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day as they will be able to talk to you when they have dismissed the children.

## Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Gregor, Rukia

Year 1: Funmi, Mi-Zani

Year 2: Abigail, Kayden

Year 3: Amelia, Akin

Year 4: Angel, Faith

Year 5: Tomeka, Millan-I

Year 6: Dylan, Amariah

## Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance this year: 97.3%

Best attendance this week: Y5 (100%)

Best punctuality this week: Y5 (100%)

Well done and keep it up!



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*Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day*