



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2020

Poetry Competition

Well done to the children in Year 2 and Year 4 who performed in our poetry competition yesterday. They collaborated with the other children in their small group really well and had practised together to ensure they were able to deliver polished performances.

Mrs Whitmarsh and Mrs King were our judges as usual and chose the following children as the winners for this term:

Kelvin and Ollie from Y2 who performed 'Pal'.

Stefan, Joshua, Jayden N, Jayden M and Michael from Year 4 who performed 'Whining Wind'.

Disco—Tuesday 17th March 3:15-4:15

Remember to pay for your disco ticket on ParentPay today or over the weekend. Tickets cost £2 each which includes crisps and drinks. The disco is for Years 1-6 only but all children may wear their own clothes on Tuesday, regardless of whether they are going to the disco or not. Year 2 parents must read the letter emailed yesterday regarding arrangements for the disco.



Tips and Tricks from Mrs Downing

This week, the tips and tricks are to support parents and carers with reading activities for their child.

- ◆ Develop children's oral language by talking about the book.
- ◆ Go to the library together.
- ◆ Help them choose age-appropriate books.
- ◆ Let them choose what they read.
- ◆ 'You read a page, I read a page.'
- ◆ Read several stories every day.
- ◆ Use technology to increase self-esteem.
- ◆ Let them use e-readers.



Questionnaires

Thank you so much to everyone who returned their questionnaire, every family who came to parents' evening completed it which was fantastic. If you have not completed one, please collect one from the school office. Once I have had a chance to analyse the results, I will share these with you.

Vacancy

St Chad's Catholic Primary School (South Norwood, SE25) have vacancies for a Cleaner and a Lunchtime Meal Supervisor. Email sbm@stchadsprimaryschool.com for more information.

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

On Wednesday March 11th, the head of the World Health Organisation officially declared the Coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. It is now literally all-over-the-world.

At the same time, he stressed how all countries must seriously step up their measures to counter the spread of the virus.

In our country we can expect to soon hear of compulsory restrictions.

It is, most surprisingly, Italy that is suffering the most - of all countries outside of China.

Its capital city, Rome, is the centre of the universal Catholic Church. Pope Francis himself has been, in some measure, "self-isolating" with a heavy cold.

In Church history Italy has given us so many saints. It is in total lockdown now. Let us pray for Italy, and pray also that our country of residence will not suffer a similar fate.



Easter holiday play schemes

Croydon Council are offering activities on 6th - 9th April 2020 for 8-16 year olds with disabilities, autism and additional needs. The sessions run from 9.30am-3.30pm and cost £12. Places are limited so book early if interested wayne.stevens@croydon.gov.uk

Bagel Bar

A reminder to all parents and carers that our bagel bar is open at 8:30am every morning for all children to come and have a delicious hot bagel. This is completely free.



Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Lauryl & Imoleayo

Year 1: Emike & Delwin

Year 2: Jevon & Allan

Year 3: Zac & Aviah

Year 4: Giancarlo & Emilie-Anne

Year 5: Riaz & Joseph

Year 6: Aaron & Hermoine

Kindness Award

The Good Shepherd Kindness Award has been presented to the following children:

Reception: Eric-George

Year 1: Erin

Year 2: Azariah

Year 3: Aaliyah

Year 4: Aparna

Year 5: Daniel

Year 6: Kaia

Senior Leadership Team nomination:

Maryjoy & Ella-Jaide (Y3)

Well done for being great role models.



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance this year: 97.3%

Best attendance this week: Y4 (98.8%)

Best punctuality this week: Y4 (100%)

Well done and keep it up!



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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day