

# **Good Shepherd Newsletter**

Monday 20th April 2020

#### Free school meals

If your employment circumstances have changed due to the current pandemic, your child/ren may now be eligible to receive free school meals. Although school is closed to the majority of children, if you are eligible, you will receive a supermarket gift card which is topped up each fortnight. Once schools re-open, your child will receive additional support in school, free educational visits and discounted extra-curricular clubs.

Please use the link below to check eligibility directly with Croydon Council:

https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals

You will need to have your National Insurance number or National Asylum seeker number in order to apply.

If you are found to be eligible, then Croydon Council will confirm this to you but please also let the school know (office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk ).

## **Updated information**

The Government have updated the information to parents about school closures: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers</a>.

They have also published a list of online education resources:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education.

#### Home learning

Children should be doing a little work every day at home. See the next page for some help on how to access this work.

www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk

# Fun things to do @ home

There are lots of ideas of things to do at home. Have a look in the pupils' section of the website for ideas of some new things to do. There is also the picture News topic each week for you to discuss with your family.

# **Contacting school**

If you need to get an important message to the school, please email

office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk Alternatively, text the school mobile number 07948 351 132.

#### **BBC** bitesize

The BBC have started daily lessons for all year groups on their website:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons

There are also daily phonics lessons:

https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/help-during-school-closure/

### A prayer for your family

Dear God.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Help me to love my family and friends as you would have me love.

Let me love those who are different from me. Help me to love them as I love myself.

Have a good week and stay safe, Mrs Day

Respect Responsibility Determination Positivity Teamwork

# **Home learning**

I know that some of you are struggling to know where to look for the home learning so I have done some screen shots to help you:

Step 1—Go to the school website: <a href="http://www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk/">http://www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk/</a>

Step 2—Click on the 'Pupils' tab



Step 3— Click on the relevant year group to access your child's home learning and also the Fun things to do @ home section.

