



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Monday 4th April 2020

I hope you have all been keeping well and managing during the lockdown. The staff have really enjoyed speaking to you and your children during our weekly phone calls over the last weeks.

I know that you are anxious to know when schools will be reopening but I am afraid I don't have any news for you. Despite what you may read in newspapers, hear on radio etc, there is no information yet on reopening schools although hopefully we will hear soon. Watch 'Coronavirus: Daily Update' at 5pm on BBC1 for the most up to date information. As soon as I have any news, I will let you know by text and email.

Yesterday was Good Shepherd Sunday. Let us remember that Jesus knows each one of us and guides and protects us no matter what is happening in our lives. John 10:14.

Are you eligible for one of our Co-Op food vouchers?

All families who are entitled to Free School Meals receive a free food voucher. If you are not sure whether or not you qualify, complete the online form to check and you will hear the outcome in a few days. You will need to have your National Insurance number or National Asylum seeker number in order to apply. Click on the link below to check:

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

In addition, families with no recourse to public funds are temporarily eligible too. Please read the attached letter with more information.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Edwin and Delwin on the birth of their baby sister two weeks ago and also to Mrs Geal on the birth of her daughter last week.



Remember to look on the website for :

Home learning - Children should be doing a little work every day at home.

Fun things to do @ home - There are new ideas each week of things to do at home plus a Picture News topic for you to discuss as a family.

www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk/Pupils-Introduction

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.

A prayer for your family from CAFOD

Lord Jesus,
when you walked with us on earth you spread your healing power.
We place in your loving care all who are affected by Coronavirus.
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.
Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.
We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak. Amen.

May is the month of Mary so encourage your children to say a Hail Mary every day.

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Help bring back our **BRILLIANT BUTTERFLIES**

Get involved at wildlondon.org.uk/brilliantbutterflies

Sign up to
our newsletter
for activities
to do
at home



Protecting London's
wildlife for the future



Sign up to the #BrilliantButterflies newsletter for lots of great wildlife content and fun family activities to do at home. The project is working with local communities to create wildflower habitat in greenspaces across South Croydon and Bromley. See link for more information <https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/brilliant-butterflies>

Home learning

Please do not worry if your child can't get through all the work each week, you have wifi problems or you are all trying to share a device. It doesn't matter if they do different work from the work that the class teacher has set as there are lots of other things they can do. Here are just a few:

Practice timetables

Learn to tell the time (analogue and digital)

Get quicker at number bonds

Handwriting

Reading and retelling a Bible story

Learning their year group spellings

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf

Tracing pictures to help with handwriting

Practice speaking in your home language

Learn a poem off by heart and perform it

Reading or listening to stories

Writing a story/poem/newspaper report

Retell stories from different cultures to each other

Have a good week and stay safe, Mrs Day

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