



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Monday 11th May 2020

Returning to school

Following the widely anticipated announcement last night from the Prime Minister with information and dates about the gradual easing of lockdown, Boris Johnson announced to the nation that schools will gradually be re-opened, starting with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on Monday 1st June.

Please be aware that as a headteacher, I did not get any advance notice of the contents of this broadcast and for this reason, Good Shepherd will not be sending out any information yet on how school will re-open for these three classes. Whilst I have many plans for many possibilities, I want to make sure that the plans ensure the safety of pupils and staff at all times before I share these with you. Thank you for your understanding.

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 contact Mrs Snow if this applies to you admin@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

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](http://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

This week's Gospel seemed particularly appropriate in the current climate of lockdown and other uncertainties when we are reminded:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.” (John 14:1)

**Dear God,
When I feel alone
and troubles weigh me down
like a heavy load,
help me to know
that I am walking with Jesus.
Amen**

*Have a good week and stay safe,
Mrs Day*

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Looking at ways to reduce your food bill?

The Food Stop shop offers people the opportunity to reduce their food shopping bills by paying £3.50 a week for around £15-£20 worth of grocery shopping.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/community/community-connect-food-stop>

For just £3.50 a week members get:

- Around 10 food items once a week, which can be selected from a wide range of products
- Support, tips and advice on healthy eating on a budget
- Opportunities to learn about healthy food
- Health/wellbeing offers i.e. free exercise class referrals

If you would like to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, please go along to the Family Centre bringing proof of address (membership currently only available to residents from New Addington and Fieldway) to sign up to become a member.

The Family Centre, Fieldway, New Addington, Croydon, CR0 9DX or get in touch with them via email familycentre.fieldway@virgin.net or phone 01689 844 277.



Travel to Tokyo

The Tokyo 2020 Games may not be happening this year but you can still get active with Travel to Tokyo, Team GB and Paralympics GB's official programme for children aged 5-11 and their families.

I have registered Good Shepherd so you will need to type in the school's postcode (CR0 0RG) and click 'submit'.

You can do all sorts of different activities and log how long you spent doing them. Which class will do the most amount of activity by this time next week?

<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo>



Childcare

Whilst school has been closed to the majority of pupils for many weeks now, we have remained open to a small number of children whose parents are key workers. Following the announcement last night about returning to work if you are not able to work from home, please email office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk if you are a key worker and now need childcare.

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