



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2020

## Half term

It seems strange to be wishing you a lovely half term holiday as I haven't seen most of you for many weeks now. There will be no home learning uploaded to the website on Monday 25th May and we will start home learning again on 1st June.

School will be closed for half term to the children of key workers who have been coming each day.

The DfE have published updated information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home during the coronavirus outbreak:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

## Monitor

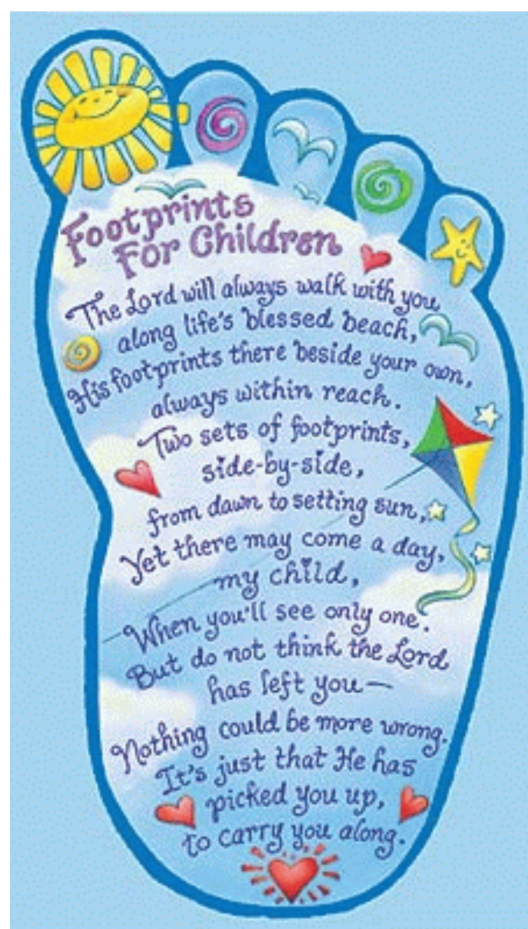
We will be having a monitor fitted in the lobby which will have a slideshow of photographs. I know that you won't be able to look at these yet as parents will not be allowed to come through the school gates when we reopen on 1st June but hopefully it won't be too long until you can enjoy seeing all the photographs of the lovely things we do at school.

## Contacting school

If you need to get an important message to the school, please email [office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk)  
Alternatively, text the school mobile number **07948 351 132**.

## A prayer for your family

I came across this simplified version of the well-known Footprints reflection which I thought would be lovely to share with your children.



Yesterday was the feast of the Ascension when Jesus returned to his Father in Heaven. He reassured the Disciples by saying "Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time." Matthew 28:20. This is a good verse to remember in these uncertain times.

## School website

[www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk)

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### Mental Health Awareness Week

The focus of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week campaign (18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of May) is on the theme of KINDNESS.

The school uses lots of resources from Coram Life Education who have produced a special pack of activities to help children of all ages to learn how kindness can help them, as well as others.



<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/SCARF-home-learning-plans-set-3>

There are some fun activities for the children to do and perhaps they can come up with some other things to do linked to kindness.

### Planning for 1st June

From 1st June, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will return to school and these parents received a detailed letter last week explaining the measure we will have in place. We are very fortunate at Good Shepherd to have large classrooms and all the tables have been placed 2m apart without too much trouble.

If you are a key worker, you must email the school as soon as possible if you need a place from 1st June so we know to expect you [office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk).

### Phone calls home

We won't be making our weekly phone calls to you next week as it is half term but we will resume from 1st June for those year groups who are still learning from home.

It has been lovely to speak to you all and I know that the teachers love it when they get to speak to your child too!



### Good Shepherd Survey

Not long before the school closed for lockdown, 120 families completed a survey about Good Shepherd whilst they were at Parents' Evening. I have attached the full set of results. These were very positive with 85% of parents saying that the school was good or very good in each area.

The one area which was lower was "Staff explain how I can help my child at home". This is something I will look into further when we re-open to all year groups so I can find out from you the type of help which would be most beneficial to you.

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

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