



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2019

International Day

The children had a wonderful time on Wednesday for our International Day. Every single child in the school performed in our afternoon celebration. We had around 200 parents, carers and family members who came to watch which was fantastic—thank you for your support.

Harvest

Our Harvest Mass is next Friday, please do try to come along to our whole school celebration. We are collecting food for local homeless charities so please give generously. They are in particular need of the following items:

Tinned tomatoes	Toothbrushes
Tinned sweetcorn	Toothpaste
Tinned tuna	Soap/shower gel
Mayonnaise	Coffee
Tinned soup	Sugar
Pasta and rice	Tea



I challenged the children this morning in assembly to see if every child in the school could bring in at least two items, so we'll be able to present 500 items at next Friday's Mass.

Please bring your donations into class next week (if children bring their items in a carrier bag, we will encourage them to take it home and reuse it).

General reminder to parents

Parents of children in Years 3-6 are not permitted in the classrooms before or after school. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please speak to Mrs Snow or Mrs Reichelt in the school office to arrange a convenient time.

Game of the week

We have introduced 'Playground Friends' at Good Shepherd. These are Year 6 children who will demonstrate how to play a new game to the whole school during the Monday assembly. The Playground Friends will then lead this game during lunchtimes in both the infant and junior playgrounds.

Our Playground Friends:

Victor, Malaika, Rashanti, Kaia,

Yadi, Raymond, Abigail, Joseph

This week's game was 'Duck, duck, goose'

Healthy Eagles

Palace for Life visited school yesterday to introduce a free after school programme they are offering to parents and children. A separate letter has been sent out today with more information. Places are offered on a first come first served basis as there are limited places.

Eyesight

Children's eyes continue to develop during childhood so it is important to have sight tests for your children every two years. Remember, sight tests are free on the NHS for all children under 16 so this is perhaps something you could do over half term.

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

England is known as the Dowry of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary.

The rose has for long been adopted as a symbol of England. (You may well see it on the shirts of England's rugby squad at the World Cup in Japan). Also, Yorkshire's symbol is the red rose, whilst for Lancashire – theirs is the white rose. When they meet in cricket, for example, it is termed a battle of the roses.

Our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God, is known as the Mystical Rose. October is Rosary month. Each "Hail Mary" in it represents a rose offered in prayer to her – hence the name for this devotion of the Rosary.

Mrs Snow is leading one decade of the Rosary each school day in October at 12.30pm. Hopefully there will be good support for this, for there is so much to pray for this month regarding this country and Brexit.



Coats

Please remember to send your child to school every day with a coat now the days are getting chillier.

Bagels

It has been wonderful to see between 30 and 40 children come for bagels in the mornings. This is completely free and is held in the lunch hall every morning at 8:30am.



Remember to send your child along for a hot bagel as it is a great way to start the day!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is from 7.30am until school starts and is open to children in Reception up to Year 6. Children are provided with a healthy breakfast until 8.20am and take part in arts and crafts, mini sports and other activities until 8.40am when Breakfast Club staff walk the children to their classes.

To book your place onto the club, please use the link below.

<http://sportsactivecoaching.co.uk/active-schools/active-club/>

All payments are in advance (£4 per day) and need to be completed online. Bookings can be made up to 7am on the day.

Reminder

School Closes at 3:15 next Friday for half term.

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Udele, Ivanna

Year 1: Erin, Isabelle

Year 2: Angela, Azariah

Year 3: Daniel, Azreal

Year 4: Alvin, Geoffrey

Year 5: Ifrah, David

Year 6: Rashanti, Daniel Q

Spanish: Aaliyah G, Faith, Logan, Aaliyah E, Saphir

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance: 96.6%

Attendance: Y5 (98.8)

100% punctuality: Y2 and Y6

Well done and keep it up!



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day