



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2019



Parents evening

Please remember to send back your reply slip about parents evening attendance if you have not already done so.

Thursday 31st October 3:30-6:00 or
Tuesday 5th November 3:30-6:00

Early Help

I have attached the link for parents and carers about Early Help:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/articles/downloads/Best%20Start%20Family%20Solutions%20leaflet%20for%20children%20and%20families.pdf>

Early Help work with families to help identify areas that families would like further help and support with. They can help with health, education, probation service, mental health, substance misuse, housing or anything else that families may need support with.

In their words "Early Help can give you the tools to solve any challenges or problems you are experiencing with help from others where needed."

If you feel you and your family might need support, you can ask a professional involved with your family to make a referral to the Best Start Family Solutions service. Your GP, health visitor, housing support worker or Mrs Downing/Mrs Day at Good Shepherd can all complete this referral for you.

More information can be found by visiting their website:

www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/families/ccfpartnership/early-help

Reading for enjoyment

New Addington library is open every day in half term 9:00-6:00 except Sunday. Please encourage your child to read during half term and not just have screen time as reading really helps children develop good vocabulary and sentence structures which they can use in their writing.

Save the date

There will be a disco after school on Tuesday 19th November 3:15-4:15pm. More information will be sent out after half term.



Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated tins and dried food for our harvest celebration. All the donations were offered up in Mass this morning and laid in front of the altar. Your generosity will make a big difference to those most in need.



Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

This week ends with the start of Half-Term holiday week.

Today the school joined the parish in the church for a Thanksgiving Mass for the harvest. It is surely one of the most basic reasons for praying – to thank God for the produce of the earth, for our food and drink.

At the time of writing, we are exactly halfway through the month of the Holy Rosary. Brexit is dominating so many people's lives at the moment. It is surely difficult to know where exactly the Brexit process will be by October 31st (Halloween).

So, part 2 of this month needs so much prayer. The Rosary is ideal in this respect. The sheer repetition of the "HAIL MARY" there can calm us, can make us truly still. Stillness is as crucial for us as is silence.

Have a blest and safe "week off"!



Croydon Windrush Celebration Market

There will be a market on Saturday 2nd November 10:00-5:00pm in Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Town Hall.

It is free entry for everyone and there will be face painting, books, cakes and beauty products on sale.

The Mayor of Croydon will give a speech at 12:00 noon.

Clocks

Reminder that clocks go back by one hour on the second Saturday of half term (26th October).

Free cycling courses

Free cycling courses are being run on behalf of Croydon council during October half term at Castle Hill School.

You can book a place for your child via the online booking form:

<http://bit.ly/croydonholiday>

Places are available for children in Key Stage 1 of all cycling abilities, and are free of charge.

For more information, please visit their website:

www.cyclinginstructor.com

Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a cleaner (Monday to Friday all year round 3:30-5:45pm)



We also have vacancies for 2 lunchtime supervisors (Monday to Friday term time only).

Please collect an application form from the school office if you are interested. The closing date for all three vacancies is Friday 1st November at noon.



Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to those children who have been in school every day this half term. After half term, I will be meeting with the parents of children who attendance is lower than expected.



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Have a lovely half term, Mrs Day