



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 1st November 2019

Croydon Windrush Celebration—Saturday 2 November, 10am - 5pm

The Croydon Windrush Celebration Market will feature cakes, books, natural health and beauty products, children's wear and is free for all to come and browse. It will take place in Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Town Hall and there will be a visit and welcome speech by the Mayor of Croydon, Humayun Kabir at 12 noon and local children's author Lorna Liverpool will be signing books and a complimentary goody bags for the first 200 visitors.

Coats and PE bags

Please remember to send you child to school every day with a coat. They should also have their PE kit in school every day.

After School Club

A questionnaire was sent out yesterday regarding starting up an after school club which would run until 6pm each evening. Please complete this and return to the school office to give an indication of whether or not you would be interested in using this service.

School ranking

You may have seen the Real Schools rankings were published during half term. Good Shepherd were ranked 22nd out of all 72 schools in Croydon and are ranked second out of all the new Addington Schools in terms of attainment, progress and attendance. You can look at how all the schools fared by visiting the website below:

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/south-london-news/every-primary-school-croydon-ranked-17136981>

Spelling Bee competition

Six children represented Good Shepherd at the Catholic Schools' Spelling Bee competition this week and came 3rd out of eight teams. It was a very close finish with our team only coming two points behind the first place team—very well done to Amelia A, Amelia W, David, Michael, Akeshia-Rai and Lifejoy.



Online safety

Childnet International have updated their online safety resources for parents and carers. They have a 'family agreement' on establishing rules around when and where children can use their devices, information about how to start a conversation with children about their online lives as well as other information for parents. I would strongly encourage parents to read the information in the link.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/updated-online-safety-resource-for-parents-and-carers?>

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends with the feast of ALL SAINTS.

Saturday is ALL SOULS.

November 1st and November 2nd can lay claim to being the greatest 2 consecutive days in the calendar.

On Friday we celebrate all those in heaven – the CHURCH TRIUMPHANT.

On Saturday we remember in prayer the souls in Purgatory – they are saved. Each will go to heaven when God the Father decides they are ready to look upon the brightness of His Face – the Face that lights up all of eternity. Meanwhile, they are taking on more light, being purified by fire. They are known as the CHURCH SUFFERING.

We are the 3rd category of 3 and are known as the CHURCH MILITANT because we are fighting the good fight of the Faith.

Heaven is our destiny. Meanwhile we need to pray for the souls in Purgatory, who can do nothing to help themselves.

This is the theme of the month of November. The new month illustrates that we need to pray for them all-year-round.



Save the date

There will be a disco after school on Tuesday 19th November 3:15-4:15pm.

Children in Y1-Y3 will have their disco in the lunch hall and children in Y4-Y6 will have their disco in the main hall.

Children in Nursery and Reception will not be able to come to this disco but the summer term disco will be open to Reception children.

The cost will be £2 per child which can be paid on ParentPay. Please note that parents must pay for their child by Friday 15th November at the latest.



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There will be a non uniform day on Wednesday 13th November. In return for wearing own clothes, every child in Nursery-Year 2 should bring in an unopened bottle of soft drink (such as lemonade or fizzy orange). Children in Year 3-6 are asked to bring in cakes or biscuits.



All Saints Day

As a Catholic school, we do not mark Halloween in any way but instead, celebrate All Saints Day. The children joined the parishioners this morning for Mass and sang beautifully as always.

Attendance and Punctuality for this week:

96% attendance: Y3

100% punctuality: Y2 & Y4



Well done and keep it up!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day