



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

## *Learning together as part of God's family*

### **School Council**

Well done to the following children who have been elected by their peers to be on School Council:

Year 3	Jahleel	Juwel
Year 4	Levi	Zeah
Year 5	Azariah	Hosanna
Year 6	Messie	Olamide

Their responsibilities include actively participating in council meetings, collecting and sharing the ideas of their classmates, providing feedback to their peers, and working to improve the school.

### **Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin**

A very warm welcome back to all of our families new and old. I am the special needs coordinator as well as the deputy head. It is important to know that every child is special and unique. The whole school community plays a vital role in supporting pupils with special education needs (SEND). By working together, we can ensure that all students have the opportunity to thrive.

If you have any questions about your child's progress or are experiencing struggles at home I am here to listen to you. Other areas may include social and emotional needs, learning difficulties, speech and language delays, physical development, poor focus and concentration and challenging behaviour. I am always here to help and support you so please do book an appointment at the office to see me. Please do not wait. Remember we are all on this journey together.

## *Be kind and respectful*

### **Pathfinders Celebration Event**

There is a special event happening tomorrow at New Addington Parade which has been fully funded by the Mayor of London, in partnership with the Central Parade Business Partnership (BID).

There will be:

- Live acts – singing and dancing
  - Interactive Dinosaur trail and visiting dinosaurs!
  - PlayPlace – many youth activities
  - Met Police engagement (incl community weapons sweep )
  - LFB Fire Truck
  - Girl Guiding stall
  - RBL stall with casualty make-up
  - Glitter Face Art and Face painting
  - Games
- Gift bags (whilst supplies last)

Everything is free!

The event starts at 12 noon tomorrow.

Please see the attached poster for more information.

### **School Photographs**

All children will be having their individual photo taken by the school photographer on Monday morning.



*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Determination*

*Positivity*

*Teamwork*

## Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

### Headteacher Award:

R: Aiden, Ayah,

Y1: Joshua, Tyler-Dean,

Y2: De Bruyne, Taliyah,

Y3: Deniece, Trisha, Vincenzo,

Y4: Anaiah-Jay, Benedict,

Y5: Abhid, Avaeyah,

Y6: Indiyana, Joy,

### Kindness Award:

Amara

Lily Kay

Sukaina

Festus

Mariyam

Naila

Indiyana



## Wraparound Care

The after-school service with Active Future started on Monday and has had a great first week. This club runs Monday-Friday from 3:15-5:45pm and includes a snack.

Parents can book 3:15-4:15pm to fit in with siblings who may be at Coach Aga's club.

Active Future provides a safe, supportive and engaging environment for children after school.

To book a place, please click on the link below:

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/active-future-croydon-wraparound-care-at-good-shepherd-catholic-primary-croydon-eda5262e-25da-4157-9e8c-eef1211af72b>



## Pupil Premium

Have your circumstances changed recently? If so, you may be eligible for Pupil Premium. This will entitle you to reduced cost clubs with Coach Aga and free supermarket vouchers every school holiday.

In addition, the school receives additional money. Please speak to the school office if you think you may be eligible.

## Good Shepherd Supermarket

Are you able to help? Could you commit to driving to Deptford each week to pick up the boxes of food? It would be a shame if our supermarket had to close permanently as it proved very popular last year. If you can help, please let the school office know, thank you.

## Fr Con's Reflection

This Sunday (September 14<sup>th</sup>) is the Feast of the Exaltation (or Triumph) of the Holy Cross.



The Cross is the very emblem of Christianity. Jesus Christ died on Mt. Calvary for our salvation and redemption.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Good Friday on Mt. Calvary was triumph, by virtue of His Glorious Resurrection within 3 days thereof.

September 14<sup>th</sup> is so closely linked to its following day- the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

These two consecutive days stand out most poignantly in the Church's calendar. On Sunday, we exalt Jesus for His Triumph. On Monday, we recall Mary's sorrows, especially at the foot of the Cross.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**  
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*Have a lovely weekend*  
*Mrs Day*