



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Learning together as part of God's family

Nativity

Well done to the Nursery and Reception children for their beautiful Nativity on Wednesday. There were some very proud parents and carers in the audience.

The junior carol service takes place on Tuesday at 2:30pm.



Free Book Event

Dominic Yoboue will be reading his book 'Kara' at Waterstones Croydon this Saturday (14th) at 10am. Parents of our younger pupil's might enjoy attending this.

Suitable for under 8s.



Be kind and respectful

Mary's Meals

A few weeks ago we listened to a speaker from Mary's Meals explaining to the children about the charitable work of Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals is a global charity that serves life-changing school meals to some of the world's poorest children.

Since then, the School Council have been coming up with ideas on how to raise money.

Their cake sale yesterday and non-uniform day today have raised £110 in total. Thank you. If you haven't yet donated, you can still do this through ParentPay or in cash to the school office.

It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. We have managed to feed lunch to 5 children for a whole year, well done children.

[What we do | Mary's Meals UK](#)

Christmas Lunch

Children enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday. They enjoyed singing along to the Christmas music and telling each other their cracker jokes! Thank you to our wonderful team in the kitchen for their hard work.



Clubs

Please note that clubs have now finished and there are no clubs next week.

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:	Kindness Award:
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R: Amen, Nolan,	Lydianne
Y1: Junior, Paul,	Julia
Y2: Faustina, Mehliyah,	Nyah-Rae
Y3: Adam, Lorelle-Rae,	Ademide, Zeah
Y4: Christable, Juanita,	Marie
Y5: Chisom, Kezia, Oscar,	Joy
Y6: Joy, Nia,	Saviour



Safeguarding

A reminder that parents should not come through the school for any reason. It is important that adults speak to the school office first and come through the main door to look for lost property and not through one of the other doors. Please also remember to close the front door behind you even if the person before you has left it open—it's important that we keep children safe. Thank you for your understanding.

Holiday Club

Aim High Dance Academy's holiday camp. The camp will take place on the 23rd and 24th December at the school.

You also have the option to register for the 2nd and 3rd January at a church in Ashburton.

If your child does not receive a free voucher (for children on free school meals) but you would like them to attend, for a cost, please email info@aimhighacademy.co.uk

Reminder

School closes for Christmas on Thursday 19th at 1:15pm

Cafod World Gifts

Each class still has their Cafod collecting tin. We will count up the donations on Wednesday to see which of the World Gifts we will buy this year.

Just £33 would provide families with a steady supply of clean, safe water for drinking and cooking. A clean water tank means families can access safe drinking water, keeping everyone free from infection. I am sure we could manage this between all our classes.

[CAFOD World Gifts](#)

Fr Con's Reflection

This Sunday is GAUDETE Sunday ("Rejoicing" Sunday- from the Latin word).



It signals the imminent end of Phase One of the Holy Season of Advent on 16th December (Monday). In that phase, the emphasis has very much been on Preparation ("Watch!"- "Stay awake!" and such injunction words).

Phase Two of Advent starts on 17th December and lasts up to and including Christmas Eve. Its theme is very different. Following soon upon GAUDETE Sunday, it exhorts us to "rejoice".

So, Advent overall is about both preparing and then rejoicing, in turn.

When we prepare spiritually for the true meaning of Christmas (Jesus' 1st Coming), we are focusing on His 2nd Coming in glory. At the end.

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