



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Thursday 19th December 2024

Learning together as part of God's family

Catholic Social Teaching

At the end of each term, we award special certificates to children who have worked hard to follow one or more of the Catholic Social Teaching Principles. Well done to the following children:

Everyone is special	Joesiah Y2 Kyri Y4 Kadiann Y6
Thinking of everyone	Lydianne Rec Emma Y3
Taking part	Damary-Deon Rec Daniel Y1 Festus Y2 Aaron Y3 Messie Y5
Everyone should have a say	Temmy Y4 Emike Y6
Caring for God's gifts	Sadie Rec Annabel Y1 Jewel Y2 Marie Y4
Putting people most in need first	Olivia Rec Tianah-Grace Y1 Petra Y2 Lin Y6
Showing we care	Benedict Y3 Ameliah Y5 Ethan Y6
Sharing fairly	Zarah Y4 Ben Y5 Chinaza Y6
Being peacemakers	Ademilewa Y1 Annabel Y3 Atanas Y5

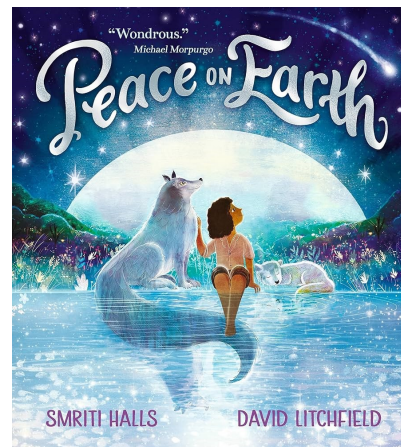
Club Information

Information about spring term clubs will be sent out in the first week. Clubs will commence week beginning 13th January.

Be kind and respectful

Peace on Earth

The whole school have been completing writing activities linked to the same text, Peace on Earth. Yesterday, we showcased all the different work which included Peace Charters, rules for a peaceful school and how to be a peacemaker.



Dear All,

Thank you all for your help in supporting our fundraising efforts this year. We are really grateful and hope to continue in 2025.

Friends of Good Shepherd were able to help contribute to various projects and activities in and around the school this year. Year 6 leaver jumpers, a coach for the year 5 & 6 residential trip, new audio visuals for the hall, the outside shelter in Nursery and the Christmas theatre production 'The Selfish Giant'. All of them could not have been possible without your support and of course GS children.

We wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

From Friends of Good Shepherd

Respect Responsibility Determination Positivity Teamwork

Contact Details

We know that parents need to travel from time to time for work or family reasons, however, it is essential that parents inform the school office beforehand with temporary contact details of the person who will be caring for your child(ren). This is so that we know who to contact with information about school events or if your child had an accident.

Failure to inform the school office with appropriate contact details could be seen as neglect.

Attendance

Well done to all the children who have 100% attendance this term. Attending school every day gives children the best chance of performing well academically. I was delighted to be able to give out 62 certificates this morning with a special pencil and badge.



Teachers2Parents App

It has been brought to our attention that parents who have downloaded the Teachers2Parents app do not get clear notifications when a new message appears or sometimes do not get the message at all.

Our advice to parents is to delete the app and parents will then receive an sms text as normal.

Carol Service

Thank you to the Y4 class for leading the juniors in the Carol Service on Wednesday.

Vaping

I have attached some information on vaping for parents. Whilst I hope that none of our pupils have tried vapes, it is estimated that nationally, 6% of 10-11 year olds have tried a vape and 15% of 11-15 year olds.

Those parents with teenage children might be particularly interested in reading about how to broach the conversation and of some of the dangers associated with vapes.

Free Breakfast

A reminder that everyone in New Addington is invited for a free breakfast this Saturday from 9am until 11am at the Fieldway Community Centre. This is part of the New Addington Community Project.

For more information on this lovely event, email NACP@cogop.org.uk

Fr Con's Reflection

PEACE is one of the most common words on Christmas cards each year.



Not just PEACE as in the absence of war- but, right across the world, that would certainly be a great start, of course.

Apart from all the wars across the globe currently, there are also far too many appalling happenings being flashed across our TV screens with alarming regularity.

So, sadly, no real peace "out there", meaning outside of us! Therefore, we must strive to have a real peace within our individual selves and within our families.

May Christ, the Prince of Peace, and His mother Mary, the Queen of Peace, ever intercede for us in this respect.

A BLESSED, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

*Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.
Thank you for all your support this term and your goodwill messages.
Your children have worked hard this term which you should be proud of and they are now ready for the Christmas holidays.
School reopens on 6th January.
Mrs Day*