



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful



Welcome back to school, I hope you all managed to have a restful time over Christmas. The children have settled back into school really well which has been lovely to see.

A New Year Blessing

May the road you walk be a smooth one,
May your problems be few - if any,
May the days and the years that lie ahead
Be healthy, happy and many,
May you have friends in abundance,
May the sun shine bright around you,
May the world be a wonderful place to live,
And may God's love always surround you.

Amen

School Lunches

Please see the attached new menu which will be in place until the end of July. This is also available on the school website.

Did you know that if your child has food allergies or dietary restrictions, these can all be catered for? Please speak to Mrs Day for more information.

Please note that there is a menu change next Thursday which is attached to this newsletter.

Absence Reminders

Please ensure that you report your child's absence on each day of their absence before 9am via any of the methods below:

01689 841 771

office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

attendance@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

If your child will be late due to a medical appointment which you have been unable to book out of school hours, or they have an entrance test, please inform the office in good time and remember to call before 9:30am to book their school dinner (or provide your child with a packed lunch).

If children are late and arriving after 8:40am, they should come through office and not through the playground to have their attendance marked in the register and ensure they have booked a lunch.

Clubs

Clubs start next week. Please make sure you have signed up your child on ParentPay over the weekend if you have not done so already.

Talent Show

There are auditions for the Talent Show on Tuesday. Each class has a signing up sheet which must be completed by Monday morning. Children have been reminded to practise lots so please encourage them to do this over the weekend if they are auditioning.

The Talent Show will be held on Monday 27th January at 2:00pm—parents welcome.

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:
R: Isaiah, Olivia,	Chizaram
Y1: Daniel, Devarsh,	Ademilewa
Y2: Joesiah, Petra,	Tricia
Y3: Jaaziel, Ola,	Emma
Y4: Chrisean, Oscar,	Anna
Y5: Sabrina, Washburn,	Indiyana
Y6: Joseph, Kadiann,	Ibrahim



Year 5 Trip

Year 5 children had a wonderful trip to the Science Museum on Wednesday as part of their Earth and Space topic.

They all really enjoyed the day and got back before the snow!



Cold Weather

Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat, hat and gloves. Otherwise they get very cold when they play outside.

Admissions for Nursery and Reception

Do you know any families with young children looking for school places? The deadline for applying for Reception places in September is today. Please spread the word about our lovely school.

Curriculum News

In PSHE lessons this half term, children will be talking about relationships. Please see separate emails about what each year group will be covering.

Fr Con's Reflection

This school week began on 6th January, the traditional date of THE EPIPHANY (the visit of the 3 Wise Men- kings from the east- to the Bethlehem manger). The Feast was moved to the previous day- the Sunday, when Mass attendance would have obviously been much higher.

Interestingly and perhaps surprisingly, this Feast did not conclude the Christmas season, in terms of Liturgy or worship.

The season actually ends on this coming Sunday, 12th January, with the Baptism of Jesus. That event at the river Jordan was, we know, the best part of 30 years after the Bethlehem manger event.

Blessings to one and all, and upon all school activities and concerns throughout 2025.



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