



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Learning together as part of God's family

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to see all the children return to school this week and a warm welcome the new families. All the children have settled back into their routines very well, which has made a great start to the academic year.

The children look very smart so thank you to all the parents and carers for your effort with this. Please ensure that everything is clearly named.

Did you know that using fabric conditioner on the school jumpers and cardigans considerably shortens their life-span? Whilst it might smell nice, I am sure you could forego this in order to lengthen the life of the jumper or cardigan!

A Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new people.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and the courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive and let us experience Your presence in everything we do.

Amen

Be kind and respectful

Diary Dates

Please see the attached list of dates for the academic year.

Children love to see their parents at their class assemblies and get very disappointed if there is no family member present. Please endeavour to rearrange work patterns to attend these.

Menus

Our school lunches are tasty and nutritious and are freshly prepared every day on site by our school caterers, Pabulum. All allergens can be catered for.

The school lunches are completely free for all children from Reception to Year 6 and the menu can be found on the school website.

[School Dinners | Good Shepherd Primary
\(goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk\)](https://goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk)

Clubs

After school clubs will commence in the week beginning 16th September. Information about prices and what clubs are being offered this term will be sent out early next week.

New Staff

We welcome 4 new members of staff this year to Good Shepherd:

Miss Rahman (Nursery TA)

Miss Brooker (Reception TA)

Mrs Stracey (School Cook)

Coach George (Sport and Pastoral Support)

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: All of Reception	Eliora
Y1: Emeda, Isabella,	Ryan
Y2: Annette, George,	Deniece
Y3: Levi, Zeah,	Brue
Y4: Avaeyah, Naila	Chrisean
Y5: Ademilola, Byron,	Aniyah
Y6: Ola, Raphael,	Tiammii



Termly newsletters

These have been sent separately and are very informative about what your child will be learning this term.

Flu Vaccination

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Separate information from the NHS is being sent out.

Healthy School Street

I have received notification that the Healthy School Street on Dunley Drive has now been made permanent. Please ensure that you do not drive past Leigh Crescent, otherwise, the council will issue a Penalty Charge Notice.

Sadly I have received a complaint from a resident in Leigh Crescent about a minority of parents who have displayed antisocial parking this week. Please do not obstruct people's driveways, park on the pavement or use your horn in an aggressive manner. It's important we all show good citizenship by behaving in a courteous manner.

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Welcome back everyone!

Please see below our notices for this week.

FROGS Coffee Morning Friends of Good Shepherd fundraising group will be having a coffee morning on Thursday 12th September at 8.40am in the School Hub, and at 8.00pm online with a Zoom meeting for parents and carers unable to come to our coffee morning.

All parents and carers are welcome to come and get involved.

FROGS WhatsApp group If parents or carers would like to join our WhatsApp group to stay in touch with FROGS' fundraising activities and events, then a 'request to join' letter is available from the school office. Please complete this and we will add you to the group.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.
Friends of Good Shepherd.

Fr Con's Reflection



The main holiday month of August is very much a month of Our Blessed Lady. Its centrepiece (literally!) is its 15th day (the Solemn Feast of her Assumption into Heaven, body and soul).

She is the ideal person for us to commend this new school year to—she was tutor to Jesus in His childhood and adolescence. She facilitated His journey towards becoming the Good Shepherd.

As our heavenly Mother, she will intercede for our entire school family in this new academic year.

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

*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day*