



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Thursday 13th February 2025

*Learning together as part of God's family*

*Be kind and respectful*

## Half Term Competition

Children are invited to create their own Pilgrims of Hope logo for the jubilee. It could represent going on a pilgrimage, a symbol of hope or be linked to deepening their faith during the jubilee year.



The logo should include the words 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It can be colourful or in black and white but should be simple and recognisable.

All entries should be given to Mrs Day by Wednesday 26th February.

As well as the official logo, I would like to display our own Good Shepherd versions of the jubilee logo around the school. Please encourage your child to enter this competition.

## Jubilee Activity

Y2 spent time outside today looking for signs of hope all around them as part of their RE work. They admired the plants beginning to grow and the beautiful bulbs.

## Respect Bookmarks

Every child has been given a special bookmark on which they need to collect five signatures from staff members for showing respect to all. Mrs Downing is arranging a tea party for the children who have achieved this.

## Half Term Activities

Ms Stephenson has put together a list of free or very cheap activities taking place this half term. Please see the attachment.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is approaching. On Wednesday 12th March, children should come to school dressed as a character from a book. Half term is an ideal time to get thinking and making!

## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and the theme for this year was:

“Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online”

Mrs Vijapura talked to the children about being more aware of things that really do seem too good to be true. As adults, we hear a lot in the press about scams but children can be less aware of what these may look like.

A shocking statistic is that almost half of 8 to 17-year-olds have been scammed online.

Sadly, scams are a regular part of life online with 79% of 8 to 17-year-olds coming across scams online at least once a month, almost half (45%) at least once a week, and 20% seeing scams online every day.

This Safer Internet Day aims to ensure young people aren't forgotten in conversations about scams online. Please talk to your children about how to detect scams.



**Safer  
Internet  
Day**

*Respect      Responsibility      Determination      Positivity      Teamwork*

## Catholic Social Teaching

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

Everyone is special	Ademilewa Y1 Otiwaah Y4 Erin Y6
Thinking of everyone	Julia Y1 Annette Y2 Ademilola Y5
Taking part	Nathan Rec Taliyah Y1 Haroon Y3 Oscar Y5
Everyone should have a say	Amen Rec Nathan Y2 Carla Y3 Chrisean Y4
Caring for God's gifts	Daniel Y4
Putting people most in need first	Samuel Y3 Avaeyah Y4
Showing we care	Nolan Rec Gabriella Y1 Nyah-Rae Y2 Jaaziel Y3 Byron Y5
Sharing fairly	Lydianne Rec Jahleel Y2
Being peacemakers	Makamona Y5 Adele Y6

Well done to these children.



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



### Mother's Day

FROGS are in need of ladies' gift donations for our Mother's Day stall. If you have any items which you don't want or use in good condition and we can reuse as a gift. Please give into the school office. Thank you.

### Coffee morning

FROGS coffee mornings are back. We are inviting all parents and carers to our next one on **Tuesday 4th March at 8.40am** in the Hub.

Topics of discussion: Mother's Day stall, Circus Pazaz, financial update 2024/25, upcoming FROGS initiatives.

### Fr Con's Reflection



As we approach the 'rest and recuperation' of half-term week, we recall these words of Jesus: 'COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOUR AND ARE OVERBURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. SHOULD MY YOKE AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. YES, MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN LIGHT.'

The 'rest' of which Jesus speaks here is much more than sleep or rest and recuperation. Rather, it is total peace - peace of mind, of heart, of body and of soul - a peace that the world cannot give. (At the same time, of course, it will certainly include "R and R").

Wishing everyone a blessed and restful Half-Term.

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

*Have a lovely half term.*

**School reopens on Monday 24th February.**

*Mrs Day*