



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024

Learning together as part of God's family

Christmas Dates

Mon 2nd Dec Advent day of reflection
Wed 4th 9.15am Y1/Y2 Nativity
Tues 10th Dec 8:40am Coffee Morning
Wed 11th Dec 9.15am Nur/Rec Nativity
Wed 11th Dec Christmas lunch
Thurs 12th Dec 8:55am Y5 class assembly
Tues 17th Dec 2:30pm KS2 carol service
Thurs 19th Dec 1:15pm School closes

Please see the attachment for the Christmas lunch menu.

Prayer and Liturgy

Four of our Chaplains planned and delivered a beautiful Prayer and Liturgy for the infants this week. They based it on the story of Daniel and the Lions and focused on the importance of praying to God in times of need.



Lost Property

Parents are always welcome to come and look in the lost property box in the hall before or after school. For safeguarding reasons, please come through the office door first, rather than a classroom door, so we know who is the building at all times. Thank you.

Be kind and respectful

Mrs Macaskill RIP

It was with great sadness that I heard that Mrs Macaskill died on Sunday. She had been a teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor at Good Shepherd for many years before retiring in July 2023.



May she rest in peace.

School Ties

Please note that children are not able to borrow school ties from the school office. However, parents can purchase one for £3.50 from Hewitts in Croydon or the school office (cards payments preferred).

Palace for Life

Two groups of children have played in football tournaments last Friday and today. Today's girls team did incredibly well and came 3rd out of 30 schools—very well done!

Congratulations

Mrs Williams' baby boy, Ralph, was safely delivered on Tuesday. We look forward to meeting him soon.



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: Amen, Perla,	Joseph
Y1: Rehmah, Tianah-Grace,	Peter
Y2: Deniece, Vincenzo	Narai
Y3: Clemence, Marcan,	Kristina
Y4: Bishoy, Keziah-Rose,	Temiloluwa
Y5: Ameliah, Sefaah,	Washburn
Y6: Eleana, Erin	Adele



Holiday Club

Aim High are excited to announce that vouchers for children on free school meals have been released this week to sign up for 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.

This holiday provision is packed with fun, featuring Christmas-themed activities, sports, art and cultural sessions. In addition to the exciting activities, children will receive food hampers, and special activity packs that include a gift for each child. The activity packs will feature engaging activities inspired by Spidey, Barbie, Stitch, and Moana, ensuring a magical and festive experience for everyone involved!

If your child does not receive a voucher but you would like to register them for a cost, please email info@aimhighacademy.co.uk

Theatre Production

The Image Musical Theatre Company are returning to Good Shepherd again this year to perform The Selfish Giant to the children on Thursday. There is no cost to families as this is paid for by FROGS.

Reconciliation

Fr Con will be offering Reconciliation to children on Tuesday afternoon.

Church Bazaar

The Church Bazaar is tomorrow in the school hall from 11am until 4pm. Please do come to support. Our Christmas Choir will be singing at the beginning.



Fr Con's Reflection

This Sunday is the opening day of the Holy Season of Advent- the first day of the Church's New Year ("Year C" of the 3-year Sunday cycle).



Each year, Advent is in 2 distinct phases. Phase I is twice the length of Phase II, and emphasises the need for spiritual preparation. (Phase II always opens on December 17th and it calls for 'Rejoicing'. It presupposes that such spiritual preparation has already been accomplished in Phase I).

The 3rd of Advent's 4 Sundays is known as 'Gaudete' Sunday (Rejoicing Sunday). It sets the scene for Phase II's 'spiritual rejoicing' up to and including Christmas Eve. So, we are thankful for the orderliness of the Church Year, at its start and throughout Christmas and beyond.

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