

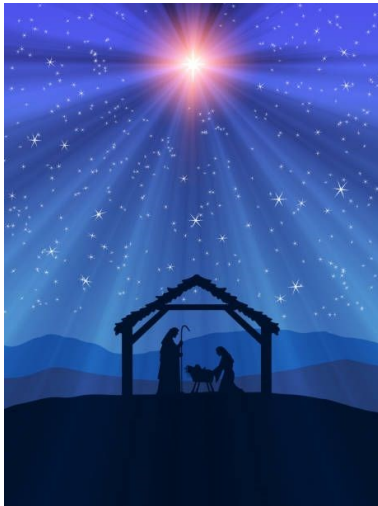


Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024

Learning together as part of God's family

Nativity



The children in Y1 and Y2 presented a wonderful Nativity on Wednesday for parents.

They sang beautifully and excelled at remembering all their lines—well done!

Christmas Lunch

A reminder that Christmas lunch is on Wednesday. All children are expected to join in the festivities and have a school lunch on this day. Children should wear full school uniform with a Christmas accessory such as a Santa hat, festive socks etc

Christmas Gifts

Dear Parents & Carers,

If you were considering giving a Christmas appreciation gift to a staff member, please ensure that it complies with the school's Gifts and Hospitality policy.

Staff are unable to accept gifts in cash and anything given must not have a value of more than £20.

There is no expectation from staff - who take pride in doing their jobs well - and this message is just for information purposes for any of you who are considering offering a gift.

Be kind and respectful

Advent Day of Reflection

The whole school completed a range of activities on Monday while focusing on the message within the Advent wreath.



We have an extremely special Christmas tree in the hall—it is decorated with an Advent promise from every single child in the school!

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: Joseph, Lily-Kay,	Anne-Sophia
Y1: Adepa, Isabella,	Jasmine
Y2: Tricia, Vincenzo,	Emilia
Y3: Levi, Natalio,	Mariyam
Y4: Ariella, Jeremy,	Alde
Y5: Daniel, Yeabhne,	Atanas
Y6: Adele, Funmi, Grigoriy,	Emike



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Coffee morning on Tuesday 10th December. Please see attachment for more information.

The Selfish Giant

All children from Nursery up to Year 6 enjoyed the theatre company's production of The Selfish Giant yesterday. Thank you to FROGS for funding this.

This is a beautiful story by Oscar Wilde with the moral of the story being 'life is better with generosity and kindness and not selfishness'.

"It was really fun because we got to sing lots of songs." Daniel Y4.

School Office

Please note that on Tuesday 10th, the office will close at 3:30pm. Please make all collection arrangements before school.

Free Sunday Lunch

Please see attached information about a free Sunday lunch at Fieldway Community Centre this Sunday.

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents

Safeguarding is about creating safe environments and preventing children from experiencing harm or abuse.

England Football has created a short e-learning module to help parents make informed decisions about football clubs and training sessions their child may be involved in outside school.

[Safeguarding Awareness for Parents and Carers | England Football Learning](#)

Christmas Celebrations

There is a weekend of free events in Croydon Clocktower and the neighbouring Queen's Gardens this weekend. Please see attachment for more information.

Fr Con's Reflection



December 8th is a Sunday, this year. Accordingly, the Solemn Feast of THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is moved to the Monday.

This is the prime Feast of the Advent, each year. She is the primary character of the Advent season, for Jesus is then in her womb.

She is the greatest person ever born out of the human race- conceived IMMACULATE in the womb of her mother Anne- the only human being ever born, to not have been marked with the mark of Original Sin, passed down from Adam and Eve.

Wonderfully, we witness the mighty heart, mind and hand of God, planning the great event of Christmas and enabling human salvation.

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