



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

Learning together as part of God's family

Light Party—Thursday 31st October

Make sure you pay for your child's ticket on ParentPay so they can attend the Light Party. The deadline for buying tickets is Monday 28th October.

For the benefit of our new parents, the Light Party is a disco which we hold every year as a way of reminding children that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Please note that if you have bought a ticket for your child, the class teacher will take them to the Light Party and you do not need to collect until 4:30pm. Any children not attending must be collected at 3:15pm.

Upcoming Parent Events

'All about Phonics' for all Reception and Y1 parents.

Tuesday 29th October 8:45am in the Hub.

'How to keep your child safe online' for Nursery to Y6 parents.

Thursday 31st October 8:45am in the Hub.

Parents Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening is soon after half term. Please book a slot using the online system. A link will be sent out after half term.

Thursday 7th November

Tuesday 12th November

Please note that Nursery meetings will be on Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 12th.

Be kind and respectful

Recent Events

We have had a busy few days at Good Shepherd. Children have represented the school in tag rugby at Trinity and in Orienteering at Lloyd Park. They were the first school to complete the course! We also had a team who played tag rugby in a competition at The Cedars and came home proudly wearing medals having come third —well done.



Finally, a group of over 30 children thoroughly enjoyed a Stadium tour at Selhurst Park.



Harvest Mass

Thank you for all your contributions to the Harvest collection. The Salvation Army at the Food Bank were extremely appreciative.

The Year 5 children read very reverently at Mass yesterday. The theme of the Mass was thanking God for the richness of harvest time and for His constant love and care for us.

Zig Zags Lines

Please do not park on the yellow zig zags when collecting children from after school clubs as this makes it dangerous for both pedestrians and drivers.



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: Chloe, Juana,	Damary-Deon
Y1: De Bruyne, Oliver,	Isabella
Y2: Nana, Narai,	Nathan
Y3: Dennis, Kristina,	Lorelle-Rae
Y4: Chrisean, Princess, Zhyan,	Avaeyah
Y5: Atanas, Kayden,	Gregor
Y6: Daniel, Funmi,	Mizani



Lost Property

Please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled including water bottles and coats. From now on, the Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team will put out a table of lost property every Friday next to the supermarket tables so parents can claim missing items.

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



FROGS Coffee Morning

Friends of Good Shepherd fundraising group, will be having a coffee morning on **Wednesday 30th October at 8.40am** in the School hub, and at **8.00pm on Zoom** for parents and carers unable to come to the 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 Friends of Good Shepherd fundraising activities and events, then a 'request to join' letter is available from the school office.

Mary's Meals

The children listened to a very interesting speaker from Mary's Meals yesterday explaining how the charity provides lunch for over 2 million children at school each day. We will be fundraising for this charity after half term and have also been asked to pray for the children who benefit from this charity.

Catholic Social Teaching

We often talk to the children about Catholic Social Teaching which is a set of principles and teachings that address social issues and promote human dignity. We have introduced some special certificates for children living out these principles:

- Everyone is special—Daniel Y6
- Thinking of everyone—Esmerelda Y4
- Taking part—Grigoriy Y6
- Everyone should have a say—Johan Y6
- Caring for God's gifts—Azariah Y5
- Putting people most in need first—Chisom Y5
- Showing we care—Lorelle-Rae Y3
- Sharing fairly—Mateo Y4
- Being peacemakers—Vanessa Y3

Fr Con's Reflection

At this time of special thanksgiving for God's gifts in the Harvest, we also thank Him for all His graces given to the school family during this opening half term.



Now the school family can be resting from their labours for a while, recalling Jesus' words to His disciples: 'come away and rest awhile.'

May one and all have a restful, happy and safe half term break.

Have a lovely half term.
School reopens on Monday 28th October.
Mrs Day