



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

Reading for Pleasure

We have been working in class on developing reading skills and increasing the number of children who read for pleasure.

Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.

Other benefits to reading for pleasure include: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life and increased general knowledge.

Reading is reading—it doesn't matter what children read as long as they read! Text messages, magazines, websites, newspapers, fiction and non-fiction books, comics and the Pickatale app are common reading choices for children when reading for pleasure.

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home, not just their reading book, but other things as well as this will really help them at school. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any help or advice.



Website

Please note that there is an updated safeguarding policy on the school website plus a draft admissions policy for September 2023. This admissions policy is for consultation so please let me know if you have any comments on this by 4th January 2022.

Food Research

You are invited to take part in the Family Food Experience Study. The researchers are looking for families with primary school aged children to take part in this study to help them understand more about children's eating habits. As a thank you for taking part, you will receive a £30 shopping voucher. You can register your interest using this link:

[Intro \(natcen.ac.uk\)](http://natcen.ac.uk)

Dates for your Diary

Please note that Reception children will now have a separate Nativity in order to keep visitor numbers lower in the hall at any one time and only one parent/carer will be able to attend.

15 th – 19 th Nov	Anti-bullying week - "One Kind Word"
M 29 th Nov	Inset Day 2
T 30 th Nov	Advent day of reflection
Th 2 nd Dec	Y3 class assembly (parents welcome)
T 7 th Dec 9.30am	Nursery Nativity (parents welcome)
Th 9 th Dec 9.30am	Y1/Y2 Nativity (parents welcome)
Th 9 th Dec 11.00am	Reception Nativity (parents welcome)
Th 16 th Dec 9:05am	Y2 class assembly (parents welcome)
Tu 14 th Dec	Christmas lunch N-Y6
Th 16 th Dec 2:00pm	KS2 Advent service (in church) (parents welcome)
Fr 17 th Dec	School closes at 1.15pm for Christmas break

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard or had great behaviour or shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

Headteacher	Kindness Award:
R: Ariaah Jaaziel	Jonathan
Y1: Josiah Leylah	Princess
Y2: David Sefaaah	Simon
Y3: Leonie Daniel	Precious
Y4: Ollie Eden	Abigail
Y5: Kaiden Bade	Gabriella
Y6: Alvin Jonathan	Joshua



Cross Country

On Thursday KS2 took part in the Catholic Schools' Cross Country event. It was a challenging course but all children competed extremely well and represented Good Shepherd to a high standard.

Year 4 and Year 6 Class Assembly

Thank you to Year 4 for their lovely assembly last week on Diwali and to Year 6 for their Remembrance Assembly this week.

Sleep Helpline

Many children struggle with getting to sleep or staying asleep during the night. The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice. I have attached a leaflet with more information.

Catholic Life Visit & Local Authority Visit

Sharon Doherty from the Diocese was very complementary of our school when she visited. She enjoyed speaking with our Chaplaincy group and looking at all our great RE work. The Local Authority also gave some positive feedback.

Birthdays

A reminder that we are unable to give out cake, birthday sweets or party bags at school. However, you are welcome to send in some fresh fruit or a new book for the book corner if you would like to mark the day in a special way. We also celebrate birthdays at school by the whole school singing 'Happy Birthday' to them in assembly on Fridays.

Fr Con's Reflection

This coming Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.



Remembrance has been uppermost in our minds and hearts this week.

Tuesday 9th November was the 5th Anniversary of the Tram tragedy near Sandilands in 2016. (7 died and over 60 people injured). There was a poignant short memorial service at the memorial in New Addington Parade. It was well attended, and floral tributes were laid by representatives of the police and fire services.

Thursday 11th November saw widescale 2 minute silence (at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th Month)

For all the dead of war (especially of the 2 World Wars of the 20th century), let us look to Jesus on the Cross and remember them in reverent momentary silence.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Day