



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 26th November 2021

Reminder

School is closed to pupils on Monday for an inset day.

Science Quiz

Well done to Nana, Moturayo, Akinfolahan and Akintayo who went to St Cyprian's School this week to take part in a science quiz. They did very well and came 4th overall.

Advent Day of Reflection



On Tuesday 30th November we will be holding an Advent Day of Reflection at school and our theme will be 'Share the Light'. Children will talk about Advent promises and the importance of showing kindness to everyone. Please talk to your children about how they can show love towards others through kindness.



Free Online Parent Courses

Parent Zone is a service offering resources, information and advice for everything related to digital family life.

They also provide various themed sessions for parents regarding online safety. In order to attend, you will need to register your interest beforehand on:

<https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/>

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| 02/12/2021 Or 10/02/2021 | 17:00 – 17:30 | Responding to online risks, extremism and misinformation |
| 09/12/2021 Or 03/02/2022 | 17:00 – 17:30 | Digital wellbeing and screen time |
| 16/12/2021 Or 24/02/2022 | 17:00 – 17:30 | Helping your child stay safer online (primary) |
| 20/12/2021 Or 14/02/2022 | 17:00 – 17:30 | Your Digital Family - a quiz event for the whole family |
| 13/01/2022 Or 03/03/2022 | 17:00 – 17:30 | Being Internet Brave - helping your child talk about their online world |
| 20/01/2022 | 17:00 – 17:30 | Social media – and what parents need to know (Y7-13) |
| 27/01/2022 | 17:00 – 17:30 | Online gaming – what you need to know |

Uniform

If you are in need of any uniform items, please contact Mrs Snow in the school office and she will look to see if we have anything you require.

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 | Kindness |
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| R: Benedict, Lydiane, | Emma |
| Y1: Ariella, Annaya, | Joseph |
| Y2: Imoleayo, Rashaad, | Udele |
| Y3: Aisha, Temi, | Funmi |
| Y4: Akshaya, Elijah, | Daniel, Kelvin |
| Y5: Daniel, Jaydin, | Moturayo |
| Y6: Danilia, Isabelle, | Somto |



Friends of Good Shepherd

I am delighted to announce that we have some parents interested in starting up a parent group within the school. The aim of this group will mainly be to bring parents together to strengthen the school community and they may also raise funds for the school.

Rather than calling this a PTA, I am calling it the Friends of Good Shepherd instead as this matches the main aim of the group more closely. Their first event will be serving teas and coffees after morning drop off on Thursday 16th December.

If you would like to find out more about the Friends, please speak to Ademide's mum (Reception class).

Parent Governors

In contrast to the Friends of Good Shepherd, a Governing Body exists to support the strategic leadership of the school.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please read the attached letter which was sent out previously. The closing date is 9am on Friday 3rd December.

Online safety

The children in Years 3-6 have had workshops this week, reminding them how to keep safe. Please remember to check your child's devices regularly to ensure they are not receiving, sending or accessing inappropriate content.

Class Assembly

Year 3 will be leading the school in assembly next Thursday 2nd at 9:05am. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Fr Con's Reflection

It is often said that a week is a long time in Politics.

It is certainly a long time in Church Worship.

Last Sunday was the solemn feast of CHRIST THE KING, with its focus upon his 2nd coming, in glory upon the clouds of heaven.

This coming Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent – the holy season of preparation for another yearly celebration of this 1st coming, as the saviour Baby of Bethlehem (in the space of one week, we have moved from the final Sunday of Year B, to the opening Sunday of Year C – in the 3 year cycle)

In these "4 weeks" of the Holy season of Advent, our individual challenge each day will be to hold uppermost, in our hearts and minds, the true meaning of Christmas.

Each day, we could, for example, read just a few verses from the Infancy Narratives at the beginning of Luke's Gospel – and then reflect upon those verses, for a few minutes, in a personal prayerful 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