



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021

Class Assembly

A very well done to the Year 3 children for leading the school in their Advent assembly. They did exceptionally well as they had to present this to the school virtually at very short notice—well done children for showing how adaptable you are!



Dates for your Diary

Following the letter which was emailed yesterday, all assemblies and Nativities will be virtual until the end of term. These will be posted onto the relevant class' Google Classroom for parents to watch by the end of the allotted day. I know that it is disappointing for you not to watch your child perform live but we must do everything we can to stay safe.

T 7 th Dec	Nursery Nativity (virtual)
Th 9 th Dec	Y1/Y2 Nativity (virtual)
Th 9 th Dec	Reception Nativity (virtual)
Th 16 th Dec	Y2 class assembly (virtual)
Tu 14 th Dec	Christmas lunch N-Y6
Th 16 th Dec	Advent service (virtual)
Fr 17 th Dec	School closes at 1.15pm for Christmas break
T 4th Jan	Inset day—school closed to pupils
W 5th Jan	School opens to children

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 14th December is Christmas lunch day for Nursery-Year 6. It is traditional for every child to have a school lunch on that day, but of course, if you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch, that is not a problem.

The menu for the day will be roast turkey or vegetable and cranberry parcels, accompanied by roast potatoes, carrots and peas. The dessert is Christmas ice cream. Children are invited to come to school in their uniform but with a Christmas accessory such as a Santa hat or tinsel on

Christmas lunch day.



Attendance

We now have a new attendance email address which you can use if you're child is absent

attendance@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can ring the main school number 01689 841 771 and select option 1.

The Education Welfare Officer is very pleased with Good Shepherd's attendance figures so a well done to everyone.

Advent Day of Reflection

The school held an Advent Day of Reflection on Tuesday with the theme 'Share the Light'. Children looked at a the lovey picture below and discussed how they can spread a little kindness to everyone.



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: Maryam, Clemence,	Charlotte
Y1: Bishoy, Leylah,	Jayden
Y2: Azariah, Uriel,	Byron
Y3: Amelia, Chinaza,	Tiammii
Y4: Azariah, Daniel,	Jevon
Y5: Ethan C, Maryjoy,	Akintayo
Y6: Ben, Jonathan,	Akin



Friends of Good Shepherd

Some parents are starting up a Friends of Good Shepherd 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.

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 and how you can support this group, please speak to Ademide's mum (Reception class).

Thursday 16th
December 8:40am
in the carpark



Cafod

Please remember to send in loose change with your child for our Advent Cafod fundraising appeal. Each class has their own collecting box and the money raised will be used to buy 'World Gifts'. Why not have a look at the Cafod website with your child to see what gift they would choose to donate? There is a wide choice including chickens, gardening tools, water taps, solar lamps etc.

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Fr Con's Reflection

On Wednesday of next week, 8th December, we celebrate the great feast of the Immaculate conception.



Our Blessed Lady was conceived immaculate in the womb of her mother Anne—in other words, free from the mark of original sin, passed down from Adam and Eve.

She is the only human being, born out of the human race, to have been so graced by God in this way. His purpose was that at this chosen time, she would be overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and would conceive God's only Begotten Son, for our salvation and redemption.

Mary is the leading character in this holy Advent season, as during Advent the God-Child is in her womb.

She is rightly known as "the highest honour of the human race" because she is utterly unique. We treasure her as our Heavenly Mother.

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

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day