



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 10th December 2021

Attendance

Please remember to email if you're child is absent from school:-

absence@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

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

COVID- 19

There have been a number of positive cases of Covid within our school community . Please remember to remain vigilant and lets wish everyone a speedy recovery.

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. If children have a Christmas jumper that they wish to wear they must still wear their school uniform (excluding school tie, shirts.)



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 16th December	Advent Service (Virtual)
Fri 17th December	School Closes at 1.15 pm for Christmas Break
4th January	INSET DAY—closed to pupils
5th January	School opens to all pupils

Breakfast Club

This will be starting on **Monday 10th January 2022.**

It will run Monday to Friday, from **7:30am to 8:40am**, with breakfast served **8:00am to 8:15am.**

The main aim of breakfast club is to provide children with the best start to the day. Eating a healthy breakfast is proven to help improve a child's concentration, behaviour, attendance, punctuality and education attainment.

The cost will be £2 per child, with payment made weekly for the following week. It is free to children in receipt of Free School Meals. We will have 30 spaces available each day, therefore spaces must be pre-booked and registration form completed stating which days and terms and conditions signed.

If you are interested please leave your name, your child's name and year group with the office. Registration forms will be available very soon.

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 Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Kieron Levi	Jaaziel
Y1: Azariah Malaika	Alde
Y2: Marvellous Ivanna	Benjamin
Y3: Jaden Ibrahim	Chinaza
Y4: Adonai Kingsley	Angela
Y5: Ella– Jaide Nathanael	Bade
Y6: Trinity Jayden M	Gian-Carlo



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. CAFOD World Gifts – CAFOD World Gifts



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

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*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day and Mrs Downing*

Congratulations

Well done to all children this week who have re-told the very special story of the 'Birth of Jesus.' The singing and acting by all has been simply beautiful. A big thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard to help create such wonderful performances.

All performances have been recorded and will be available to watch on Google Classroom next week.

The Advent Service is well under way and will be performed next week too. Every class has contributed to this. This will also be

Fr Con's Reflection

This coming Sunday, December 12th is GAUDETE SUNDAY. It is, by custom, the 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT.



"GAUDETE" (phonetically GAU-DAY-TAY) is Latin for "REJOICE". It is a word of exhortation.

It points towards December 17th, each year in the calendar. That is the day that marks the beginning of the second of Advent's two phases.

The theme of phase 2 of Advent is "REJOICE!" East day, from the 17th to Christmas Eve, is given its individual date in the Missed and Lectionary used at Mass.

In Phase 1 of Advent, the days are just listed as 'Thursday of the 2nd weeks of Advent', for example – since the theme of that much longer phase was Preparation – (especially marked by injunctions such as "Watch!" and "Stay awake!")

So, Advent has a real, discernible structure. We can make its stability work to our advantage – especially in a situation of instability presently, marked today with the arrival of Plan B' restrictions – much broader wearing of face coverings etc.

BLESSINGS TO ONE AND ALL FOR
ANOTHER WEEKEND