



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 17th December 2021



Thank You to our 'Friends of Good Shepherd' for hosting a successful coffee morning!

Dates for your Diary

We all wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to the New Year !

4th January **INSET DAY—closed to pupils**

5th January **School opens to all pupils**

Christmas Lunch

The children all looked very festive this week and enjoyed sharing their Christmas Lunch together. Hearing children saying it was the 'Best week ever' was so warming.

Visit from Father Christmas

The children were all visited by Father Christmas this week and they each received a present from him. We all enjoyed the magic and much laughter and cheer could be heard across the school.



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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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: Kristina Brue	Zeah
Y1: Jayden Chimdindu	Esmerelda
Y2: Messie Johnny	Imoleayo
Y3: Saviour Isaiah	Reon
Y4: Alimat Usman	Leon-Jay Daniel
Y5: Azreal Chevaro	Chibuikem
Y6: Faith Kaitlyn	Trinity



Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all
families.
Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.
For this we pray.
Amen.



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*Have a safe and peaceful
Christmas— Mrs Day and Mrs
Downing*

Congratulations

Well done to all of the children this week who have performed in our Whole School Advent Service.' The singing and readings 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.

The Advent Service is available to watch via a link on google classrooms as are the Nativity and other Christmas performances.

Please see attached info on how to view it.

A special mention to Ella Jaide in Year 5 who is starring in the Dick Whittington Panto in South Norwood. Well done you are a superstar!

Father Con's Reflection

The Christmas manger scene at Bethlehem places before us a real sense of stillness, silence and calmness. (For Joseph in particular, however, there had been a real sense of urgency and anxiety, epitomised by the words "NO ROOM AT THE INN!")



These feelings of all-round peace, that the Christmas crib scene can evoke for us, take on a new relevance in the ongoing pandemic. First, they bring home to us the true meaning of Christmas. Secondly, we have St. Joseph, the greatest of the saints, as a "go-to" saint for our prayers for ongoing protection through the pandemic.

May everyone in any way connected with our school experience a blest and joyous Christmas, and particularly good health in 2022

