



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 7th January 2022

Welcome back

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back! The children have been working very hard this week and have returned to school very settled.

Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany in school with a virtual prayer service where the children listened to the story of the three wise men paying homage to Jesus.

Although we can't give Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, I spoke to the children about how they can give a special gift to Jesus by showing love towards everyone.



Money Matters

Please remember to speak to the office if you need uniform items, if you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, or you would like a voucher for the Food Bank.

School Lunches

Relish will be increasing school meals from £2.30 to £2.40 from 17th January 2022.

This is due to increased food supply chain costs which I am sure you have also noticed in supermarkets recently.

Germs!

We are reminding children at school to maintain good hygiene practices so please remind them at home to:

- Wash their hands thoroughly
- Use hand gel frequently
- Cover their mouth when sneezing and coughing
- Put tissues in the bin rather than leaving them on the table



Local Authority Vacancies

Croydon Octavo Clerking Service are currently recruiting new Clerks to work supporting school governing boards, in maintained schools, single academy schools, and across Multi Academy Trusts. This role is paid on a casual hours contract. Whilst the working hours are variable, there will be the opportunity to agree a number of meetings during the year when attached as a named clerk to a school, with the potential to take on additional meetings.

The link below includes the full recruitment advert which outlines the role and the person specification. The closing date for applications is **25th February at 11.59pm**.

For further information or for an informal conversation about the role please contact Croydon Octavo Partnership on 07732 073362

To view the Clerking Service Clerk role profile and apply, please go to: <https://croydon.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/clerking-service-clerk-grade-7-%C2%A330585-%C2%A331557-1137> .

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: Jaaziel, Mahmoud	Kristina
Y1: Anna, Mateo	Jeremy
Y2: Byron, Kairi	Johnny
Y3: Adele, Delwin	Mohamad
Y4: Eden, Mitchell	Leon-Jay
Y5: Emmanuuel, Ella-Jaide,	Sienna
Y6: Geoffrey, Nevaeh	David



Covid Rules

If you live with or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine
- you're under 18 years and 6 months old

Even if you do not have symptoms, you're strongly advised to do daily lateral flow tests (1 a day for 7 days), to protect yourself and others from COVID-19

The self-isolation advice for people with a positive test for coronavirus has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative lateral flow home tests taken 24 hours apart. The first test should not be taken before the sixth day.

If you are unsure of any of the rules please contact the office for advice. It can be very confusing when they regularly change!

A Family Prayer

Father God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them. Knowing, when love came to the stable in Bethlehem, love came for us, that we could share love with others.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our gardens

In the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better and better.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

We accept this, Your gift of a new year, celebrating and remembering Your love always. Amen



Journey in Love

A letter went out this week to all families regarding our Relationship and Sex Education programme starting on 24th January. This scheme is approved by the Diocese for use in Catholic primary schools but please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day