



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

Music Lessons with CMA

Would you like your child to learn a musical instrument?

First, choose your instrument:

For Years 3 to 6 you can choose violin, cello, guitar or keyboard.

For Years 4 to 7 you can choose flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, carnival percussion, oboe, bassoon, French horn or double bass.

You will need to bring along your own instrument or hire one from CMA. Instrument hire is available for all instruments except piano, keyboard, guitar, ukulele, saxophone, recorder and drums.



Fees—£32 per term.

£9.60 per term if your child receives Free School Meals.

Instrument hire—£9 for the first term, £30 per term thereafter or £9 per term if your child receives Free School Meals.

Lesson times are Saturdays 9 - 10am or Tuesdays 5 - 6pm depending on the instrument.

For more information and to apply for your child, visit Croydon Music and Arts' website:

Star Class — Croydon Music & Arts
(croydonmusicandarts.co.uk)



Dates for your diary

Please see the attachment with the dates of various events this year. It will be lovely to welcome parents again to Masses, assemblies, poetry performances and sports day!

School Council

The junior children had a special assembly yesterday about nominating themselves to be a Student Councillor on the School Council.

If your child is in Y3-6, please talk to them over the weekend about putting themselves forward for the School Council.

The School Council children meet every week to discuss and implement ideas that could help improve the school. These might be problems that need to be solved or new ideas.

If this is something your child would like to be part of, they need to let their teacher know. They will need to write a manifesto to explain the things they want to do as a Student Councillor and present this to their class.

Each class will have the chance to elect the nominees and vote on the two candidates who they would like to have as their class' Student Councillors.

The closing date for the manifestos to be submitted to their class teacher is next Friday (17th) and elections will be held the following week.



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: Adam, Zeah	Jhenae
Y1: Marie, Weronika	Jeremy
Y2: Aiden, Messie	Joy
Y3: Chinaza, Tianna	Madison
Y4: Isaiah, Janelle	Eden
Y5: Alysha, Britney	Joseph
Y6: Ben, Percy	Danilia



Gardening

Are you able to help with some gardening to keep the flower bed by the main gate tidy? You don't have to be 'green fingered' just keen to help! It's the first impression people get of Good Shepherd when they pass by on Dunley Drive or are a visitor to the school so we want to give a good impression.

If you would be happy to help out occasionally, then please let me know, your help would be very appreciated.



Scooters and bikes

It's great to see lots of children coming to school on scooters and bikes. Children are welcome to leave them at school in the bike shelter (located in the staff carpark).



However, please make sure that they do not ride them on the driveway but wait until they are down on Dunley Drive.

Start of the day

Please make sure your children arrives at school on time. School starts at 8:40am meaning they need to be ready to start their early morning work at that time. Thank you

Free School Meals

If you would like your child to benefit from free meals at school, see Mrs Snow in the office and she can check if you qualify.

Free courses for parents

Information on the next page.

Fr Con's Reflection

Wednesday was the feast of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



The church calculates it as running from December 8th, the great feast of her Immaculate Conception. We can see that the total number of months is nine.

Mary was Jesus' tutor throughout his childhood, during his adolescence and beyond. She taught him in the Hebrew Scriptures.

As a parent, why not commend your child's new academic year to her intercession?

Maybe your child is stronger in more practical assignments—Saint Joseph, then, would be most suitable to approach for his intercession. We know that he trained the young Jesus in carpentry—and, quite possible in how to work with stone.

In any event, have a blessed and successful new academic year within your family.

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

office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Day

FREE GOVERNMENT-FUNDED COURSES FROM THE AIM GROUP

Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget. We have several **Free** online Level 2 Accredited (OFSTED, NCFE, CACHE, CQC) Courses available to help parents better understand some key issues around neurodiversity and general wellbeing.

We currently have the following subjects available, along with others you may like:

- **Children & Young People's Mental Health** - Exploring mental health and understanding how to support individuals with mental ill-health. Developing skills to form a mentally safe environment.
- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** - Introduction to adverse childhood experiences. How family divorce, separation, bereavements and domestic violence affect family structures. Developing strategies to improve outcomes for children affected by adverse childhood experiences.
- **Equality and Diversity** - Introduction to the concept of equality and diversity and the importance of it in our society, community and workplace. BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) Groups and BLM (Black Lives Matters) appreciation.
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** - Understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, the importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties.
- **Challenging Behaviour** - A deeper understanding into why people act out. Developing methods and strategies to identify mental concerns and remedy difficult behaviour.

On average the courses take between **6- 8 weeks** to complete and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams or endpoint assessments are involved, the courses are purely Q&A based and are available to you 24/7. **You can do as many as you like**, however, you can just do one at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible is the following..

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2020
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years

Not already on a government-funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

Please be advised to only enrol if genuinely interested. These courses are paid for via government funds in order to allow the public to complete them for free. However, if the individual needs extra time (an additional 3/4 weeks for example) and communicates this to the college with a valid reason, extensions will be granted upon request.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online wellbeing courses, then please complete the following link below here -

[Good Shepherd Catholic Primary - Funded Link](#)

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