



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be at the beginning of November. A link to a survey has been texted to you yesterday to find out if you would prefer to speak to your child's teacher about their progress over the telephone or face to face.

Almost half the families have already responded which is fantastic—thank you for your very speedy replies. The opinion is fairly evenly divided with those who would prefer a face to face and those who would prefer a telephone appointment. For this reason, we will offer both telephone and face to face appointments so parents can choose whichever suits their particular circumstances best.

Harvest Mass

Tuesday 19th October is our Harvest Mass in church at 9:15am.

Parents are very welcome to join us for this.

Black History Month

We have been enjoying different genres of music in assemblies



recently with jazz music from Ella Fitzgerald last week and Nat King Cole this week. Next week we will be moving on to ragtime music by Scott Joplin.

Swimming

Year 6 will be attending swimming sessions every afternoon next week and the following week.

Harvest Donations

We are collecting items for the New Addington Food Bank again this year. They are in need of all long-life food items (tins and packets but nothing fresh). They also have a real need for:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste and Shower Gel.

Please send your donations into your child's class next week.



**Packets. Tins. Baby Products.
Toiletries. Cleaning Items**

Children's Day

I hope your children enjoyed their special lunch yesterday, sadly the Slush Puppy machine didn't arrive in time and so the children has this treat today instead. Thank you for the boxes of tissues, it's not too late to send in a box if you forgot to send one in on Thursday.



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	Kindness Award:
R: Emma, Haroon	Brue
Y1: Bishoy, Maria	Annaya
Y2: Aniyah, Gregor	Sefaah
Y3: Mi-Zani, Reon	Temilope
Y4: Abigail, Jeremiah	Elijah
Y5: Akintayo, Josef	Zachariah
Y6: Giancarlo, Tess	Emma



International Day

We will be celebrating International Day on Tuesday and have invited children to come to school in clothing reflecting their cultural heritage.

This is a non-uniform day for all children. Don't worry if you don't have clothing reflecting your particular country as your child can come in clothes in the same colours as the flag instead.

Please remember to pay £1 on ParentPay for the African drumming workshop if you have not done so already (Y1-6).



Parent Event

Croydon's Education Safeguarding Officer has invited you to Parent Zone.

Parent Zone Local offers a range of free live events for parents and carers.

You can find out more about what is on offer by joining one of the introductory events from 12th-16th October.

There will be more events you can register for from mid-October – exploring a range of topics. These will include: online safety, misinformation, screen time, gaming, and even a virtual family quiz event.

Learn more about the digital world from expert hosts. The link to the website is: <https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/events>

Harvest Assembly

The Year 5 class will be leading our Harvest assembly on Thursday at 9:05am. I hope the Year 5 parents will be able to join the school for this.

Fr Con's Reflection

Thursday was the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was instituted by Pope St Pius V and has been celebrated ever since the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, when the Christians defeated the Turks in a naval battle.

It was held that the Christians' victory was due to their invoking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, through praying the Rosary.

May we similarly seek her intercession for our times, especially during October and during the pandemic period.



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

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Day



Keep Reading!

Mrs Downing has been planning ahead for World Book Day in March and had hoped that David Walliams might be able to visit. Sadly, he's not able to come but has sent all the children a lovely letter.

Reading is such a vital skill so please encourage your child to read lots at home as this will help them in all areas of their school work.

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Wednesday 29th September

Dear Ms Downing and everyone at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

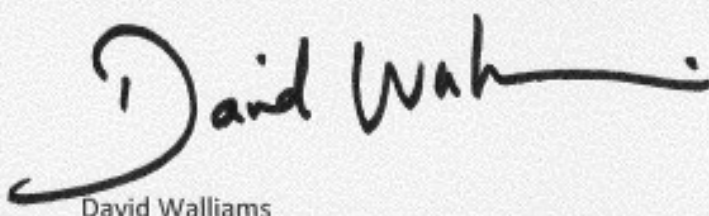
Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

I'm very pleased to hear you enjoy reading and you've read some of my books! I hope you've also managed to find other authors you like, as there are so many brilliant ones out there.

At the moment with the ongoing pandemic I am unable to do as many school visits as I would like to. Hopefully next year this will change and I'll be able to get out and about more.

Keep reading – it's good for you!

With love



David Walliams