



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

Admissions

The deadline is on Sunday for all applications to be finalised.

Nursery in September 2023

All parents must complete a school form.

Reception in September 2023

All parents must complete a Croydon form plus a school form.

Please note that parents of our current Nursery children must also do this.

Please remind family and friends of this important deadline.

Young Voices

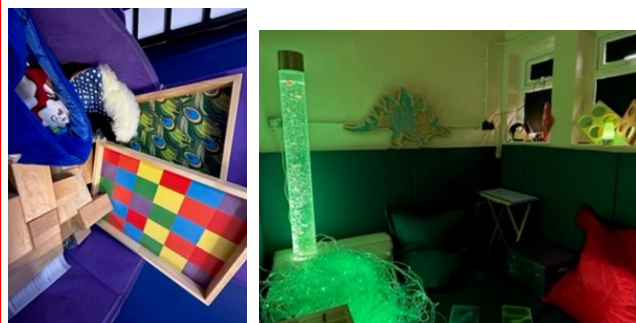
Our choir have an amazing opportunity to sing at the O2 Arena on Tuesday with thousands of other school children. They will be performing some of the songs on Thursday assembly for parents at 9:05am. Please note that this is also Y2's class assembly so I am sure we will have a bumper lot of parents.

Date Reminders

Tues 17 th January 8:40-9:40am	FROGS Coffee Morning
Thurs 19 th January 9:05am	Y2 class assembly and Young Voices mini concert (parents welcome)
Thurs 2 nd February 9.05am	Y6 class assembly (parents welcome)
6 th – 10 th February	Children's mental health week
Thurs 9 th February	School closes for half term
Fri 10 th February	Inset Day 4—no pupils

The Snug (Sensory Room)

Mrs Downing has been busy creating a beautiful sensory room called The Snug. This is 'A Room for All' and allows an opportunity to self-regulate.



Healthy School Street from 23 January

Dunley Drive & Walker Close will become a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone only between the hours of 8- 9.30am and 2 - 4pm from Monday to Friday, during school term time only.

The scheme will be enforced using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, which will only capture registration numbers of vehicles entering the Healthy School Street during operational hours and issue fines.

The scheme will start on Monday 23rd Jan. Make sure you leave enough time to walk or scoot to school.

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: Annette, Isabel,	Peter
Y1: Emma, Vanessa,	Sienna
Y2: Emerald, Malaika,	Joseph
Y3: Ronelle, Sefaah,	Ameliah
Y4: Alexander, Joseph,	Johan
Y5: Alimat, Mitchell,	Isaiah
Y6: David, Kayla,	Britney



Illness

There are currently high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever in UK schools.

However, children can continue to attend as normal unless they are unwell and have a high temperature. The NHS have a useful page on their website 'Is my child too ill for school'

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Cricket

Surrey County Cricket Club came to Good Shepherd today to deliver workshops to five classes in addition to their normal PE lessons. They will come every week until half term. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to experience a sport they might not encounter otherwise.



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

FROGS Coffee morning, Tuesday 17th January at 8.40am. Please try to come along. A poster is attached with more information.



Fr Con's Reflection

Last Sunday (8th January) was the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It concluded the Christmas season.



On the following day, we entered 'ORDINARY TIME' in the Church's calendar.

That Feast brings home to us the significance of our own baptism—the day when we entered the Family of God.

This month, in Tuesday assemblies, we will be examining Baptism. This Tuesday, in answer to the question 'What was different about Jesus' Baptism?' one child gave an interesting and quite humorous answer i.e. 'He did not have a sponsor.' When the question was repeated, another child gave the answer that was being looked for i.e. 'He was aged about 30.'

Baptism removes from the individual soul the mark of Original Sin passed down from Adam and Eve.

In our final prayer at that assembly we chose the 'HAIL MARY'. The children prayed it very devoutly. She is the highest honour of the human race, in that she had been preserved by God, totally free of the mark of Original Sin. As tutor to the young Jesus, she is the ideal person to approach in prayer for the children's success in all school activities.

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

Learning together as part of God's family