



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

Reading

Thank you to all the parents who regularly sign their children's reading journals. I know that it can be hard to know what to write, particularly in the junior classes, but these questions below might help you with your comments:

- ⇒ Who is the character you like least and why?
- ⇒ Do you think the author intended you to like / dislike this character? How do you know? Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?
- ⇒ Find two things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable?
- ⇒ If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to them?
- ⇒ Did this book make you laugh? Can you explain what was funny and why?
- ⇒ Have you read anything else by this author? Is anything similar? Does this book remind you of anything else? How?
- ⇒ Do you think the title of the book is appropriate? What would you have called it?

It is really important that children are heard reading and an adult reads to them also, it is not just something for younger or less confident readers!



Cricket

The children in five classes have been benefitting from a wonderful opportunity these past few weeks of having cricket lessons on Fridays delivered by a coach from Surrey County Cricket Club.



Fire Brigade Visit

Y2 and Y5 will be having a special visit from the Fire Brigade next week to explain to the children how they can keep themselves safe.



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: Nyah-Rae Joesiah	Nathan
Y1: Annabel K Jonathan	Zennia
Y2: Ariella Christable	Otiwaah
Y3: Tiffany Sefaa	Keziah
Y4: Precious Joseph	Precious
Y5: Ethen Ela	Janelle
Y6: Jaydin Yasmin	Christina



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

If you have any unwanted gifts you could regift to the school that would be much appreciated. FROGS are organising a Mother's Day sale in March and need a large number of suitable gifts. Please drop off any gifts to the school office.



Online Safety

If you're not a gamer, all the devices, features, interconnectivity with other games and apps can quickly become overwhelming. Here are some helpful tips to help keep children safe while gaming online. Click on this useful guide for tips on keeping children safe while gaming online.



[How to Ensure Your Children Stay Safe While Playing Online Games | NSPCC](#)

Year 6

Our Year 6 children are studying the ancient Kingdom of Benin and have produced a wonderful display.



Fr Con's Reflection

Wednesday of this week was the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (25th January).



At that time, he was Saul who was absolutely committed to rounding up Christians for persecution. He dramatically encountered the voice of Jesus from Heaven. He asked Jesus, "Who are you Lord?" and received the answer, "I am Jesus, and you are persecuting Me." Paul had to be led into Damascus by his companions as he had been struck blind.

With his name changed to Paul, he would suffer much for Jesus, as was foretold by Jesus Himself. Paul would use this great learning for the advancement of the Good News of the Gospel. He is always very balanced in his writings (e.g. EPHESIANS 6v.1 he says "CHILDREN, BE OBEDIENT TO YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD- THAT IS YOUR DUTY." And 3 verses later: "... PARENTS, NEVER DRIVE YOUR CHILDREN TO RESENTMENT, BUT IN BRINGING THEM UP, CORRECT THEM AND GUIDE THEM AS THE LORD DOES"

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*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day*

Learning together as part of God's family