



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022

## Harvest

Thank you for your kind donations to the Food Bank which we offered up in our Harvest Mass.



## Light Party

Monday 31st October 3:15-4:30pm

Tickets £2.50 on ParentPay



The Light Party will work the same way as school discos.

- All children N-Y6 will wear mufti (something white and nothing with a Halloween theme) on this day even if they are not going to the Light Party.
- Children who are not going to the Light Party should get collected at 3:15pm as usual.
- Children who have paid for the Light Party will be walked to the hall at 3:15pm and should get collected from their classroom door at 4:30pm.

## Responsibility

We have been looking at all the different ways we help children at Good Shepherd to show responsible attitudes towards society. Helping children develop responsibility gives them confidence in dealing with unexpected situations.

We thought you would like to hear how we do this:

**Reward acts of responsibility:** We reward children when they demonstrate acts of responsibility through praise, stickers and certificates. This shows them that responsible behaviour is a really good attitude to have and children are quick to grasp habits that they see in others on a daily basis.

**Get children involved:** We get children involved in different activities such as helping to give out books, collect up resources or pass messages to different members of staff. This helps to build children's confidence.

**Support Honesty:** When children make mistakes, we ask them the reason for their behaviour and encourage them to tell the truth. We also have reflection sheets. All this makes them feel valued and leads them towards the path of responsibility.

## Year 3 Educational Visit

The Year 3 class had a wonderful trip to the Natural History Museum this week linked to their Geography topic on volcanoes. They were able to demonstrate their knowledge of the causes and effects of volcanoes and the ways people protect themselves from volcanoes.



*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:

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Nathan, Petra,	Deniece
Y1: Aaron, Jhenae,	Zeah
Y2: Christable, Malaika,	Kyriacos
Y3: Tiffany, Yeabhne,	Uriel
Y4: Erin, Reon,	Daniel
Y5: Azariah, Abigail,	Angela
Y6: Chibuikem, Kayla,	Moturayo



## Admissions

Please remember to apply for Nursery and Reception places for September 2023. If you know of family and friends who are looking for a place, please let them know that 'every day is an Open Day' at Good Shepherd.

## Music and Art Classes at the Library

There are new Music, Dance and Drama classes taking place at New Addington Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. These classes are £3.40 per session or free for Free School Meal children.

There is a choice of instruments which children can learn (guitar, keyboard, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, violin or cello), or the opportunity to use their dance and drama skills and use them to create stories.

This is a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of. Click on the link for more information and to book a place.

[Library Classes — Croydon Music & Arts \(croydonmusicandarts.co.uk\)](http://croydonmusicandarts.co.uk)



## Fr Con's Reflection

Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> will be school reopening day after the half term break.



Hopefully every member of the school family (staff, pupils, parents and governors) will have had a good break and rest, by that point.

By an "interesting" quirk, October 31<sup>st</sup> is not just Halloween this year.

It is also the day when the newly-appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer (Jeremy Hunt) is due to give his FINANCIAL STATEMENT, following the recent fiscal turmoil on the world markets.

Clearly, this statement cannot be expected to bring happy reading or joyful hearing.

Economically, things are going to become considerably harder for families and individuals, so as to "balance the books" of the country's finances. We can sense what lies on the economic horizon. This makes having a happy half-term even more important! We must commit everything to God in prayer, for what inevitably lies ahead economically.

The media will have warned us, it is only from God that we will always receive a LOVING WARNING! May our motto be each day: "JESUS I TRUST IN YOU". (The caption beneath the image of the DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION).

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**  
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*Have a lovely half term.*

**School reopens at 8:40am on  
Monday 31st October.**

*Mrs Day*

*Learning together as part of God's family*