



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022

Welcome

We welcomed Miss Stephenson to Good Shepherd family this week. Miss Stephenson is working alongside Mrs Snow in the school office and is happy to help with any queries you have or help you need.

School Street

In the summer term, I invited you to take part in a consultation about making Dunley Drive a 'School Street' i.e. a traffic-free zone at drop-off and pick-up time.

The Local Authority plans were approved by the Croydon Cabinet recently for a trial period of 18 months.

This is exciting news as School Streets aim to improve safety around schools by limiting traffic and improving the air-quality.

Local residents living within the scheme area will be eligible to apply for a free School Street Exemption permit, so they can have access at all times. In addition, the council will provide exemption permits to some road-users who may need access such as Blue Badge holders. Other vehicles, such as emergency services or refuse vehicles will be automatically exempt.

More information regarding the timeline for works will be made available in the coming weeks.



More information about Healthy School Streets can be found on www.croydon.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets

Light Party

We held a very successful Light Party on Monday where the children enjoyed dancing and playing with glow sticks. They all looked wonderful in their white clothes to celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Thank you to FROGS for their eye-catching posters advertising the event.

The money raised from this event will subsidise the Christmas Pantomime this year. We have a travelling theatre group coming to Good Shepherd on Thursday 8th December to perform to the children.



School Nurses

The School Nurses visited Good Shepherd just before half term to give the 'flu vaccine to children. They wrote a super email:

"Thank you so much for a lovely session today, your children are lovely!"

Children can catch and spread flu easily. The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective and is offered every year to children to help protect them against flu. If your child missed their vaccination, please speak to your GP.

Poppies

We have poppies and poppy products (slap bands, reflective keyrings, pencils) available in the school office for both children and parents/carers. Please make a donation in the collecting box.



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, Chidera,	Emilia
Y1: Annabel A, Marcan,	Emma
Y2: Annaya, Azariah,	Josiah
Y3: Benjamin, Jevon,	Ronelle
Y4: Emike, Temi,	Erin
Y5: Elijah, Elmar,	Jeremiah
Y6: Bade, Josef,	Chibuikem, Nathanael, Sienna



Early Help

Early Help is the name of the support given to children, young people and their families where they have additional needs that are not currently being met. Their aim is to support families at the earliest point when challenges first arise and to stop these challenges escalating .

Early Help offers a range of services and provides direct support to families. They also work alongside organisations including housing, parenting programmes, employment services and mental health services.

With Early Help, a family key worker will work together with you and your family to identify what support is best for you and your family.

We have a number of families at Good Shepherd benefitting from Early Help at the moment. If you would like to find out more about Early Help, please speak to Mrs Downing for information and she can also refer you.

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



The next FROGS event is a coffee morning next Tuesday (8th November) at 8:40am in the school hall—everyone is welcome.

Fr Con's Reflection

This new month opens always with 2 momentous days, in terms of Liturgy.



November 1st is ALL SAINTS - a solemnity (or Solemn Feast). On that day we celebrate the CHURCH TRIUMPHANT in Heaven, our great intercessors before God's throne.

November 2nd is ALL SOULS - the Commemoration of the Souls of the Faithful Departed. They are eternally saved but must undergo further purification in Purgatory. They are known as the CHURCH SUFFERING. As they can do nothing to help themselves, they rely upon our all-year-round prayers of intercession on their behalf. Each of them will enter Heaven when God the Father, and He alone, sees that they have received into themselves sufficient additional light.

Each of us make up the CHURCH MILITANT (called 'militant' because we are striving to fight the good fight of the Faith).

These 3 categories comprise the fullness of the Church - Heaven, Purgatory, Earth. All 3 are so closely interconnected, and so let us humbly thank God in this special month of remembering all who have passed on ahead of us.

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