



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

## Chaplaincy

Did you know that we have a really active Chaplaincy Team at Good Shepherd?

The children in the Chaplaincy team shape and develop their role. Throughout the year, they will have opportunities to:

- ◆ Lead prayer and liturgies to small groups and the whole school
- ◆ Share Bible stories
- ◆ Engage pupils in activities to enhance their understanding of their faith and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- ◆ Plan and lead fundraising events
- ◆ Organise prayer events for significant occasions in the Liturgical calendar



Here are some of the reasons they have chosen to be part of the Chaplaincy team:

*"I like to try new things and see how I can become closer to God."*

*"I wanted to be a chaplain to follow the footsteps of God."*

*"I wanted to be a chaplain so I can be more like Jesus and spread the message of Good News."*

## Six Tips for Developing a Love of Reading

Read to your child, regardless of how old they are. Whether consciously or subconsciously, many parents stop reading to their children once their child has learnt to read themselves

Reading shouldn't just be reserved for bedtime. Lots of children's books are designed to be soothing and calming and prepare your child for sleep but there are also books that offer the opportunity for really good discussion or debate.

Check understanding with discussions. Instead of using direct questions, which can put a child on the spot, try and make speculations to encourage deeper thinking. Saying, 'I wonder why Tom opened the box?' instead of, 'Why did Tom open the box?' as this invites your child to make suggestions rather than putting them on the spot.

Embrace reading the same books again and again. Younger children in particular often enjoy hearing a favourite book over and over again.

Reading doesn't have to be all about fiction. Some children just don't get excited by magical worlds and fantasy. Some children prefer reading facts and some children enjoy both.

Suggesting to your child that sometimes, they might want to read to their pet or even a favourite stuffed toy is a great option as they never judge. Fear of making a mistake often holds a child back when they are asked to read aloud but, if they are confident their pet won't correct them, they might be more willing to give it a go.

**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: Jephaniah Annabel	Amelia
Y1: Jewel Chidera	Narai
Y2: Samuel Adam Mahmoud	Nahla
Y3: Annaya Abbey Jeremy	Keziah
Y4: Keziah Elianna	Gregor
Y5: Isaiah Tiammii	Joseph
Y6: Mezuo Azariah	Isaiah



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

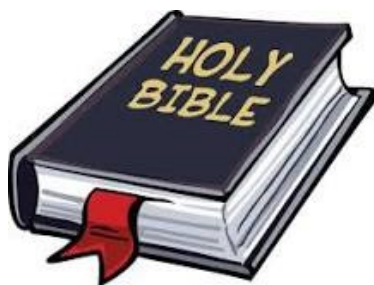
### Mother's Day Stall Donations

In support of the Mother's Day stall on Wed 6th and Thurs 7th March, we are kindly asking for parents to donate any unwanted items in good condition for our stall. We will also be collecting items for our Father's day stall too. Gift Donations are welcome until Wed 21st February at the School Office.



## Year 2 Class Assembly

The children in Year 2 led the school in a lovely assembly yesterday to celebrate the end of their Come and See RE topic. They reminded everyone about how the Bible is a very special book made up of the Old Testament and the New Testament.



## Dates for Your Diary

Th 1 <sup>st</sup> February 8:55am	Y5 class assembly (parents welcome)
M 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Mufti Day in support of Children's mental health
M 5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's mental health week
Th 8 <sup>th</sup> February 3:15pm	School closes for half term
Fr 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for pupils Inset Day 3

## Fr Con's Reflection

On the final two Wednesdays of January (24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>), we have two saints with a close connection.



St Don (or John) Bosco has his Memorial on the last day of the month. He was greatly involved in the sphere of education in 19<sup>th</sup> century Italy.

He founded a religious congregation under the patronage of St Francis, giving it its title of the Salesians.

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622) has his Memorial (or "Feast") a week earlier (January 24<sup>th</sup>). His most famous prayer reads: "DO NOT LOOK FORWARD IN FEAR TO THE CHANGES IN LIFE; RATHER LOOK TO THEM WITH FULL HOPE THAT, AS THEY ARISE, GOD (WHOSE VERY OWN YOU ARE) WILL LEAD YOU SAFELY THROUGH ALL THINGGS, AND WHEN YOU CANNOT STAND IT, GOD WILL CARRY YOU IN HIS ARMS."

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*Have a lovely weekend*  
*Mrs Day*

*Learning together as part of God's family*