



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

Is your Child Eligible for Pupil Premium?

If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium, please speak to the school office.

Your child will get:

- ◆ Free educational visits
- ◆ Half-priced clubs
- ◆ Additional support in class
- ◆ Plus, Good Shepherd will get extra funding from the government

Eligibility for Pupil Premium is based on family circumstances. If you are entitled to any of the following benefits, please speak to the school office:

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Pupils who previously qualified for free school meals based on the eligibility criteria mentioned above, but are no longer eligible, will continue to receive Pupil Premium for the next six years. It is essential that parents notify the school that their child is eligible for the school to receive the additional funding.

Attendance

It is usually appropriate to send your children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms such as a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. The [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) has further information.

So far, Year 1 is the only class to have had every child in school for the last two weeks. A really well done to Year 1. Please make sure your child is in school every day. All medical appointments must be booked after the school day so they do not interfere with your child's attendance.

As we head into autumn, many more illnesses go around so please ensure you complete the permission form for the seasonal flu vaccination. This is open to all children Reception-Year 6 and will help to reduce absences and the disruption they cause.

Maths Workshop

Mrs Lewis will be delivering a maths workshop for parents on Wednesday 27th September 8.45am - 9.30am in the hub.

At this session, you will find the answers to:

What is my child learning in maths?

&

How can I help?

This event is open to parents and carers from all year groups.



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:

Y1: Joesiah, Narai
Y2: Aaron, Jonathan,
Y3: Oscar, Zhyan,
Y4: Joy, Sabrina,
Y5: Funmi, Grigoriy,
Y6: Alimatu, Usman,

Kindness Award:

Petra
Haroon
Abhid, Azariah
Kayden
Mohamad
Abigail



School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday morning to take pictures of all children.



Could You Save a Child's Life?

Only 3% of the population are on the Bone Marrow Transplant donor list. Did you know that you can find out if you are suitable by having a simple cheek swab. Around 70% of those needing a bone marrow transplant are unable to have one because a suitable bone marrow donor cannot be found.

The British Bone Marrow Registry is particularly looking for men and women who are aged between 17 and 40 from black, Asian, minority ethnic or mixed (BAME) backgrounds.

They are doing an event in the new M&S on Purley Way this Sunday where members of the public can have a quick cheek swab to add them to the register.

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Thank you parents for attending our 1st Coffee Morning of the new term.



Our next Coffee Morning is Monday 16th October at 8.40am in the Hub. All parents are invited to come along.

If you are unable to make it, parents are welcome to join us online, on Monday 16th October at 8pm to have the opportunity to catch up on what was discussed in the Coffee Morning meeting.

Have a lovely weekend FROGS.

Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends with the Memorial ('Feast') of Our Lady of Sorrows. It follows the Feast of the Triumph (or Exultation) of the Holy Cross (Thursday 14th September).



His Calvary Cross represented the final and greatest Covenant made by God with his people—with us and with the world at large. Jesus triumphed on the Cross, by virtue of his Glorious Resurrection within three days of death.

His Mother Mary had followed Him all the way to Calvary's summit, straining to always be as close to Him, as allowed by the circumstances. Then she remained at the foot of the Cross.

She is our greatest intercessor in front of God's Throne and Her Son. As such, we can and should approach her in prayer with our concerns.

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