



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

Houses of Parliament

The new School Council had a very exciting trip to the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday with Miss Baxter and Mrs Snow. They had a tour around the House of Commons and House of Lords and took part in a workshop to learn about democracy.



Year 6 Assembly

The Year 6 children presented a lovely assembly yesterday to the school. Every class has now completed their first topic within our 'Come and See' RE programme and the children in Year 6 celebrated the work they have done on 'God is love'.

Harvest Collection

We are starting our annual harvest collection in school for the New Addington Food Bank. The collecting table in the hall will start on Monday and continue up to and including Tuesday 17th October which is the date of our Harvest Mass.

The Food Bank are looking for:

- ◆ Tinned vegetables (peas, potatoes etc.)
- ◆ Tinned fish (tuna, sardines etc.)
- ◆ Dried food (rice, pasta etc.)
- ◆ Toiletries (toothpaste, shower gel etc.)

Are you able to buy an extra item in your food shop for your child to bring to school?

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a teaching assistant and a lunchtime supervisor. Please see the school website for details or speak to the school office.

Black History Month

From Monday we will be celebrating Black History Month in classes and in assemblies. I will share each Friday in October some of the lovely things which have taken place.

Maths Workshop

Thank you to those parents who attended the maths workshop on Wednesday morning. The feedback from parents was that the session was really informative in letting them know simple ways to help at home which make a big difference. Parents found it helpful finding out what was covered in different year groups.

We will schedule a second date next term.

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: Luis Levi, Amelia,	Sofia
Y1: Sarah, Vincenzo,	Owen
Y2: Ari'ah, Nahla,	Mahmoud
Y3: Anna, Princess,	Joseph
Y4: Aniyah, Elianna,	Kezia
Y5: Daniel, Emike,	Isaiah
Y6: Adonai, Elijah,	Ethen



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Coffee Morning



FROGS Coffee Morning, Monday 16th October at 8.40am in the School Breakfast Hub. All parents are invited to come along.

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 5348733122 Code: 3agzK3

Light party

The Light Party is on Thursday 19th October 3.15pm - 4.30pm (Year 1-6). Children can wear white or bright coloured clothes on this day, as it is a Non-uniform Day. Tickets are £2.50 per child and is now available on your child's ParentPay account.

Reading Books

Does your child have phonics reading

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

books at home? If so, please send them back into school, they won't get into trouble! A reminder that their books need to come into school everyday for the phonics lesson and will go home again at the end of every day.

School Census

Our school census is this Thursday (5th) when we will be serving fish and chips for lunch. Our funding is partly determined by how many children have lunch on that day so please encourage your child to have a school lunch on Thursday.

Fr Con's Reflection

It is surely very reassuring that God has given each of us a Guardian Angel for all of our lives. (Monday 2nd October is the Memorial of the Guardian Angels).



Friday of this week is the Feast of the 3 leading Archangels: MICHAEL (whose name means "LIKE UNTO GOD"); GABRIEL (meaning "STRENGTH OF GOD"); RAPHAEL (meaning "GOD HEALS" or "HEALING OF GOD").

Sacred Scripture strongly encourages each of us to revere or reverence our Guardian Angel, offering "him" no resistance. "He" has a single "job description"- to look out for us- to look after us. The universal Church endorses this, encouraging us to even give a fitting name to our personal Angel.

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