



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 21st January 2022

Online Games

Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it's important that they play safely.

The NSPCC has some helpful advice for parents explaining some of the risks and ways in which parents can keep their children safe:

[How to Ensure Your Children Stay Safe While Playing Online Games | NSPCC](#)

There are also lots of tips and advice on setting parental controls as well.

Brownies and Cubs

There are several local groups in New Addington and Selsdon for children:

Beavers 6-8 year olds (mixed)

Cubs 8-10½ year olds (mixed)

Scouts 10½-14 year olds (mixed)

Brownies 7-10 year olds (girls)

Guides 10-14 year olds (girls)

Find out more about these clubs which are free to join:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

www.scouts.org.uk



The Friends of Good Shepherd

What is it?

All parents and carers are automatically members of the Friends of Good Shepherd.

It is run by the parents and carers of the children at Good Shepherd to support the school.

We have two aims:

- To organise events so parents and carers can get together socially e.g. coffee mornings
- To raise funds for the school through different fundraising ideas e.g. uniform sales, after school food stalls

Funds raised through these events go directly to the school to benefit all the children.

At the moment, we can't hold meetings or events inside the school due to coronavirus restrictions but we hope to be able to restart these again soon.

We will be looking for parents who are happy to fill the roles of chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. More information about what these entail will be coming out soon but please give some consideration as to whether this is something you could help with.



In the meantime, our next tea/coffee event is on Thursday 3rd February at 8:45am and 2:45pm in the carpark.

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:	Dennis, Zennia,	Clemence
Y1:	Esmerelda, Otiwaah,	Marie
Y2:	Azariah., Uriel,	Ivanna
Y3:	Joseph, Madison,	Raphael
Y4:	Angela, Declan,	Elmar
Y5:	Aviah, Britney,	Nathanael
Y6:	Malachi, Otzara,	Sebastian



Household Support Fund

After receiving funding from government, the council has now launched a fund to support residents who are struggling to buy food, heat their home or purchase essentials such as fridge/freezer, oven/microwave, a bed or bedding.

Residents can refer themselves or a school can refer on a parent/carers' behalf, with permission. Residents must be able to demonstrate that they do not have funds to cover the items being requested and will need to evidence any income and provide a bank statement.

Full details and application form can be found at the link below. Applications for food/fuel will be processed within 48 hours and household items, within 4 weeks.

[Household Support Fund \(HSF\) | Croydon Council](#)

Please note that this support is open until 31st March 2022.

Menu Change

Next Thursday (27th) is National Chocolate Cake Day so there will be a delicious chocolate cake for pudding that day!



Fr Con's Reflection

We are in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Each year, it begins on 18th January, concluding 25th, which is the feast of the conversion of St Paul (formally Saul).

Sch unity is so desired by the heart of Jesus. In John's Gospel (chapter 17, verses 21-23), he says to God the Father:

"MAY THEY ALL BE ONE. FATHER, MAY THEY BE ONE IN US, AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU, SO THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE IT WAS YOU WHO SENT ME. I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE GLORY YOU GAVE TO ME, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE. WITH ME IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, MAY THEY BE SO COMPLETELY ONE THAT THE WORLD WILL REALISE THAT IT WAS YOU WHO SENT ME, AND THAT I HAVE LOVED THEM AS MUCH AS YOU LOVED ME."

We see how wonderful is the end of this extract: Jesus loves us with exactly the same degree of love as God the Father loves Him, his only Begotten Son.

Perhaps, on Tuesday 25th January, we could pray to St Paul, asking him to intercede for a lasting Christian unity across the world.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day*