



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Thank you for your on-going prayers following the death within our school community this week. It is at times like this that we remember how important it is to join together as a community of faith.



## Curriculum Coverage

Parents are encouraged to look at the curriculum maps on the website to learn about what their children are learning at school.

[Curriculum | Good Shepherd Primary \(goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk\)](http://goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk)

## Reading Buddies

Every Thursday 4:00-4:45pm there is a free session at New Addington Library for 4-9 year olds. This is a chance to listen to stories, design and make story props or crafts and use them to create your own stories. These are fun sessions to explore books, encourage reading and discuss books in small groups. The sessions are free but spaces are limited so please contact the library in advance to book a space for your child on 0207 884 5205 or [newaddingtonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:newaddingtonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk)

## Allergies

Parents and carers are politely asked not to give sweets or snacks to other children after school as we have a number of children at Good Shepherd with allergies and dietary restrictions.

## Cafod World Gifts

Every class has a collecting tin in their classroom and have been collecting money for Cafod World Gifts. World Gifts are a great chance to learn about our global neighbours, and how we can help them by working together to build a brighter world where people have clean, safe water to drink and enough food to eat. Everyone has a safe home, children can go to school, and anyone who is sick can visit a doctor or nurse.

Catholic Social Teaching, or CST, is at the heart of what we do and who we are. Our Lenten collection for World Gifts links closely with two of these principles in particular: the Common Good (or thinking of everyone) and Solidarity (or showing we care).

Please encourage your child to bring in some money for this worthwhile charity.



## Year 1 Trip

The Year 1 children has a wonderful trip to New Addington Library yesterday afternoon to learn about how books were organised in a library. They also got a chance to look at some books linked to their 'Childhood then and now' history topic.



*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	Kindness
R: Amelia, Emeda,	Jasmine
Y1: Adepa, Nyah-Rae,	Petra
Y2: Natalio, Zeah,	Marcan
Y3: Kyriacos, Zarah,	Abhid
Y4: Makamona, Oscar,	All of Y4
Y5: Ethan, Joseph,	Saviour
Y6: Alimat, Declan,	Mezuo, Usman



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

### Mother's Day Stall Sale



Mother's Day Stall Sale is on **Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March**. Gifts for sale from £2.00 - £5.00. Don't forget to give your child money, so they can buy something special for you.

### Parent volunteers needed.

We are in need of some parent volunteers to help with our **Mother's Day stall** on **Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March**. If you can help, please speak to Christy or Eleesha.

### Easter Egg Competition.

Our **Easter Egg Competition** is now open from **Nursery to Year 6**. It's **50p** to enter. A blank A4 size Easter Egg template has been given to each child, with instructions. All entries due in by **Friday 22nd March**.

## Parents Evening

Parents' evening will be on 12th and 19th March—more information next week.

## Fr Con's Reflection



On Wednesday of last week (21<sup>st</sup> February) Canon Gerard Bradley visited our school. (A few weeks ago, Fr Con had telephoned his office, expecting to speak with his Permanent Secretary, Jacques Lambert, concerning Confirmation. It was Canon Gerard himself who answered, and expressed a wish to commence with visits to the schools in his sub-area of the Southwark Archdiocese. Canon Gerard is Episcopal Vicar for the South-West area of our diocese - this means he is, in effect, carrying out many of the duties of an Area Bishop).

So, his visit to us was arranged informally. He arrived at the start of the school day. (Fr Con could not join until about 10.15am due to Mass at 9.15am).

Fr. Con testifies that Canon Gerard was very impressed with what he witnessed in the various classrooms - how very engaged the children were and how well the staff kept them engaged. Fr. Con endorses this as he too saw this for himself.

That day was a Lenten day of Reflection across the school.

It is to the great credit of the staff, and thereby of the children too, that so strong an evidence of engagement with the Christian Faith was, and is, on display.

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*