



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022

Saint Patrick's Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 17th March and children are invited to wear the colours of the Irish or Nigerian flag as St Patrick is patron saint of both countries. Please send in £1 donation.



Support for Parents

Deposits / Rent in Advance / Rent Arrears
Housing operate a discretionary scheme which is grant funded to help with the above – full detail and how residents can apply can be found here - <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/benefits/financial-hardship/discretionary-housing-payments>

Finding private rented accommodation
Croydon have compiled some guidance here - <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/housing/find-home/step-by-step/find-home-croydon-step-step/find-your-own-privately-rented-home>

Young Croydon This resource is more aimed at young people seeking help for emotional and wellbeing issues. <https://youngcroydon.org.uk/>

Children, Young People and Families Support Directory A large list of various services operating all over the borough. <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/find-support/support-directory>

Local Offer Links to services for children and families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. <https://localoffer.croydon.gov.uk/kb5/croydon/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=5>

Parents Evening

Both face-to-face meetings and telephone meetings will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. You should have received your appointment time already but please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure of your time slot.

Please arrive no more than 5 minutes before your allocated time in order to reduce the number of parents gathering together in one place. Infant appointments will be held in the lunch hall and junior appointments will be held in the main hall.

COVID-19 vaccination for 5-11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

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: Jaaziel, Jonathan,	Zennia
Y1: Jayden, Malaika,	Esmerelda
Y2: David, Rashaad,	Messie
Y3: Emike, Leonie, Reon,	Eleana
Y4: Chazona, Elijah,	Jevon
Y5: Aaliyah, Ethan C,	David
Y6: Edwin, Faith,	Kaitlyn



Parental Concerns

Please could I remind parents that they must always speak to the class teacher if they have concerns or worries about something which has happened in school and not approach other parents.

Easter Camp

St Joseph's have applied for funding to host an Easter Camp again this year from 4 -7 April 9am to 3pm. A hot lunch is included with plenty of activities for children from Reception age to Year 6 with access to their onsite forest school and adventure trim trail.

Free School Meal eligible children (please see <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> for the criteria) can attend for free. Fee-paying places are available at £20 per day.

Further details, including the registration forms and contact details of the camp organisers, are on our website below:

<https://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/community/haf/>

Clubs

There are no more clubs this term unless your child's club leader has sessions to make up.

Lent

Each class has a Lenten box to collect money for Cafod between now and Easter. Please remember to send some loose change in with your child. Cafod have a Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and our donations will help local experts in Ukraine to provide food, water, healthcare, shelter and clothing.

Fr Con's Reflection

On Wednesday of this week we were one week into the Holy Season of Lent.

On Thursday of this week we were 2 weeks into Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It can justifiably be held that 'Ukraine' has supplanted 'Pandemic' as the major intention of prayer during this Lent.



I have been told that on You-Tube there has been shown Ukrainian mothers offering food and drink to starving Russian soldiers. One mother asked one soldier for his' phone number, dialled it and showed him his mother. Understandably he burst into tears.

In such an horrific war such examples of heroic charity are so impressive.

Indeed, we must pray for Ukraine. Also, we must remember ordinary Russian people in their country who are vehemently opposed to the war.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Day