



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2022

## St Patrick's Day

It was lovely to see everyone in green and white yesterday. The Friends of Good Shepherd raised £109.



## Absence

Please remember to contact the school office every day of your child's absence.

## Freedom Programme

The Freedom Programme is a domestic violence programme, the programme usually lasts for 11 or 12 weeks and is FREE. The Freedom Programme examines the attitudes and beliefs of victims and survivors. The aim is to help them to make sense of and understand what has happened to them. The Freedom Programme also describes in detail how children are affected by being exposed to this and how their lives are improved when the abuse is removed. To find out more, please visit their website.

[The Freedom Programme. Learn about domestic violence and abuse](#)

## Mission Statement

The children have been revisiting the school's Mission Statement and coming up with ideas to make it more child-friendly and memorable. Our current one can be viewed on the website: [Mission Statement | Good Shepherd Primary](#) ([goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk](http://goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk)) If you have any good ideas, please share them!

## Assembly

Whilst still being careful of covid, we are delighted to be welcoming back parents to our class assemblies:

Thursday 24th March  
Reception class Mothers' Day assembly

Friday 25th March  
Y2 Poetry Performance

Tuesday 29th March  
Y5 Palm Sunday assembly

Wednesday 30th March  
Y4 Last Supper assembly

Thursday 31st March  
Y3 Way of the Cross assembly

All of these will start promptly at 9:05 in the main hall and parents are welcome to arrive at 9:00.



## Girls' Football Tournament

Our girls' football team played a brilliant set of games in a recent tournament at Coloma against the other Catholic primary schools. They had been coached by Mr Britto and Miss Maynard and really enjoyed the event.



*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: Lydiane, Natalio,	Keiron
Y1: Keziah, Mateo,	Leylah
Y2: Simon, Udele,	Makamona
Y3: Kacee, Nia,	Ibrahim
Y4: Alimat, Ethen,	Akshaya
Y5: Kaiden, Joseph,	Yasmin
Y6: Jonathan, Joshua,	Nana, Kaitlyn, Isabella



### Supporting Neurodiversity in Families

Mrs Downing is hosting a free video workshop (with light refreshments) led by a very well respected Educational Psychologist in the hall on:

**Thursday 31st March 10:00-11:30am**

The session will cover practical strategies to support families.

Please let Mrs Downing or the school office know if you would like to attend.

### Behaviour at Home

I have attached two documents 'Disciplining your Child' and 'Positive Parenting'. I hope you will find these helpful resources.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who has spoken to their child's class teacher this week, I know there are still a few appointments still to happen.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Schools have been granted an extra day holiday this year to mark this landmark occasion. This will be on Friday 27th May, just before the May half term holiday.

### Gardening

Do you have green fingers? If you would be interested in a paid gardening job at school please contact the school office.



### Fr Con's Reflection

We are now 2 weeks into the Holy Season of Lent.



The horrors of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has now lasted for 3 weeks.

This has impacted very negatively upon Lent – for just when the world was opening up again regarding COVID-19, and concluding that we would have to learn to live with it, along came this horrendous war!

The horrors are all-too-apparent from our TV screens.

Yet, humankind is showing great charity towards the refugees. This is indeed warming for the heart and soul of the TV viewer.

There are so many ongoing examples of people denying themselves in some respect, so as to aid the refugees.

Such examples of real penance and penitence display a true Lenten Spirit.

So, although Lent has been somewhat compromised by this war, it is still very much a Holy Season of God's grace.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**  
**office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk**

*Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Day*