



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy

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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 2, 29th September 2021

| September | |
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| 30 th | Year 4 Egyptian Day |
| October | |
| 1 st | Celebration Assembly for Key Stage 1 – 2.45pm |
| 5 th | PTA Meeting – 7.30pm in school |
| 5 th | Parents' Evening – Mrs Dickinson's class, Year 1 and Year 2 |
| 6 th | Parents' Evening – Nursery, Mrs Whittle's class and Years 3 to 6 |
| 8 th | Mental Health Day – Non uniform & wear something yellow |
| 8 th | Celebration Assembly for Key Stage 2 – 2.45pm |
| 13 th | Harvest Mass in School – 9.30am |
| 15 th | Celebration Assembly for Key Stage 1 – 2.45pm |
| 15 th | Last day of the half term |
| November | |
| 1 st | All Saints' Day mass in school – 9.30am |
| 2 nd | Year 5 to the Space Centre |
| 9 th | Individual and family photographs |
| 26 th | Non-uniform Day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair |
| 27 th | Good Shepherd Christmas Fair: 10.30am -2.30pm in the Church Hall |

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already five weeks into this new term! The children are working so hard in school and I am really enjoying getting to know them a little better each day – though learning and remembering all the names is still proving to be challenging!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with the cake and pre-loved uniform sale last Friday – it raised well over £200 for school. Many thanks also to the PTA for running this event and for hosting tea and coffee at our recent parent events – we really are so grateful for all you do to support our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Celine Toner

Covid - 19

As you know from my recent correspondence via MyEd, we have currently got several confirmed cases of Covid in Year 6. Whilst I know this is worrying, please rest assured that we are doing everything we can to prevent further cases across school and have put several mitigations in place to protect the staff and children. If you are worried that your child has been in close contact with an infected individual, the most recent advice from Public Health England is to go for a PCR test.

Further to this, and following advice from Public Health, we have been advised that whilst this outbreak is in school, we should limit the number of people on site and avoid mixing large groups of children from different year groups. Therefore, until further notice, **all collective worship and celebration assemblies will take place in classrooms and parents are not permitted to attend.**

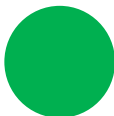
Parents' Evenings

I trust that many of you have managed to sign up to the virtual parents' evening via the app, School Cloud. Attached to this newsletter is a 'how to' guide regarding accessing the meeting. Please note that each session is timed and the meeting will automatically close once the 5 minutes are up. Therefore, to avoid missing your slot, it is crucial that you are on time for your meeting. Many thanks.

Behaviour at The Good Shepherd



You're a star!

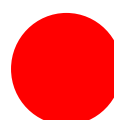


Expected behaviour at GSA

(Verbal warning)



First warning



1. 5 minutes time out

2. Reflection Time

Following a review of the current policy, we have made a few small changes to the behaviour systems in school. As you can see from the diagram on the left, green still represents 'expected behaviour' at The Good Shepherd. However, children will now have the opportunity to go beyond 'green' and get placed on the star for going above and beyond with their conduct and/or their work in class. When children are required to move their name to orange or red, they will be encouraged to earn it back - effectively giving them the opportunity to modify their behaviour and make their way back to green or 'the star'.

For more information, please see the new Behaviour Policy, which is available to view via the school website. Any comments or questions about the changes are very welcome.

Harvest Mass

Assuming we are permitted to do so, we will celebrate our first mass of this academic year on Wednesday 13th October in school. The theme of the mass is 'Harvest' and we ask that you send in donations for the Arnold Foodbank. Examples of donations are:

- Dried food cupboard staples: pasta, rice, tinned goods, pasta sauces etc
- Crisps/snacks/biscuits
- Tea/coffee
- Long life milk
- Toiletries: nappies, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant etc.

We also welcome fruit and vegetable and ask that these are donated no earlier than Tuesday 12th October.

I regret, that as things stand with the recent Covid outbreak, parents will not be permitted to join us for the mass. Should this change, I will let you know.

World Mental Health Day – Friday 8th October – Hello Yellow!

We are excited to join with people all over the world to recognise and raise awareness of the importance of good mental health by taking part in World Mental Health Day. Children across school will spend the day taking part in a variety of mindfulness and wellbeing activities and should come to school dressed in comfy clothes and trainers.

Children are also invited to wear something yellow in recognition of the day – as little or as much as you like!

Farewell to Joe McCay

Our school chaplain, Joe McCay said goodbye to us this week as he leaves to further his career. Joe has supported the faith journey of our children for the past four years and we are very sorry to see him go. Please remember him in your prayers as he takes up his new position as Prison Chaplain.