



## The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy

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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 4, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### November

15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week – please see attached letter
23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA AGM - 7.30pm at Hugo's - Mansfield Rd, Sherwood, NG5 2FW
25 <sup>th</sup>	Book fair in school for one week
26 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform Day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair
27 <sup>th</sup>	Good Shepherd Christmas Fair: 10.30am - 2.30pm in the Parish Centre

### December 2021

4 <sup>th</sup>	Secret Santa in the Parish Centre – 1 till 3pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Mass in church – 10am
7 <sup>th</sup>	Panto Day in school – funded by the PTA
8 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Christmas Carols - stay and play - 9 till 10.30am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Activity and Disco Day – arranged by the PTA
9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery & Reception to Lakeside Theatre to watch 'The Gingerbread Man'
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Nativity Performance – 9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity Performance – 2pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity Performance – 10am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 trip to the Galleries of Justice
16 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Nativity Performance – 2pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service in church - 10am / last day of term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term break – although it seems like such a long time ago now! The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and have already taken part in some fantastic experiences... All Saints Mass, Space Museum, Stone Age Day and Remembrance Liturgy to name just a few. Please be sure to read our diary dates to hear of what else is coming up this term.

We are so proud of the children who entered the 'All about Me' poetry competition. Congratulations and well done to: Amy M, Evangelos, Francesca F, Gabriel D, Hattie J, Inioluwa A, Johan J, Lily G, Lottie H, Lucia B, Maria A, Megan W, Nancy S and Selikem G. Their poems have been selected to be published in a new book, copies of which are available in school for children to read.

Yours sincerely,

Celine Toner

### Attendance and Punctuality

As you know, it is crucial that children attend school every day on time. However, if your child is unwell please ensure you contact the office by 9.30am on the first day of absence. Please note that if your child has symptoms of Covid, you will need to take them for a PCR test as per government guidelines. A lateral flow will not suffice when symptoms are present.

In addition, please support us by ensuring your child is in school every day on time. The school gate is open between 8.45 and 8.55am and only parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are permitted to walk children into school. Children who arrive after 8.55am will be given a late mark and must enter school via the office. Any child who arrives to school after 9.15am will be given an absence mark. For more information about attendance and punctuality, please access our 'Attendance and Punctuality Policy' which is available to view on our school website.

### Requesting leave for your children during term time

Please be aware that I am only permitted to authorise absences where there are **exceptional circumstances** and this does not include family holidays. Requests must be put in writing via the school office. Each request will be looked at on a case-by-case basis and you will be notified of the decision in writing. If we are unable to authorise your request, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised and may result in a fine from the local authority. Fines are issued at £60 per child, per parent. Further information is contained in the school's Attendance and Punctuality policy.

### Attending School Events

We are pleased to be able to welcome parents back to celebration assembly since returning to school this half term. However, in order that we maintain safety and keep numbers low, only parents of children receiving an award are permitted to attend (one parent per child). When attending, we ask that you keep your distance from each other and wear a face covering.

As it stands, we also intend to invite parents to our Christmas events in limited numbers. We will keep you updated about this and will send further information nearer the time. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### First Confession and Holy Communion



For those of you who have children eligible to take part in the programme for First Confession and Communion this academic year, please remember to fill in an enrolment card which are available at the back of Church.

### Parish Christmas Fair: 27<sup>th</sup> November – 10.30am – 2.30pm

Just another reminder about the Parish Christmas Fair on 27<sup>th</sup> November. This is a wonderful social event and a great opportunity for the school and parish to work together to raise vital funds for the upkeep of our Church. **Remember - non-uniform on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November in exchange for a bottle for the bottle stall which is run by the school PTA.**

### Secret Santa: 4<sup>th</sup> December 1-3pm in the Parish Centre

Tickets for the parish Secret Santa Party are on sale via MyEd, priced at £4.00 each – adult and child tickets available. Each gift is valued at least £4.00, with one box containing the top prize of £200! All money raised will support the parish building fund which looks to be an estimated cost of £200,000 over the next few years. If you would like a ticket, but are unable to attend the will be available to collect via the school office from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Dinner Day – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

A letter regarding Christmas dinner will be sent home with your child on Monday. Please complete and return to school, along with a cash payment, if applicable, by 22<sup>nd</sup> November.