



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy

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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 8, 4th February 2022

February

7 th – 10 th	Parents' Evenings
7 th	Mass in school
8 th	Safer Internet Day
10 th	Non-Uniform Day, Cake Sale and Pre-loved uniform
11 th	INSET Day – school closed to children

Half Term: 14th – 18th February

21 st	Return to school after half term
24 th	Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

March

1 st	Year 6 SAT's & Briars meeting
2 nd	Ash Wednesday
11 th	Family Fast Day
14 th	Lenten Reflection Day
18 th	Police Service in Year 6 – Knife Crime presentation
20 th	Stations of the Cross – 12pm in Church
21 st	CAFOD Sponsored Walk
25 th	PTA Disco's (rescheduled from Christmas)
28 th – 1 st	Y6 Briars Residential
31 st	Zoolab Animal Handling Company visiting Year 1 – more information to follow

April

1 st	Last day of term
19 th	Children return to school
20 th	Reception & Y6 Height & Weight Check – more information to follow

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It is hard to believe we are already almost half-way through this academic year... how time is flying! Please do take care to read the content of this newsletter as it contains important information about up-coming dates and events.

At the time of writing, Covid cases are finally reducing across school and classes can gather together once more for collective worship and hymn practice.

Unfortunately, we are still not permitted to allow non-essential visitors to school. We hope that, assuming cases remain stable, we will soon be able to welcome parents back into school to share and celebrate events with us again.

Please note that school will close for half term Next Thursday 10th February and reopens on Monday 21st.

Many thanks,

Celine Toner

Upcoming PTA Events and Non-Uniform Day

The PTA met earlier this half term and have scheduled some upcoming events – please see their attached newsletter for further details.

Please note that next Thursday, 10th February is non-uniform day in school - £1 per child. There will also be a cake and pre-loved uniform sale in the KS2 playground after school. All proceeds from these events will go towards the Guinsaugon Typhoon Appeal. One of our families, Patrick and Amelita Walker are raising money for Amelita's hometown in the Philippines that was devastated by the recent typhoon there. For more information about their fundraising, please see the poster in reception or visit [Crowdfunding to help restore/repair the church,school and houses of Guinsaugon village St. Bernard Southern Leyte Philippines. on JustGiving](#)



Residential Trips

Year 6 – The Briars

The children in year 6 are excited for their upcoming residential trip to the Briars Catholic Youth Centre in Crich – Monday 28th March to Friday 1st April. The staff team are holding an information evening about this on Tuesday 1st March. We hope to do this in person but will clarify this nearer the time.



Year 5 – Hathersage



We are pleased that we will once again be able to take our Year 5 children on a residential to Hathersage next term – week beginning 6th June. We are still awaiting the final costings of this and hope to be able to send more information to Year 5 parents before we break up next week.

Parents' Evenings

As you know, parents' evenings for all classes take place next week. Please click this link to access school cloud and start your meeting [SchoolCloud - The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary, Arnold](#)

For those who have not yet signed up, there is still time to do so. If you need any help, please contact Mrs della-Spina in the school office who will be more than happy to assist you.

Birthday Treats

Since starting here in September, one of the things lots of the children have suggested I introduce, is for them to be able to bring in a small treat in for their classmates on their birthday. I am more than happy for this to take place (as long as they save one for me!) If your child would like to do this to celebrate their upcoming birthday, please ensure you send them with treats that are individually wrapped and **do not contain nuts**. Staff will allow children to give them out at the end of the day for them to enjoy at home.

Midday Supervisor Required – to start as soon as possible.

We are still in need of a midday supervisor in school. Please see the attached flyer for further details and I would be most grateful if you could also pass the information on to anyone who might be interested in the position. Thank you.