



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy

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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 11, 27th April 2022

May

2 nd	Bank Holiday – school closed
9 th – 12 th	Year 6 SATs week
17 th	Class Photographs
17 th	Summer Fair Planning Meeting – 7pm in school – all welcome
20 th	Year 6 'Celebration Day'
21 st	First Reconciliation – 10.30am in Church
24 th	Year 1 grandparents' day – more information to follow
25 th	Jubilee Celebration Event – further details below
26 th	Ascension Day – 9.15am mass in school
27 th	PTA non-uniform 'Bend the Rules Day'. School breaks up for half term

June

6 th	Return to school
6 th -8 th	5AM to Hathersage
8 th -10 th	5MS to Hathersage
18 th	First Holy Communion – 11am in Church
20 th	First Holy Communion mass in school – 9.30am
20 th	EYFS 'book look'
21 st	KS1 'book look'
22 nd	KS2 'book look'
28 th	New starters parents' meeting – 6pm in the hall
29 th	Feast of St Peter & Paul mass in school - 9.30am

July

1 st	Summer Fayre – 3.30-6pm
5 th	Year 1 trip to Brackenhurst Outdoor Centre
7 th	Nursery trip to Wheelgate
8 th	Year 3 trip to Magna Science Centre
11 th	Year 4 trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve
12 th	Year 2 to Sherwood Forest
19 th /20 th	Year 6 Performance - 6pm
25 th	Leavers Mass – 9.30am
25 th	Last day of term

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all managed to have a lovely Easter break and enjoy some of the beautiful sunshine that blessed us, especially over Easter weekend. We look forward to a busy term ahead with many things already planned in the diary – SATs for year 6, Hathersage for year 5, The Queen's Jubilee, Summer Fayre and First Holy Communion to name but a few.

Along with this newsletter are the term dates for next academic year – 2022-23. Please note that we still have one INSET day yet to confirm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Toner



Mothers' Day Liturgy

Many thanks to all the parents who joined Reception Class for their Mothers' Day liturgy at the end of last term. It was a wonderful celebration and many tears were shed! Thanks also to the staff who worked hard to bring it all together and especially the children who were so confident in sharing all the lovely things that make their mummies so special.

Reception parents – please note that staff are still finalising the date and venue for their summer term trip, details of which will be confirmed next week.

Year 6 SATs

The children in year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which take place week beginning 9th May. As part of their preparations, they will have breakfast, provided by school, each morning before their tests take place. Please remember them in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Ukraine Fundraising

I just wanted to update you on the final amount raised for our Walk for Ukraine appeal. As a school community **we have raised £5000** which is an amazing achievement. Thank you so much. Over the next few weeks, Mr and Mrs Pacey (supported by Mrs Wilson) will be selling raffle tickets after school in the outdoor classroom. They have two lovely hampers for you to win. Tickets are priced at £1.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are planning a street party in school on Wednesday 25th May. Children are invited to come to school dressed in clothes from a decade of Her Majesty's reign – from the 1950's through to the present day.

We will be taking part in a variety of exciting and fun activities throughout the day, including holding a big street party on the playground at lunchtime (weather permitting). We hope you can help make this a success by providing food for us to share on the day. Please look out for a letter next week with further information regarding how you can help.

Class Photographs - 17th May

Please send children to school dressed in full uniform – girls can wear summer dresses if preferred. If your child has PE on the day, please send them in with their kit to get changed into.

Sports Day

Dates for Sports Day will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Thank you

You may have noticed that we have had some new tarmac laid at the front of school and on the path around Early Years. Many thanks to one of our parents, Paul Scullion, who arranged this for us, free of charge.

Thanks also to Eddie Jones who repaired the wall at the front of school and to Pat Dracott who painted one of our intervention rooms.

Book Looks

You will notice on the dates for diary that we have put in a 'book look' for each key stage – week beginning 20th June. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, to have a look at their books and share the learning environment with them. Classrooms will be open from 3pm until 4pm and we hope to see you there.

KS1 Outdoor Gym

The children were so excited to start using the new gym equipment this that was installed in their playground over Easter. Thanks again to our PTA for raising the funds for this. The children absolutely love playing on it whilst improving their fitness too.

New school website. The OLoL Trust are in the process of migrating all current school website onto a common Trust format. The new Good Shepherd site has gone live today. Please note that diary dates are no longer on the home page. They can now be accessed via the parent tab and then school and term diary dates.