



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy

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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 13, 17th June 2022

June

18 th	First Holy Communion – 11am in Church
20 th	Year 4 to CTK – Sports Festival
20 th	First Holy Communion mass in school – 9.30am
20 th	EYFS and 1HC 'book look' from 3pm
21 st	KS1 'book look' from 3pm
21 st	PTA Meeting to finalise Summer Fayre – 7pm in school
22 nd	KS2 'book look' from 3pm
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
11 th	Reception trip to Twycross Zoo
12 th	Year 2 to Sherwood Forest
14 th	Year 4 visit to CTK
19 th	Year 5 visit to CTK
19 th /20 th	Year 6 Performance - 6pm
25 th	Leavers Mass – 9.30am
25 th	Last day of term

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half term break – although it already feels like a lifetime ago! The children have come back to school in great spirits and have got so many exciting things coming up. We look forward to spending the last few weeks together before the summer holidays begin.

We had such a wonderful time at our Jubilee party before half term. The children and staff enjoyed having lunch together before dancing to some great music from across the decades. Many thanks to all of you who came to see the children perform their songs at the end of the day too.

Many thanks also to all those who attended Grandparents' Day in Year 1. The children loved showing their grandparents our school and having the opportunity to take part in many different activities together.

Please do keep a copy of the dates for diary above for your reference and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events – Holy Communion, Summer Fayre, Sports Day...to name just a few.



Sports Day Timetable

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	11 th July	2.15pm
Reception	13 th July	9.15-10.15am
Year 1 & 2	14 th July	2pm
Year 3 & 4	12 th July	2pm
Year 5 & 6	13 th July	2pm

First Holy Communion

Many of our children will be receiving Jesus for the first time tomorrow in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers. We will be celebrating mass for them in school on Monday 20th at 9.30am, to which you are very welcome to attend.

Staffing News

Leavers:

We say farewell to several staff at the end of this term. Mrs Scorer, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Brown and Mrs Newham are all retiring. Can I take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the Good Shepherd Community over many years. I wish them well in their retirement and I am sure they have many more adventures to come.

Miss Leonard, who has worked tirelessly as our SENCo and Assistant Headteacher for the past 6 years, leaves us at the end of this term to pursue a change in career. Mrs Powell also leaves after securing a teaching position elsewhere. I thank them both for all their hard work.

New Appointments:

Following a successful interview today, Mr Barfield has secured the position of Assistant Headteacher, beginning September 2022. Miss Shaw will take up the position of SENCo. We still have a teaching vacancy which we hope to fill over the next couple of weeks; after which I will be in a position to announce classes for next year.

Governor News... an update from Rebecca Burke, our Chair of Governors

As part of our safeguarding role, governors recently met with pupils to discover how safe children feel in our school. We performed an exercise called "Hotspot Mapping" with pupils from each year group.

Using a map of the school, which incorporated classrooms and the playground, pupils placed coloured stickers in locations where they felt unsafe or unhappy. They used red dots where they felt there were problem areas (e.g. a blind corner in the playground, toilets etc.) yellow dots where they felt there was potential for a problem, and green dots in the areas they felt "safe".

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the exercise and shared lots of interesting information.

Feedback was then given to staff, allowing them to form a clearer understanding of any safeguarding issues from the perspective of our pupils. Mrs Toner also shared the information and possible solutions with all the children during an assembly, and teachers followed this up in class during PSHE lessons.

The exercise was part of a comprehensive Safeguarding Audit that we undertake on behalf of the Trust, and due to the success of the "Hotspot Mapping" exercise, we all agreed that it is definitely something that we will continue annually.

Summer Fayre

Our annual Summer Fayre is fast approaching on 1st July! Hopefully you have received a letter home with your child with details of the raffle – top prize being a holiday for up to 8 people in Haven, Yorkshire – very generously donated by one of our families. Please send raffle ticket money into school by Tuesday 28th June.

Also, the final planning meeting takes place next Tuesday 21st June at 7pm – please do try to come along or offer to help on the day with the setting up/tidying away.