



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy

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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 1, 6th September 2022

September

8 th	Irish Dancing starts – 3.30-4.30pm in the school hall
14 th	Year 4 and 5 Sports Day – postponed from last term – 2pm
19 th & 20 th	'Meet the Teacher' drop in sessions – further information below
21 st	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting – 7pm in the Parish Centre
23 rd	PTA Coffee morning for new parents – 9am in the hall after drop off
23 rd	Celebration Assembly begins - Key Stage 1 first and then alternate weeks – 2.45pm
26 th	Mission Day – further information to follow
27 th	Year 5 to the Space Centre
27 th	PTA meeting – 7pm in school – all are welcome

October

5 th	Flu Vaccinations – sign up information to follow
5 th	Parents' Evening – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
6 th	Parents' Evening – Nursery and Years 3 to 6
10 th	Bishop's Mass – 9.30am in school
11 th	Year 5 to Attenborough – rescheduled from last term
12 th	Year 4 Egyptian Day – more information to follow
13 th	Year 1 to The National Justice Museum
14 th	Last day of the half term – return to school on Monday 31 st October

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all. I hope you had a fun, and I'm sure busy, summer break. It is great to see the children healthy, happy and looking so smart in their uniforms ready to start the new academic year.

The school has certainly been a hub of activity over the holiday we have had lots of work completed including: new fire doors installed throughout the main part of school, cloakrooms reconfigured in St Anne's, new toilets for Year 6, reconditioned hall flooring and lots of painting and decorating throughout. I am also delighted that we have managed to secure enough budget to have outdoor gym equipment installed on our Key Stage 2 playground now too, which has been a real hit!

The staff team are really looking forward to getting stuck into this school year and we have got lots of great things planned for the children over the next term. One of the things we have been working on is a new Mission Statement for the school which we are excited to share with the children and you all. In order to launch this, we will be holding a 'Mission Day' on Monday 26th September where the children will have the opportunity to explore our new mission statement in a fun and creative way. Please look out for a flyer next week with further information about the day.

Please take the time to read this newsletter and make a note of any dates that are relevant to you.

I look forward to another successful year here at The Good Shepherd Academy.

Yours in partnership,

Celine Toner

Meet the Teacher

For all classes, excluding Nursery, you can meet your child's teacher via an informal drop-in session between 3.30 and 4.30pm (except reception which is 5-6pm). Prior to this, you will receive the class newsletter via MyEd so that you can prepare any questions you may have about the term ahead.

Class	Date	Teachers
Reception	20 th September: 5-6pm in the hall	Mrs Kitching, Mrs Whittle and Mrs Dickinson
Year 1	19 th September	Miss Sweeney & Miss Clarke
Year 2	19 th September	Mrs Kaur & Miss Whitaker
Year 3	20 th September	Mrs McGee/Mrs Ryan & Mrs Walsh
Year 4	20 th September	Mrs Dougal & Miss Tomycz
Year 5	20 th September	Miss Webber & Miss Shaw
Year 6	20 th September	Mrs Moore & Mr Barfield

Welcome to all our new children and their families

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new children and their families into our Nursery and Reception classes. Also to Enzo and Sigmundr who have joined us further up the school. I am sure they will all be very happy here at The Good Shepherd, and I look forward to watching them flourish over the coming years.

New staff

I would like to formally welcome all the new staff who have joined us this term: Miss Webber (Year 5 Teacher), Mr McLaughlin (Year 2 TA), Miss Dales (Year 2 TA), Miss Grewal (Key Stage 2 TA), Elizabeth Brierley (Student Teacher in Year 1). We welcome also Ursula Donnelly who takes over teaching music in Key Stage 2 and Lucy Farrelly, our new school chaplain who will be working in school every Thursday.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

Can I please remind you of the Attendance and Punctuality policy that was sent out to you last term which is effective immediately.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school gate is open from 8.45am and school begins promptly at 8.55am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late and will miss the start of their first lesson. Children from Year 2 upwards are expected to walk into school on their own. Thank you.

Homework at The Good Shepherd

During our INSET day last week, the staff looked at developing a more consistent approach to homework across school. Along with this newsletter is a draft policy which outlines our expectations for homework across school and details the homework that will be set for each year group. Please take the time to read the policy and I welcome your thoughts regarding this – via email: office@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk by Monday 12th September.

Children will receive their first pieces of homework; week beginning 26th September.

70th Anniversary Mass – Monday 10th October 9.30am

The Good Shepherd Academy was 70 years old during covid and we are finally able to mark this special occasion. Key Stage 2 will be celebrating mass with Bishop Patrick in the hall on Monday 10th October at 9.30am. You are very welcome to attend and if you know of anyone else who attended our school, who you think might like to join us, please extend the invitation to them also.

Music Provision

We are excited to welcome the Our Lady of Lourdes Music Department into school to teach music across Key Stage 2 this year. As part of this provision, all children across Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Children in Key Stage 1 will be taught music by Mr Walters who already works with us during Collective Worship.