



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy

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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 2, 4th October 2022

October

5 th	Flu Vaccinations in school
5 th	Parents' Evening – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
6 th	Parents' Evening – Nursery and Years 3 to 6
9 th	Parish Ministry Fayre – after 10am mass in the parish centre
10 th	Bishop's Mass – 9.30am in school
11 th	Year 5 to Attenborough – rescheduled from last term
11 th	PTA AGM
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

November

1 st	All Saints' Day mass in school – 9.30am
8 th	Individual and family photographs
11 th	Y6 Remembrance Day Liturgy – 9.30am
11 th	'The Big Sleep in' see below for further details
14-18 th	Anti-bullying week
25 th	Non-uniform Day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair
26 th	Good Shepherd Christmas Fair: 10.30am -2.30pm in the Church Hall

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already five weeks into this new school year and almost ready for our half term break! The children are working so hard in school and are really enthusiastic about their learning.

I just wanted to draw your attention to my previous MyEd, sent last week, regarding the Trust Acts of Kindness fund that has been set up to help families who are struggling to meet school associated costs e.g. trips, transport etc. Please click this link for further information.
<https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/little-acts-of-kindness-fund/>

In addition to this, we have considered other ways we can help support each other here at the Good Shepherd. One way is that, from now on, for each trip that is added to MyEd, you will be given the option to 'round up' your payment. This enables you to pay a little extra to help families in your year group who may be struggling to meet the cost. Of course, this is optional and should only be used if you feel in a position to give extra. We also ask that you to continue to donate good quality uniform as well as any old costumes that are suitable for our school-based curriculum e.g. Egyptians, Stone Age or World Book Day. If you have any further ideas about how we can support our community during this time of austerity, please do contact me. In the same vein, if you are struggling to meet costs, please come and talk to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Toner

Platinum Jubilee Celebration – Monday 10th October 9.30am

I really hope you can join us for mass next Monday when we welcome the Bishop to school to give thanks for 70 years of education at The Good Shepherd school. The children in Key Stage 2 have been working very hard to prepare the mass and I know it will be a joyful and uplifting service.

Whilst here, Bishop Patrick will also bless and officially open and bless our Year 2 building, St Mary's, and the Nursery.

Members of our PTA will be serving tea, coffee and cake after mass.

Parents' Evenings

I trust that you have managed to sign up to the virtual parents' evenings taking place this week via the app, School Cloud. Please note that each session is timed, and the meeting will automatically close once the 7 minutes are up. Therefore, to avoid missing your slot, it is crucial that you are on time for your meeting.

School Chaplain – Lucy Farrelly

Our new school chaplain, Lucy Farrelly has made a great start to her new role with many year groups taking part in class retreats on Thursdays. Having this extra provision in school is invaluable to the children's spiritual and faith development. Please note that this may cause us to swap PE kit days around once or twice a term and we will notify you of this via the office.

Mission Day

We had a great day last Monday as we spent time rotating around the classes to explore the values we have chosen to underpin our new mission statement. The children enjoyed thinking deeply about each word and how they can live this out in their words and actions. These values will underpin everything we do in school and will be linked closely to our behaviour policy. Please help us by talking to your children about each value and how they can work hard to follow them in their lives.



The 'Big Sleep In' – 11th November 2022

A group of children in Year 6 have finally convinced me that we should have a 'Big Sleep In!' This is a national campaign which supports the work of Framework by raising money for the homeless. The event is open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and they are invited to sleep overnight at school – either in the school hall or one of the classrooms.

We have invited a representative from Framework into school after half term to talk about their work and how they can get sponsorship to take part in the 'Big Sleep In'. Please look out for a letter next week giving further information on how you can take part.

Many thanks to the staff who have kindly volunteered to supervise the event – it simply could not go ahead without their generosity.