



## The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy

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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 12, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### April

23<sup>rd</sup> Kingswood information evening – 5pm

26<sup>th</sup> Reception visiting Woodthorpe library

### May

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 to Kingswood

6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – school closed

7<sup>th</sup> Hathersage information evening – 5pm

9<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day Mass in school – 9.30am

10<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting – 9am in school

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SAT's week

17<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Day & PTA film night

23<sup>rd</sup> Y1 Grandparents' Day 2.15pm in the school hall – more information to follow

24<sup>th</sup> Aspirations Day – see below for more information

24<sup>th</sup> Last day of the half term

### June

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 5HW to Hathersage

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 5MS to Hathersage

8<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion – 11am in Church

17<sup>th</sup> Class Photographs

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have come back full of enthusiasm, and we look forward to a busy term ahead with many things already planned in the diary – Hathersage for Year 5, Kingswood for Year 6, Aspirations Day, Summer Fair and First Holy Communion to name just a few. You will notice there have been some new dates added to the list above, so please do put them in your diary.

I am thrilled to be able to finally share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection (5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> March). As you know, this was an ungraded inspection which means our current 'good' rating cannot be changed. So, whilst we remain a 'good' school, the inspector was clear that there was enough evidence to suggest that The Good Shepherd would likely have been rated outstanding if the inspection had been a graded one. Due to this, Ofsted will be back to visit sooner than expected – within the next 1-2 years! The report is attached for your information... some of the highlights:

- The school provides a caring environment and an ambitious curriculum.
- Whether in class or on the playground, pupil's behaviour is excellent.
- Pupils enthusiasm for learning extends across the curriculum
- Pupils are respectful of others and well prepared for life in modern Britain.
- Staff say they are very proud to work at the school.
- Parents are very supportive of the school ...'The Good Shepherd is a very special place for our children to learn.'

Please find the full report attached for your perusal and we look forward to the opportunity to show off our wonderful school again in the not-too-distant future.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Toner, Headteacher

## Aspirations Day

- ✚ Are you passionate about your job?
- ✚ Do you think certain groups are under-represented in your workplace?
- ✚ Are you able to offer us some of your time on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May?



If the answer is yes, then we need your help!

In our PSHE lessons this half term we are focusing on 'Our Future Aspirations' and encouraging children to think about their interests and talents and how they might use them in their future careers. As part of this learning we will be discussing a variety of equality themes at an age-appropriate level for example – gender-based stereotypes in the workplace.

As an end of topic celebration, we are holding an Aspirations Day where children will learn about a variety of different jobs and take part in workshops relating to these. For this to be a success, we really do need your help. If you (or someone you know) are able to be a part of this exciting opportunity to inspire our children, [please complete this link](#). Mrs Shajpal will then be in touch with you to discuss the day in more detail. Many thanks in anticipation of your support ☺

## Sports Day Timetable

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am
Reception	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am
Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am
Year 3 & 4	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am
Year 5 & 6	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am

All Sports Day events will take place on the school field (including the parents' race, so you'll need to get training!)

### Year 6 SATs

The children in year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which take place week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. As part of their preparations, they will have breakfast, provided by school, each morning from 8.15am before their tests take place. Please remember them in your prayers over the coming weeks.

### Class Photographs

The photographer is in school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. 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 uniform with their kit to get changed into.

## OLoL Trust Attendance Policy

The OLoL Trust have recently reviewed the Attendance and Punctuality Policy which is available to view on our school website or [via this link](#). As you know, the policy is very clear on our expectations that children attend school every day (unless they are too unwell). It also clearly states that leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note, an unauthorised leave of absence of more than 3 days/6 sessions (over a 6-week rolling period) may lead to you being issued with a penalty notice fine via Nottinghamshire County Council.

**Summer Fair:** The PTA Summer Fair will be held on Friday 28 June. More information will follow but please contact [goodshepherdpta@hotmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdpta@hotmail.com) if you can offer help.