

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

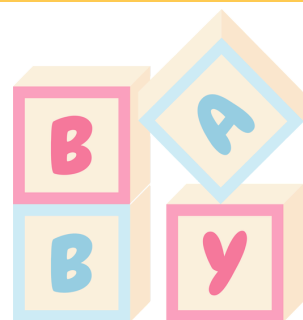


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Staffing news

Please join me in congratulating Mrs Brown and Miss Clarke who are both expecting babies in the new year; with Mrs Brown commencing maternity leave in January and Miss Clarke in February.

I will keep you updated regarding their replacements.



Diversity and inclusion questionnaire

At the last Diversity and Inclusion parent forum, the group devised a questionnaire for parents. The purpose of this is to seek your views on how diversity and inclusion is represented in our school and wider community.

[Please complete our Diversity and Inclusion Survey here](#) by Friday 3 October please - it should only take a couple of minutes and will help shape the agenda for our meetings over the coming year. Thank you.

Parents Evening - Wednesday 15 October

A gentle reminder to book your parents evening slot via Arbor. Please do make every effort to attend on this date – teachers typically do not have capacity to meet outside of this. Parents of children who are on the SEND register should also book an appointment as your child's next review won't be until November/ December. Thank you.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a parent governor at our school? We currently have a vacancy on our board for a Parent Governor. The term of office would be for four years.

If you think you may be interested, please [read further information here](#) and if you decide you wish to nominate yourself (or someone else), here is the [Nomination Form](#) which we need to receive by 5pm on Monday 6 October.



Birthday treats in school

A reminder that if you would like to send something in to mark your child's birthday, a small, sealed bag of sweets for each child to take home is sufficient.

These must include allergy information on the packaging and can be given out safely at the end of the day. No nuts please.

Follow our brand new Instagram account at www.instagram.com/GoodShepherdCatholicPrimary.

Harvest Mass: Monday 6 October

Our theme across school this half term is 'Creation' and the children are thinking about all the different ways we can celebrate and protect the wonderful world that has been created for us.

At our beginning of year mass on Monday 6 October, we will be giving thanks for the food God provides for us. Therefore, we ask you to kindly donate food for us to display during the mass – all food will then be donated to the foodbank to support those in need across our local community. Each year group will be collecting food and toiletries from Monday 22 September – please see below:



Nursery	Cereal
Reception	Dried pasta and rice
Year 1	Tea, coffee, sugar and long-life milk
Year 2	Tinned or jarred food e.g. soup, vegetables, cooking sauces
Year 3	Tinned or jarred food e.g. soup, vegetables, cooking sauces
Year 4	Toiletries – toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, shower gel
Year 5	Household essentials – toilet roll, washing up liquid, washing powder
Year 6	Sweets and treats – biscuits, sweets, chocolates and crisps

Dates for your diary

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 23rd - Reception reading workshop, 3.45pm, school hall• Friday 26th - Preloved uniform sale, 3.30pm back of the hall• Tuesday 30th - Year 4 on trip to St Barnabas Cathedral
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 9th - Year 5 trip to Space Centre - please pay on Arbor• Wednesday 15th - Parents evening after school - book on Arbor• Friday 17th - after school cake sale - cake donations requested.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 4th - Individual school photos• Weds 5th - Year 3 trip to Creswell Craggs
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 9th - Reception Nativity 9th December 2pm• Thursday 11th - Reception Nativity 10am• Tuesday 9th - Year 1 Nativity 10am• Thursday 11th - Year 1 Nativity