



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week our video message is from Mrs Jones...



Thank you to the FROGS (Friends of Good Shepherd) for all of your help and support this year! And for organising the Y6 Leavers hoodies!

Can you help?

we are making changes in school, it is all very exciting!

Should anyone have any contacts in the carpet business, we are looking for donations of blue carpet tiles to finish off our transformation! Please Contact the School Office.

God Bless.

Dear Parents and carers,

Can you believe we have come to the end of the academic year and I have to say, I know I am definitely looking forward to enjoying some family time more than ever.

What a year it has been. I cannot say, my first year as Head Teacher at Good Shepherd has not had its challenges but with the right support, we have been able to carry each other through it. I know most of you will be delighted to close those home school doors for six weeks. Those of you who have managed home school for the last few months have done a fantastic job and we shall be eternally grateful.

It has been a strange year but we have learnt so much. We have set work remotely via online learning platforms. I hadn't realised we had so many potential Children's TV presenters on our staff body. For those of you who have watched the weekly live newsletters, you know who I am referring to! So many of our staff have stepped out of their comfort zones and embraced the challenges that have been thrown our way. Who would have thought we would end up on TV?

We had tears of joy and I genuinely mean that as we welcomed many of our children back these past few days for transition. I know even though children and parents were somewhat anxious about the return to school, the feedback has been extremely positive. One of our year 6 children told me; 'It's different, but it's good.' We have some additional outdoor sinks for extra hand washing and each class has a dedicated toilet and children have quickly got into new routines some of which will continue in September.

I would like to wish the Year 6 children 'Good Luck' as they take their next steps in their educational journey. We are all so proud of each and every one of you! Your new schools are very lucky to have you.

I would like to thank you all for your prayers and blessings since lockdown began, I believe these have carried us through. Keep an eye on the school Twitter and Facebook accounts for regular updates. We are making more changes in school throughout the holidays!

1st and 2nd September 2020 are Staff Training Days. **Children will return to school from the 3rd of September. More information to follow.**

In the meantime, may God keep you safe in his arms and may we continue to follow Jesus the Good Shepherd in all we say and do.

Take care and God Bless,

Mrs Dodds

Head Teacher

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Sports Awards 2019/2020



Unfortunately, we can't have our normal Sports Award assembly this year.

Mr Pearce has recorded his assembly for you to watch at home.

Click the image (left) to find out who has won the awards this year!

A big well done to all of our winners, we will try and get your rewards to you as soon as we can!



7th July – Sophia C

8th July – Jaiwin & Mazhira

9th July – Daniel I

Today – Amelka



And the winners are...

Home		Away
Year 1	508 8,415	Year 2
Year 3	30,549 19,065	Year 4
Year 5	5,939 39,902	Year 6

Well done to Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6! And thank you to everyone that's taken part over the last few months!

VIRTUAL SPORTS WEEK

8 Challenges. Prizes to be won. Fancy Dress Friday

A big thank you and well done to everyone who took part in Mr Pearce's Virtual Sports Week!

We've seen some great videos and lots of scores have been logged via the official form. If you are yet to log your scores please do so by 14.00 TODAY by clicking [here](#).

Results will be released next week! Good luck!



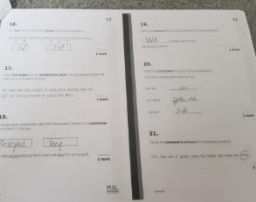
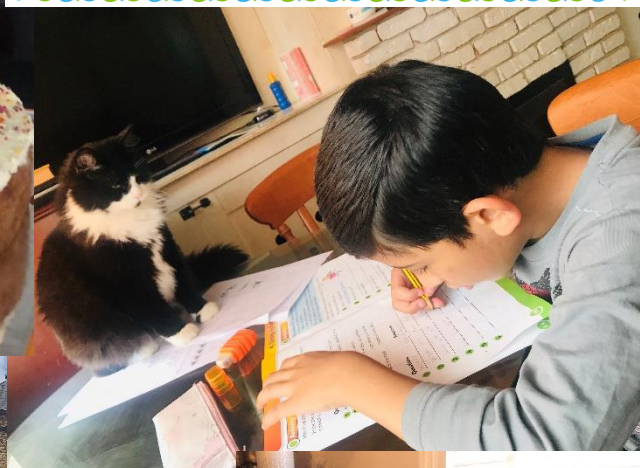
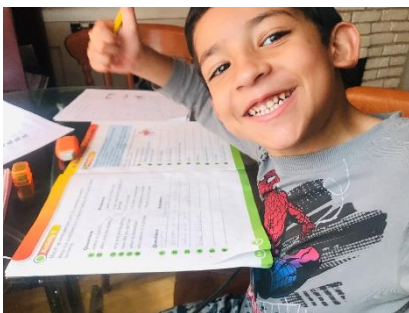
On Thursday, the staff in school enjoyed some yummy cupcakes from a thoughtful parent. Thank you so much, they were delicious!

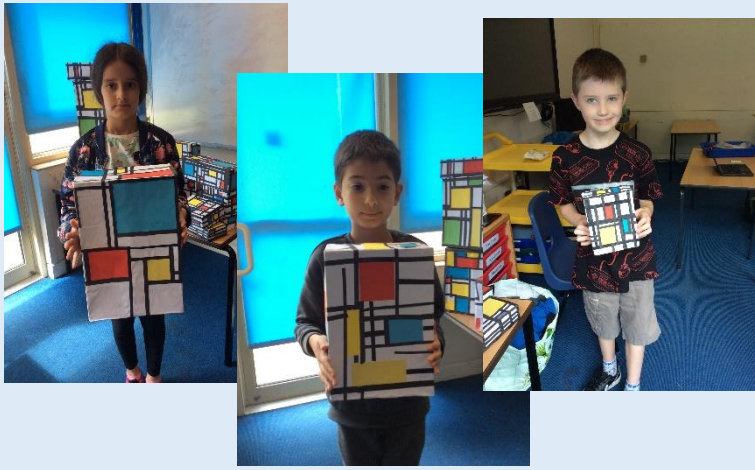
Art in the Year 1 Bubble



The Year 1 Bubble created this amazing image of Jesus. They all worked together and completed a section in watercolour.

White Rose Maths have produced a range of work booklets for parents and children to use over the summer or during next year. These booklets can be found on [Amazon for the Kindle](#) or downloaded [here](#). There is one booklet for each of the blocks for Y1 to Y6.





Bubble C worked
have hard together
to create this
fantastic Mondrian
Art!

Thank you, Mrs
Hudson, for your
help!



A Message from our Trust Chaplain...

'It's been a wake-up call...time to reflect...work out what the important things in life are...'

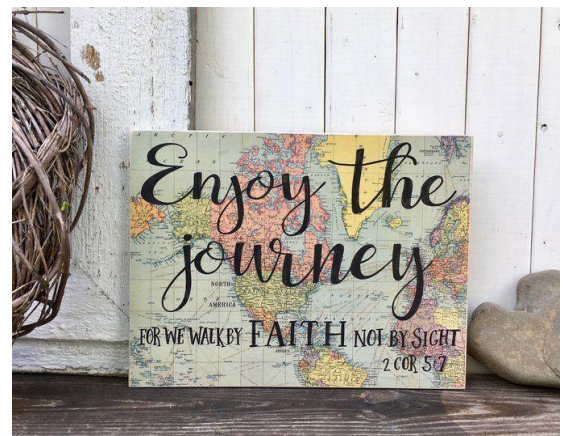
These are words spoken by people I have met this week, when discussing the strange effects of the time we have been living through these last few months. It's true that there has been much heartache, grief and sadness, but even in among all of the distress, there are many of us who have found that taking time to reflect on life has really helped to work out what is important to us, whilst continuing to focus on the positives of a tricky situation!

The journey of the last few months has been one of faith as we have been guided and advised by the government, the scientists and the doctors. There have been steps forward and steps back...only this week, Leicester have gone back into lockdown. The citizens of the town must have felt so disheartened! My niece and her husband live in Leicestershire. As they waited for news of the lockdown boundaries, they discovered to their absolute joy that they had escaped the second lockdown by one road! It's surprising the things that bring happiness to us today that we could not have imagined just at the beginning of this year!

Each day brings new challenges. There have been so many constantly changing rules to follow. The questions we ask each other are questions which we have never asked before ...can I invite six people into my garden? Are they now allowed in the house? What about the different families? Do I have to wear a mask in the supermarket? The questions are endless!

Yes, it is a little confusing, but for every problem which presents itself, take time to reflect, search for ways to turn the situation on it's head, find the good in the people who you love and who love you in return, look for joy in small victories and meet the challenges head on. The journey ahead will still be a bumpy one, but have faith, be strong and we will all get there in the end .

*God Bless,
Mrs Darwin*



The most
important
things in life
aren't things