



# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Today our school gates will close at 3.15pm to all of our children. It is a very strange experience. Our children have worked extremely hard this year and we are all proud of how much progress they have made!

We may not see the Year 6 take their SATs this year but we know our outcomes would be good!

We may not see our children take their phonics screening in May and this too saddens us as we have watched them develop their knowledge of sounds and letters. The majority of children would have passed.

We know Year 2 have worked equally hard towards their papers and were very excited to show us all what they have been learning. With this in mind, we have decided to share some of our proud moments today.

We may not join you and our children for our traditional end of year assemblies to celebrate their achievements.

Reception children have been awesome this year and we will miss their wonderful laughter and singing over the weeks ahead.

Year 1 have settled well in to their groups and are catching up quickly with Year 2.

Year 3 made a great leap to KS2 and Mrs Dodds has loved living next door to them (My office walls are thin and so I have had the absolute pleasure of listening to their wonderful learning and singing!).

Year 4 have enjoyed Spain and Vikings this year! They have improved their handwriting and spellings and lots of children have moved up in Maths and English.

Year 5 have worked at pace, carried out explosions in Science and recited texts through talk for writing.

Most of this would be shared in our final newsletter of the year so why wait! You need to hear it now and so do our fabulous children!

We could not be more proud of our staff for stepping up at these difficult times!

Each child and staff member have been given a seed to grow in our time away from school. We ask you to help them grow! They can email photos to [admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk) and we can hopefully share them during our time apart.

We know home learning may be challenging and if you do anything, read with your child, rehearse times tables and encourage them to write!

Enjoy your time with them, play board games and talk and where possible spend some time away from technology and negative news stories.

Today we potentially say goodbye to Year 6 and we wish them well in their journey ahead. We know that whichever school you go to next you will be awesome!! You are Good Shepherds and we are always here should you need us! We ask you to stay strong and we know that you will want to be the best you can be in Year 7 so keep up with the tasks set and keep going! We hope you stay safe and pray together.

*God Bless,*

*Mrs Dodds and Mrs Robinson*

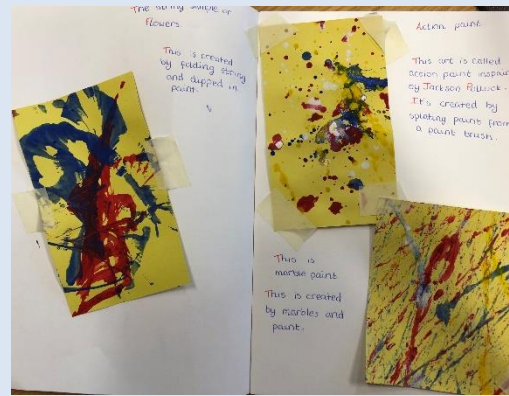


## Writers' Day Workshop

Children attended an Authors Abroad Able Writers' Day workshop at Stimpson Avenue Academy. The children had an enjoyable and rewarding day with Matt Beighton. The day was spent on creative writing where children used their imagination to write an entertaining story which they came and shared with their class.



Year 5 have been looking at the American Artist Jackson Pollock who is famous for action art in creating abstract pieces. They have been experimenting with some of his techniques and others to try to re-create their own Jackson Pollock piece in a future lesson.



In Science, Year 5 children were investigating gears using a bicycle. They were able to use previous knowledge in English using Talk 4 Writing - 'How does a bicycle works?' - Explanation text. They were able to observe that the lowest gear (gear one) made the bicycle easier to cycle but it went slower, whereas the highest gear (gear eight) made it harder to cycle but it went faster.



Year 3 experienced Godly play this week with Jean. This week we heard the story of 'The Good Shepherd'. We thought of times when we were lost and were helped by others.



Following our 'Escape from Pompeii' topic, Y3 have been investigating different aspects of Italy. This week we visited Gallone's Ice Cream Parlour and even got to meet Mr Gallone! Thank you to all our parent helpers who came with us.



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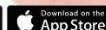
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