



# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 3 - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Dear Parents & Carers...

On Monday, Mr McLaughlin, Head Teacher at **Thomas Becket Catholic School**, delivered a wonderful assembly to our year 6 bubble all about leadership and following Jesus' footsteps. He spoke about how important it is to follow the right examples. At secondary school we will build on the foundations we have built in Primary. Thomas Becket has been raising standards in all areas over recent years and this is reflected in pupil outcomes. Mr McLaughlin talked to us about the excellent student behaviour.

Year 6 were very excited to hear about the Wednesday curriculum options including yoga, mechanics, art, gardening and so much more!

Thomas Becket admissions policy changed last year, should children from OLICAT Schools select them in their three choices, they will get a space. **Mr McLaughlin has offered a unique opportunity for our Year 6 children and a parent to have a socially distanced tour of Thomas Becket before making secondary school choices.** Thomas Becket also offer a minibus service to collect children from various points across the town. **If you would like to take up the offer of having a tour please email Mrs Sparrow on the email address below: [sparrown@thomasbecket.org.uk](mailto:sparrown@thomasbecket.org.uk)**



## Our whole school attendance this week is:

**93.85%**

**Our attendance target is 97%.**

*How did your class do this week?*



**Class RN: 99.2%**

Class R/1A: 83.3%

**Class 1L: 99.2%**

Class 2P: 90.75%



Class 2C: 95.68%

Class 3C: 91.7%

Class 3/4D: 89.3%

Class 4P: 95.3%

Class 5A: 94.1%

Class 5C: 96.1%

Class 6P: 96.5%

Class 6M: 94.3%

## This week we have had:

- 15 students arriving late on 19 occasions.
- This equates to 45 minutes of learning LOST!
- 10 students with unauthorised absences.

*Please remember, if your child is absent from school you must contact the school each day of their absence.*

## Is your child currently in Year 6?



Apply  
for Year 7 in  
Secondary school

**Deadline:**  
5pm Saturday  
31st October 2020

Children First Northamptonshire To make your application and find helpful tips and information visit: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)



Click [HERE](#) to apply by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020!

## Schoolgateway

We are working towards making all our payments in school electronic. In preparation, please ensure you have the School Comms app and a log in. We already use School Comms for school meal booking.

Click [HERE](#) to download the app for iPhone

Click [HERE](#) to download the app for Android

If you cannot log in please e-mail – [admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk).

[www.TheGoodShepherdCatholicPrimarySchool.org.uk](http://www.TheGoodShepherdCatholicPrimarySchool.org.uk)



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**If your child is diagnosed with either measles, shingles or chicken pox please notify the school immediately. We currently have children in school that have suppressed immune systems and cannot be exposed to these illnesses.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**



Last week, we welcomed back our nursery children!

The children were straight to work creating a fantastic car wash!



Our lovely nursery school takes children the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list, please visit the School Office with your child's birth certificate.



In Year 4 we have been learning about negative numbers in our Maths lessons. We found out the average temperatures in different American states and recorded them on a number line. We would like to go on holiday in Hawaii but we do not fancy Alaska!



### **First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communions will be celebrated at St Aidan's on 3 October at 10.00. A rehearsal will be held on Friday 2 October at 5pm which will include the final session of the programme.

First Holy Communions will be celebrated at the Cathedral on 10 October at 10.00am and 12.00pm. A rehearsal will be held on Friday 9 October at 5.00pm which will include the final session of the programme.

First Holy Communion programme for Sacred Heart and St Gregory's churches – they will be putting out a form for online registrations for next year's programme from December. As yet we are not sure what form the programme will take.

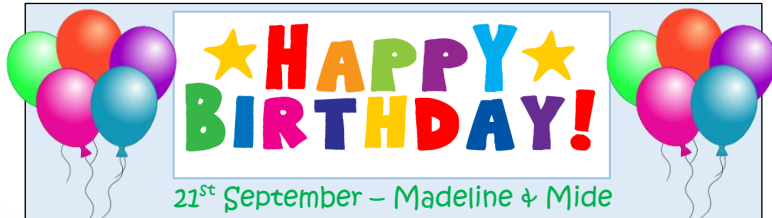
**Please keep checking the parish newsletters for details of next year's Holy Communion programme.**

Year 3/4 have been learning about electricity. The children thoroughly enjoyed testing a range of materials in a circuit to see if they were conductors of electricity or insulators.



### **Online Learning Access Survey**

Please click [HERE](#) to complete the form to help us understand how best we can support you and your family.



21<sup>st</sup> September – Madeline & Mide

22<sup>nd</sup> September – Amelie G

23<sup>rd</sup> September – Adam, Alexandru, Ephraim, Faithlyn and Karolina

24<sup>th</sup> September – Vlad D

Today – Manuela, Maria M and Timotei



# **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

**EYFS, & Y1 – ENTRY VIA CAR GATES BETWEEN 8.35-8.45. COLLECT AT 15.00 (EYFS CHECK TIMETABLE FOR PHASED START).**

**Y5 & 6 – ENTRY VIA PEDESTRIAN GATE BETWEEN 8.35-8.45. COLLECT AT 15.00.**

**Y2 ENTRY VIA CAR GATES BETWEEN 8.55-9.00. COLLECT AT 15.15.**

**Y3 & 4 – ENTRY VIA PEDESTRIAN GATE BETWEEN 8.55-9.00. COLLECT AT 15.15.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW OUR ONE WAY SYSTEM AROUND SCHOOL SITE AND ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINE. THANK YOU.**