



# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 5 - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers...



This week is Catholic Education week. On Education Sunday, Mrs Dodds said a few words at The Cathedral.

"Following Jesus, The Good Shepherd, in all we say and do.

Our mission is to serve others and never more has it been as poignant as it is today – In times like these our community has come together.

Our staff, in particular our Family Support Worker has worked closely with The SVP and other local charities to help provide food for many of our families. Our teachers have worked tirelessly since March, providing online learning, phone calls home in addition to teaching their own children.

We worked hard in July to bring all our children back in attempt to alleviate their fears and anxieties and to prepare them for a new way of schooling in September.

We worked through summer to ensure our building was clean and safe and with the support of our Trust and governors we reopened to all children.

When asked about moving onto secondary school at the end of this year, one of our children said he wished he could just stay at The Good Shepherd until the end of his school time. That is testimony to the Love and Care each child and member of our school community emanates.

These past few months have been like no other but we know God that God is with us and we know that together we are strong.


I am extremely proud of what we have and continue to achieve. We ask you today to keep us in your prayers as we move forward in our journey."

Our whole school attendance this week is:



Our attendance target is 97%.

How did your class do this week?

Class RN: 98.39%	Class R/1A: 90.82%
Class 1L: 96%	
Class 2P: 89.5%	Class 2C: 90.85%
Class 3C: 89.81%	Class 3/4D: 90.22%
Class 4P: 94.42%	
Class 5A: 97.2%	Class 5C: 97.78%
 Class 6P: 100%	Class 6M: 98%

This week we have had:

- 14 students arriving late on 29 occasions.
- This equates to 135 minutes of learning LOST!
- 9 students with unauthorised absences.

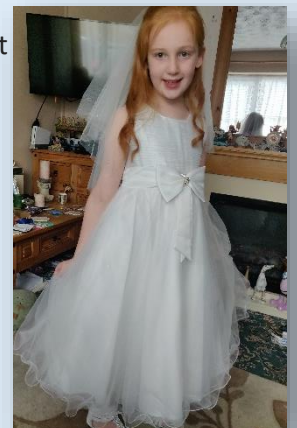
Please remember, if your child is absent from school you must contact the school each day of their absence.

## First Holy Communion

Alannah in 4P made her First Holy Communion last Saturday at St Aidan's Church.

We hope you had a lovely day Alannah and family!

If your child is making or has made their First Holy Communion recently, please do send us a picture to share – [admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk). Thank you!



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## Flu Vaccination

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to administer the flu vaccination to children from Reception to year 6. Last Friday, a ParentMail went home with details of how to give consent for your child to receive the vaccination.

If you have not already done so, please click [HERE](#) to complete the consent form. If you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccination, you do not need to complete the form.

Please check your ParentMail for more information.

## Parents' Consultation Phone Calls

On Tuesday, letters went home with all children as well as via ParentMail inviting parents and carers to sign up to receive a phone call from their child's teacher. We have had a great response, if you have not yet responded and you would like a phone call, please return the reply slip via the paper form or you can complete the electronic form – [HERE](#).

Children in Year Two were in character as the Pea from the fairy-tale 'The Princess and the Pea'. They were explaining how their feelings of excitement and anticipation turned to disappointment and anger when they were used as a 'Princess tester' and squashed under 20 mattresses rather than being served up to Her Royal Highness!



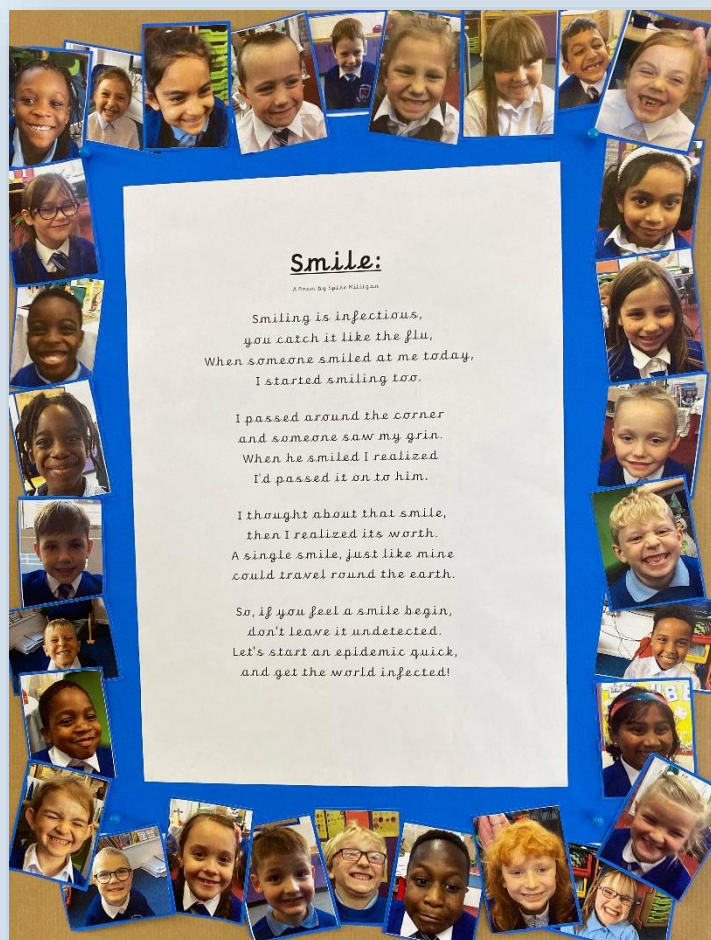
**Does your child turn 4 on or before 31st August 2021?**

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School invite you to book a 1:1 Covid secure School Tour now!

Tours will take place each Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday (term time) starting 6th October 2020. Please select either a 15.30 or 16.00 tour time.

Book now by calling 01604 714399 or e-mailing [admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk). First come first served. 1 adult and 1 child only. Please wear a face mask.

**Contact the school to book a school tour now!**



**Look at the beautiful smiles in year 2! This was created for their PSHE lesson and we just had to share it with you!**

**We have spaces available for children from years 3 – 6 to learn a woodwind or string instrument!**

**NMPAT Teachers come into school every Tuesday and Thursday during the school day.**

**Lessons cost £73.50 per term however if you are entitled to Pupil Premium, the school may be able to help you with this cost.**

**If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.**

## THANK YOU!

Back in the summer, we sent out an Amazon wishlist full of books we would love to help refresh our library! We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the response! You can find the wishlist [HERE!](#)



Thank you to All Saints Primary School, Theresa Moore, Luke Doran, Gymnastricks, Ben Pearce, Marilyn Smith, Michelle Clarke, Levi Tran, Poppy Stretton, Amy Nelson and all of our anonymous donators!