



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 7 - 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers...

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a most unusual start to the academic year. To say I am beyond proud of what we have been able to deliver is an understatement. Staff have managed their bubbles with military precision and worked hard to create new routines of hand washing and sanitizing.

I had the pleasure of meeting with some School Council Representatives this week who I am pleased to say have fed back to me that the majority of children are happy to be back with their friends and beginning to become used to the new regimes. They do miss hugging each other, virtual hugs are just not the same and I have to agree with them. Social distancing is really tricky to get used to but they are trying their best. They have missed singing in the hall but are enjoying bubble assemblies and learning to sign some of our favourite songs. They would like some more play equipment so we will work on providing each bubble with play equipment. They love the new furniture and the freshly painted classrooms. Most of all they enjoy being back with their friends and teachers.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting us; following our one-way system, signing up where possible to online payments, ensuring the children are dropped off according to staggered starts and collected at staggered times. Thank you for participating in Parent Consultations via telephone, we know this is not the same as face to face meetings, but hopefully we can run the next ones via Microsoft Teams if we are not able to meet in person.

Our wonderful OLICAT Trust have been working hard behind the scenes to issue every teacher and child with a new school email address which should provide the next level of online learning should we go into another lockdown situation. In the meantime, staff have been preparing some PowerPoint lessons to tide us over until we are fully operational at this level.

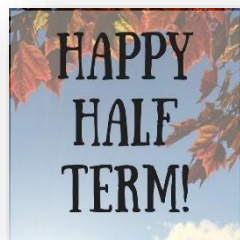
I would like to take this opportunity to say to every member of staff, every child and every member of our Good Shepherd Community a great big THANK YOU!!! I hope like us, you all have a wonderful rest during the half term. The staff are under strict instructions to switch off their emails and to relax and prepare for another term ahead.

Happy Half Term!

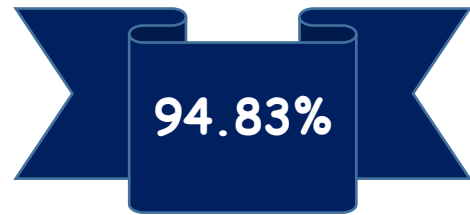
God Bless,

Mrs Dodds

Head Teacher



Our whole school attendance this week is:



Our attendance target is 97%.

How did your class do this week?

Class RN: 94.8%	Class R/1A: 94.6%
Class 1L: 95.8%	
Class 2P: 93.7%	Class 2C: 99.3%
Class 3C: 89.4%	Class 3/4D: 89.8%
Class 4P: 95.1%	
Class 5A: 99.2%	Class 5C: 99.6%
Class 6P: 100%	Class 6M: 90.3%

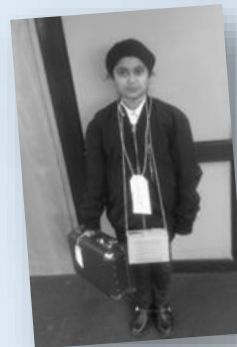


This week we have had:

- 16 students arriving late on 29 occasions.
- This equates to 260 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.

Year 6 have been doing the Topic - A Child's War. Children used drama to share their experiences as an evacuee during WW2. Pictured shows children leaving home for an unknown period, packing their belongings into a box no bigger than a shoe box.



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Flu Vaccination

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Monday 16th November 2020** to administer the nasal flu vaccination to children from Reception to year 6. 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.

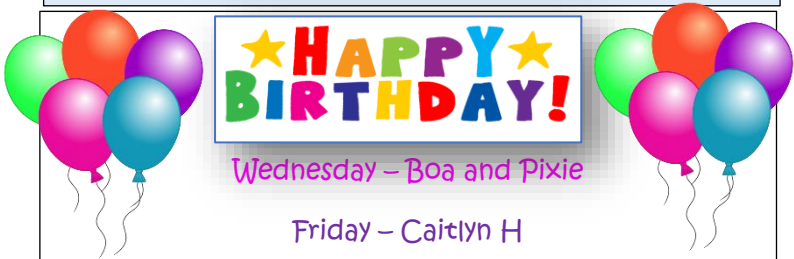
If your child is diagnosed with either measles, shingles or chicken pox please notify the school immediately. We currently have children in school that have suppressed immune systems and cannot be exposed to these illnesses.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Year 6 Notices

Reminder: Spellings and IXL are set on a Friday.



Year 6 Reward session with Thomas Becket

Year 6 enjoyed a reward activity run by Thomas Becket - they had the option of technology (looking at drones) or dance.

A special shout out to Somtochi for her excellent effort in dance and maths.



Healthy School

We are a Healthy School and encourage healthy packed lunches in school.

Lunchbox swaps

- Try bags of grapes, melon chunks and strawberries to provide the sweetness without the added sugar.
- Choose teacakes, fruit loaf, scones or plain biscuits as an alternative to cakes and chocolate.
- Carrot and celery sticks with a natural low fat yoghurt or hummus dip are tasty side orders.

Lunchbox tips

- Use a variety of breads to keep sandwiches fun and interesting.
- Chop fruit and vegetables into sticks to make it fun to eat.
- Have a change from sandwiches using rice and pasta.
- Get older children to help make their own packed lunch.

We know that lots of children are reluctant to try new foods. A fun way to get them to choose what they would like in their lunch box is to create a healthy lunchbox on the Change4Life website: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Please remember, we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.



ROAD TRIP USA 'WOW' DAY IN Y3 & 4

YEAR 3 AND 4 THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEIR ROAD TRIP USA WOW DAY ON WEDNESDAY! THEY STARTED THE DAY WITH THE 'PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE', THEY ENJOYED TASTING AMERICAN FOOD, MADE SOME CAPTAIN AMERICA ART AND PLAYED AMERICAN SPORTS.

