



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 13 15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week!! Thanks to all of you who have engaged in TEAMS and IXL, Purple Mash and to those of you working through packs at home. We have had some extremely helpful feedback from parents at home and understand that some of you are sharing your time between three/four children. As part of our safeguarding, teachers are going to be recording their live lessons from Monday 18th January. This will mean that should you miss a lesson/or cannot join due to technical issues, you will be able to log on later in the day to watch. I know it has been challenging but hang in there! Please complete the consent form [here](#).

We would like to remind you that TEAMS is only to be used for school time. Children/parents must not use it outside of school hours between 9am – 3.30pm.

Very young children do need support. If you are unable to support your child, we would ask that they do not join the lesson but instead work through it later when you have time to sit with them.

Please ensure your child sits against a clear background. We can sometimes forget that there are other children/parents in the lesson and they can see when cameras are switched on. We would ask that you remind your child to only use the chat feature for learning. It is not to socialise unless directed to do so by the class teacher.

As you know, teachers are in and out of school and I would ask you to be patient please, particularly for those weeks when they are in school. Teachers in school are supervising children from a number of classes whilst teaching their own class online. In these weeks there may be more frequent technical hitches due to the number of people logging on in school.

As always, we cannot thank you all for your support and dedication as we do know you are juggling working from home yourselves alongside home learning and for many of you, this is a huge workload. As I said in my previous letter. If it all gets too much, turn off devices and get some fresh air/watch a movie and take some time out before starting all over again. Most importantly please look after yourself and your family in these challenging times. You are all in our thoughts and prayers,

God Bless,

Mrs C Dodds
Headteacher

Before Christmas, the Friends of Good Shepherd created some fantastic Christmas Hamper's and sold raffle tickets to the children!



The winner are as follows:

Ella Mae T 4P

Ellis N 34D

Reanna S 2P

Louie H R1A

Lucius B 3C



Please come to the school office after 14.30 to collect your hamper when you can!

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Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week!

Sehajdeep in Nursery

Tamara and Olivier in 34D

Rubens in 5C

Elliot in 5A

Jude, Ty and Celyn in 6M

A Message for 6M

Mrs Richards has been very impressed with 6M! Pupils have adapted well to online learning and the children in school have been working well.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a mad hair/hat day!

Our first star of the week is **Caitlyn** for showing enthusiasm and determination, which has resulted in excellent progress in learning about decimals.

Also, **Alexus** has consistently worked hard and asked insightful questions to maximise his learning.

Well done, both of you!



Well done to Caitlin D and Brooklyn B in Nursery - they have completed and interacted with all online learning on Tapestry. They have received these certificates for their hard work.

All children that interact and participate with all activities on tapestry will get a certificate!

Are you recently entitled to Universal Credit?

If so, you will also be entitled to the weekly £15 food voucher in school if you apply for Free School Meals.

You can apply by clicking [here](#) now!

Mrs Hudson has been creating some amazing artwork in Key Stage 2.

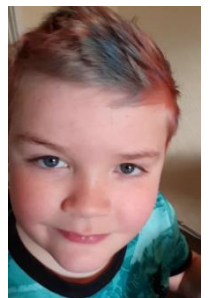
We can't wait for you all to see it once it's finished!

Thank you Mrs Hudson!



Year 5C Home Learning!

Crazy Hair Day!



Chromatography in Science & sketching in Art!



Year 2 children online and in school enjoyed their music lesson learning about pitch!

Thank you, Mr McAuley!



<p>Kid's Fun Learning</p> <p>Lots of videos of some great books being read aloud. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrFmow5TKHoiUmHIVzuAwg</p>	<p>Free e-books</p> <p>Some fantastic e-books, including some Read Write Inc books we use in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/infants-books/#books Storytime sorted by ages. https://www.bookstoptics.com/storytime-online</p>	<p>Authorfy</p> <p>Authorfy have some great 10 minute challenges from authors and there is even more book fun on their website. You can sign up for a free account. https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/</p>	<p>Konnie Hug's Youtube Channel</p> <p>Lots of videos about interesting topics. There are also some great interviews with authors. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDSobG4TC4fJEu5tI22eA/videos</p>
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