



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Newsletter no. 21

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Star of the week!

Nelly S
Nursery

Oskar W
Reception

Chloe N
R1A

Cyrus B C
1L

Lewis C
2C

Glory B
3C

Szymon P
3/4D

Mide T
4P

Madeline A N
5C

Michal Lukasz S
5A

Gauri A
6P

Caitlyn S
6M

Adepa A
Rainbow

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Our whole school attendance this week is:

96.39

So close! Our attendance target is 97%!

How did your class do this week?

Class RN: 98.57%

Class R/1A: 89%

Class 1L: 98.97%

Class 2C: 94.12%

Class 2P: 96.25%

Class 3C: 91.20%

Class 3/4D: 100% 

Class 4P: 93.12%

Class 5A: 98.57%

Class 5C: 100% 

Class 6P: 97.24%

Class 6M: 95.36%

This week we have had:

1. 13 students arriving late on 16 occasions.
2. This equates to 72 minutes of learning LOST!
3. 4 students with unauthorised absences.

GUESS WHO?

This member of staff has only been with us for 2 months. She was once pulled upon stage at Latitude festival in front of 20,000 people.



Answer at the bottom of the page! Did you guess correctly?

Keep dancing!

All parents/ carers who are interested to learn and be a part of the TGS Jerusalem Grand finale video are asked to email their names and telephone contact to Mrs Jones on the following email cstafford-jones@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk by Friday, March 26th. Click [here](#) for the step-by-step dance tutorial. Feel free to add your own version/dance moves to the routine.



WE ARE HIRING

Lunchtime supervisor vacancy

We are looking to appoint 3 individuals to join our team of lunchtime supervisors, to look after the children during the lunchtime period.

Closing Date: Applications to be sent no later than 12:00pm Monday 22nd March 2021

Click [here](#) for more information and to find the application to join our team! We also have applications in the school office!



1L

Bexley E 16th March

2C

Oscar L 21st March

3/4D

Alfie Miller 18th March

5C

Paula-Marie S
15th March

Teaching staff

Mrs O'Key 19th March

Mrs Richards 19th March

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

If you have a safeguarding or welfare concern our Family Support Worker, Mrs Auburn can be contacted by email on Familysupport@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk or by phone on 01604 714399.

You can also speak to our other Safeguarding Officers – Mrs Dodds (Head Teacher), Mrs Robinson (Deputy Head), Mrs Bonner (EYFS Lead) and Miss Green (SEND/CO).

If you are concerned about a child's safety or welfare please call MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 0300 126 1000. In an emergency, or if you believe a child is in immediate danger, left alone or missing, call 999.

Forest School

Here are some pictures from Reception's Forest School this week. It's such a great way to learn and explore nature and they enjoyed building their boat out of logs and sticks.



Guess Who answer: Miss Bly! Each week we are hoping to include a different member of staff celebrating their First Holy Communion!

Easter Egg Raffle

Eggs are still rolling in!! Raffle tickets will be on sale until Friday morning, 26th March. Ticket are £1 a strip.

The money will go towards a staff wellbeing space!



Remember

Kind reminder to please ensure you are social distancing when you pick up/ drop off your children and are wearing a mask! It is so important that we follow the guidelines to ensure that we keep others and ourselves safe!

Children in 6P did various Science experiments last week for Science day. They did a bouncy egg experiment and did an experiment where they blew up a balloon with yeast.



Happy Chicks

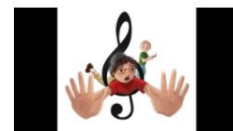
Yesterday was the last day the chicks were visiting us in Reception! The children loved having them and watching them grow.



Our World Book Day virtual author was in today delivering the books the children have ordered! If you have ordered one you will receive it shortly. A huge thank you to Mr Dix for everything!

The winners of the World Book Day competition that was judged by G. R. Dix will be announced shortly!

Good Shepherd Primary School Follow Up Q&A March 2021 by our virtual author G. R. Dix. Click the link [here](#) to watch it.



What's on

Mufti day 28th March

Friday 28th March is the last day of term so we are having a FREE mufti day!

The Ark Farm is visiting us on April 13th – 14th



See the letter from Mrs Dodds for more information- more details to follow!



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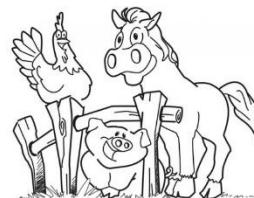
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Dear parents and carers,

As a parent myself I am very aware that children have missed out on quite a lot and I know speaking to a number of you about uncertainties around the summer term and relaxation of lockdown rules, we have decided not to plan any trips or excursions. We will create some opportunities within school for children to have special days.

Our first day will be a focus on animals and nurture and looking after animals and we have therefore arranged for a farm to visit school on 13th and 14th April. Each class will have a visit to the farm and equipment will be sanitised between each group's experience.

It is highly likely that the year 6 children will not be going on a residential so to replace this we are looking at ways to organise an overnight sleepover experience in school with a visit from a fast food van and a hot chocolate delivery. More details to follow. The year 6 team are also using their creative skills to come up with an end of year celebration so once again more information to follow.

Staff are currently establishing where children are in their learning and what they need to do to move forward and I am extremely grateful because all the work that you have been doing has definitely supported this. Thanks to all staff and stakeholders for all the hard work that is going in to ensure our children have the best end of year school experience and for the support being given to children to help them to move forward in their learning journey.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel Dodds

Headteacher