



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Newsletter no. 23

16th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Star of the week!

Sophia G
Nursery

Charlotte T
Reception

Julian G
1L

Theodora G
Year 2

Louise M
3C

Michelle E S
3/4D

Ahmed B
4P

Frankie L
5C

Leo Lawson
5A

Cassidy O
6P

Karolina K
6M

Trayvon O
Rainbow

Our whole school attendance this week is:

94.54

How did your class do this week?

Class RN: 98.60%

Class R/1A: 91.89%



Class 1L: 96.71%

Class 2P: 92.32%

Class 2C: 94.58%

Class 3C: 89.36%

Class 3/4D: 91.92%

Class 4P: 94.98%

Class 5A: 96.10%

Class 5C: 97.17%

Class 6P: 95.46%

Class 6M: 95.41%

This week we have had:

1. 9 students arriving late on 10 occasions.
2. This equates to 82 minutes of learning LOST!
3. 9 students with unauthorised absences.

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

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A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back parents and carers and well done! We have survived our first week back and what a week it has been! Everyone seems very pleased to be back in school and are looking forward to the term ahead.

The sun shone for our Farm visit and, despite having to chase a Hen and a pig back into the pen, all went smoothly. It was a real privilege to watch how confident the children were to stroke the animals and play with them. I think the staff and children would love a permanent farm on site! We also have some beautiful chicks in our year one class and we watched them hatch from their eggs over two days.

6P and reception enjoyed their Days in Forest school and NMPAT music wellbeing sessions have started this week for Year 6, we look forward to hearing the rap they are creating in 5 weeks' time. I cannot thank all the staff involved enough for the work which has gone in to make all of the activities possible.

All staff have now been lucky enough to have received their first vaccination we hope that this is reassuring for you as parents. We are continuing to wear masks on site and around school and we ask parents and carers to do the same unless exempt.

We would continue to ask you to keep your child at home if they have the following symptoms a new and continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss or change in sense of taste or smell and we will close bubbles accordingly.

A number of classrooms are easing their way gently back into groups and we are doing this because we feel that children are missing out on those opportunities to work collaboratively. We continue to sanitise and wash hands throughout the day and children are in good routines.

We hope that with the warmer weather and restrictions easing we may look forward to more positive months ahead. Thank you all so much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C Dodds,
Head Teacher.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nursery

Maximos P 16th April

4P

Dominic K 14th April

5A

Stefan D 16th April

2P

Alexis P 16th April

Missi-Louise N 16th April

6M

Jezreel O 18th April

Mary N 12th April

Staff

Mrs C Dodds 18th April



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 (SENDCO).

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.

Have you heard our wonderful new phone message recorded by Ella Mae and Ahmed?



Remember to inform us of any absences via phone on the absence line or by ParentMail.

Northampton's Sons of Erin Gaelic Football Club



Gaelic Football Training Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30 on the racecourse (just opposite Trinity avenue). All children aged 8-14 welcome! Check out their Facebook page [here](#) for more information and contact details.

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.

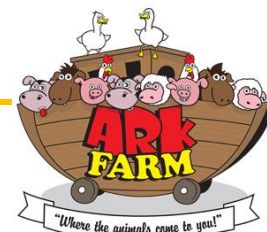


Reminder!

Please remember that we are a nut free school which means you should be sure not to include any products with nuts in your child's packed lunch for the wellbeing of other students.

Happy Chicks

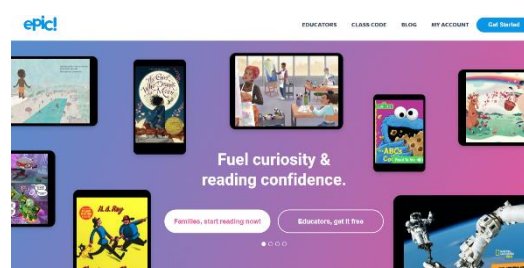
The Happy Chicks are back in school! They are in with year 1. They are loving learning about them and seeing them hatch.



The Ark Farm visited us on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children loved learning about the animals and getting to touch them.



This week, Year 3 and 4 have been trialling an Online Library of over 40,000 books and they have loved it! More information to follow as we roll it out across the whole school!



Year 1 had a great day creating a microhabitat for minibeasts!

They learnt about habitats and microhabitats. They used their knowledge to create their own microhabitats to encourage minibeasts to come and live there. As a class, they combined all their efforts to create one larger Minibeast hotel.



Year 2 had their wriggle and crawl wow day on Tuesday and had a great bug hunt in the forest.



Year 6 Forest School

Year 6 had a fantastic day in the forest building bows out of sticks and string and using materials found in the forest to create different projects.



September 2021 School places available with us at The Good Shepherd! Contact us on 01604 714399.

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!

School photos will be happening on the Monday 26th April! More information to follow!