

# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach our final day of term, I have been truly reflecting upon the year that we have had. Probably like some of you, I returned with the staff thinking it would be a 'normal' school year and by October we would be back to normal routines...

Never did we think that we would be closing bubbles in November and back to a full lock down in January despite preparing for a full opening.

We switched to online TEAMS lessons as a trial in November and by January we fully embraced all it had to offer including all the technical glitches we encountered along the way.

We provided food hampers/laptops/Wi-Fi and telephone support and tried to keep spirits up along the way.

It has been another very 'different' year but I am thankful we have had some 'normal' experiences, our farm visit in April, chicks hatching, beach day in KS1, forest school, non-uniform days, virtual World Book Day, Viking Day, Sleepover for Year 6, Leavers Mass for Year 6, sports days etc.

I really have to thank each one of you, our wonderful parents, you have not grumbled or caused a fuss when we have asked you to wear a mask, follow a one-way system, close a bubble, not permit you to attend your child's first or last sports day at our school. For this we are truly grateful. You have put your children first and accepted that as long as the children had the experience, that was more important than you being there and that is amazing!!!! You have continued to home school and work from home and generally worked in partnership with us.

I would like to THANK YOU for being the amazing parent community that you are!

Thank you on behalf of our staff for the many thoughtful gifts we have received and for the prayers you continue to send us and we wish you all a very happy Holiday!

Looking forward to September - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September is a Training Day.

All children are to return on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. Gates will open at 8.40am and registers will close at 9.00am. The school day will return to 3.15 finish and our one-way system will remain in place.

Please remember to book school lunches, breakfast and after school club via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). You will not be able to do this until 1<sup>st</sup> September when our systems update.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Dodds

Headteacher