



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Newsletter no. 4

8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Star of the week!

Patrick G
RA

Charlotte T
1L

Martin G
1/2P

Sofia S
2C

Lewis C
3D

Blessing M
4C

Veronica O
4B

Shyla G
5C

Jonathon
A 6A

Daria S
6P

Congratulations to Mrs Jones for being appointed as our new staff governor! We know she will be great in this new role.

Meet the staff

Mrs Rathbone and Mrs McDonald-
The Breakfast Club Team



Hi, I'm Helen Rathbone. I've been working at The Good Shepherd for nearly 15 years. I've had numerous jobs ranging from nursery to Ks2. At the moment I am an LSA. For the past 5 years I have been running breakfast club. I enjoy reading, walking and spending time with my grandchildren.

Breakfast Club starts at 8.00 and is £3.00 per day without breakfast or £4.00 with breakfast.

Please book via School Gateway. Bookings must be made and paid for in advance. If your child has never been to Breakfast Club, you will also need to complete a registration form from the office. Click [here](#) for more information.

Hi. I'm Mrs McDonald and I've been a T.A. at The Good Shepherd for 5 years. I love reading and am lucky to be the schools Head Librarian. Last year I started the couch to 5k and I try to go out running at least twice a week. Fun fact - I own 4 cats, 4 rabbits and a tank full of fish, including a shark!!



Find us here:

www.TheGoodShepherdCatholicPrimarySchool.org.uk



@TheGoodShepherdNorthampton



@TGSNorthampton

Reminder!



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.

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 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 7000. In an emergency, or if you believe a child is in immediate danger, left alone or missing, call 999.

Mrs Dodds addressed the Year 6 parents this week in an outdoor meeting about preparations for SATS and expectations of children in Year 6.



2C

5C

Poppy K 9th October

Shyla G 7th October

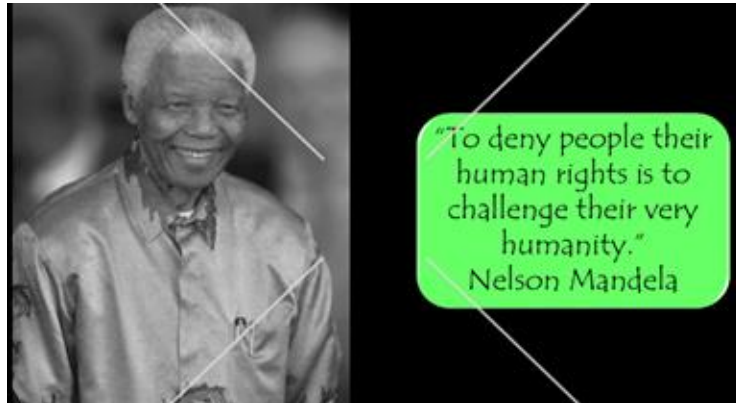
Staff

Jaylen H 8th October

Miss Katie 9th October

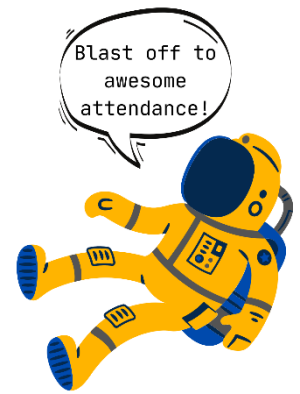
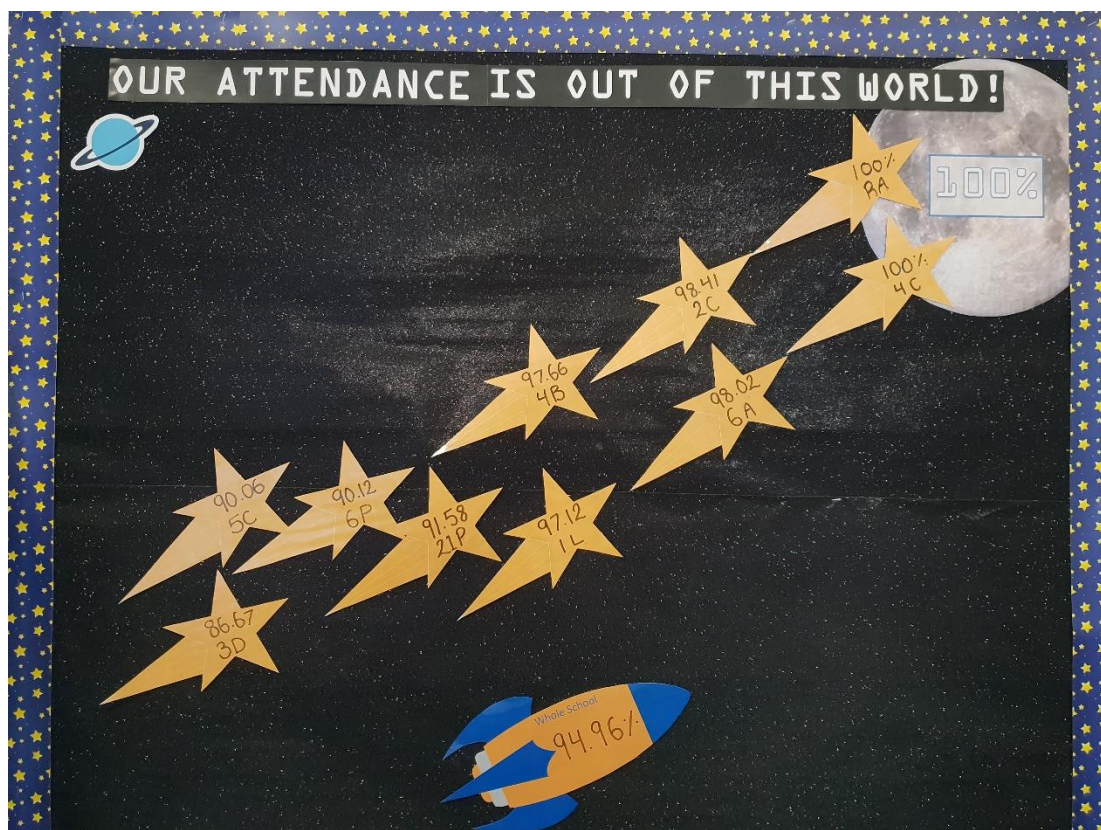
Reminder!

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.



Francesca Daniels, sharing an extract with her class from the book ***Little Leaders, Exceptional Men In Black History*** about Guion 'Guy' Bluford, The first African American in Space. Thanks for Sharing Francesca.

Did you know one of the greatest African rulers of all time, **Mansa Musa (1280–1337)** led the Mali Empire at the height of its power and creativity? He directly controlled the price of gold, and he has been described as the richest person in human history.



This week we have had:

1. 8 students arriving late on 8 occasions.
2. This equates to 40 minutes of learning LOST!
3. 11 students with unauthorised absences.

Congratulations to RA and 4C for getting 100% attendance this week! Our whole school attendance for this week is 94.96%. We can do better!



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

First Holy Communion 2022 at St Gregory's, Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Parish

There will be parish meetings for those children in years 3-6 wanting to make their First Holy Communion next year. It is essential that your child/children and at least one parent attends, although the whole family is most welcome!

The details are as follows: Those in Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Parish - Sunday 10th October, in the hall after 10.30am Mass.

Those in St Gregory's parish - Sunday 17th October in the hall after 12.00pm Mass.

If you have any queries, please contact Stella Watts on swatts49@outlook.com.

West Northamptonshire Council

Is your child currently in Year 6?

APPLY FOR YEAR 7 AT SECONDARY SCHOOL

DEADLINE:
5 p.m. Sunday 31 October 2021

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation Food Larder is open 5 days a week at The Swan and Helmet. No referral needed. Any 8 items for £5. Any 16 items for £10. Click [here](#) to visit their Facebook page for more information.

McCarthy-Dixon Foundation

FOOD LARDER

OPENING TIMES

Mon, Tue & Fri:
4pm - 6pm

Sat & Sun:
Noon - 2pm

Basket of 8 items
£5.00

Basket of 16 items
£10.00

A CHARITY FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY...

WE ARE HIRING

School Administrator vacancy

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School are recruiting for a School Office Administrator.

Closing date for applications is Midday, Fri 22nd Oct, 2021. For full details and to apply online click [here](#).

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Does your child turn 4 on or
before 31 August 2022?

It's time
to apply for
a Reception
place

DEADLINE:
5 p.m. Saturday
15 January 2022

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

We had the pleasure of having Decathlon athlete
Matt Lee visiting us today!

Each class did a circuit of burpees, star jumps, sit
ups, push ups, and squat thrusts. They did such an
amazing job and behaved so well for our guest.
They had a great time asking him lots of questions
and found out that he eats 5 meals a day and can
jump the height of a door frame.



We raised £500.79 from sponsorships for the
school which we can use for trips or school
improvement which is amazing. Thank you to
everyone who donated.

Children who got bronze and silver rewards were
given their certificates by Matt Lee after their
circuits. Children with a gold reward had a photo
taken with Matt and will have those sent home
next week!

Thank you Matt!



Looking for a nursery or school place for your child?

OPEN MORNINGS

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 10-11
3RD NOV - 15 DEC 2021**

Book your tour now!

admin@thegoodsshepherd.northants.sch.uk
01604 714399



Looking for a nursery or school place for your child?

SATURDAY OPEN DAY

**6TH NOVEMBER 2021
10AM-12PM**

Come and see our lovely school!
Everyone welcome!
Refreshments available.

Trilogy are running lots of great activities this
October half term! Click [here](#) to find out more.

BERZERK | DANES | DUSTON | LINGS | MOUNTS



TRILOGY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**25-29
October**

SPORTS SESSIONS

• Gymnastics • Dodgeball • Basketball • Roller skating
• Dance • Football • Fun Fitness

Sessions across our centres
for 5-13 year olds

£5.80 per session or FREE to Junior
Active members. Booking available
online 8 days in advance

**CLICK HERE
TO SEE OUR
ACTIVITY
TIMETABLES**

FREE AFTERNOON OF HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT LINGS FORUM!

Thursday 28
October 1-3pm
2-10 years

Inflatable Obstacle Course, Bouncy Castle & Penalty Shoot Out,
tickets for the Forum Cinema Kids Screen Screening, Swimming,
Atomic Tam, activities hosted by Beat the Street, Tasters & Demos
by NKD Kickboxing, Soft Play

**CLICK HERE
TO SEE OUR
FREE TICKET
8 DAYS IN
ADVANCE**

SWIM CRASH COURSES

• Beginners
• Try Stage 2
• Introduction to Deep Water
• Frontcrawl Breathing

Improve confidence and ability in the water with Trilogy
Swim School 5 day crash courses at Danes Camp and
Mounts Baths

• Breaststroke Improvers
• Butterfly Improvers
• Water Fun
• Backstroke Improvers

5 day courses are free to Junior Active
members and £28 for non members.
Booking available by calling 01604
858333 or in person at one of our
centres 8 days in advance

**CLICK HERE
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COURSE
TIMETABLES**

Junior Active Membership only £24.00 per month. Course fee included.