



# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 No: 22

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Star of the week!



WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR STARS

## CURRENT COVID-19 ADVICE

As you will be aware, this week the Government published their updated guidance around the changes they are making to the law for COVID. I've tried to outline the changes and expected changes for the coming week or so. As you'll imagine, the guidance is not as clear as we would hope, and there are still many questions so thank you, as always, for your understanding and support. Please see a full letter attached.

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

1. High temperature
2. Continuous cough
3. Loss of change in sense of smell

We encourage Children not to attend school with any of the above symptoms.

## PREVENTION

We continue to take preventative measures

- Washing hands
- Using hand sanitiser
- Lateral flow testing
- Ventilation
- Limiting contact

Please help us to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Thank you

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[www.TheGoodShepherdCatholicPrimarySchool.org.uk](http://www.TheGoodShepherdCatholicPrimarySchool.org.uk)

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On the 16th March we look forward to welcoming Sonia Murray who will be holding a Parent and Carer workshop. Sonia has some wonderful suggestions to help parents and carers manage their children's behaviour positively.

We encourage parents to book a space by emailing [office@tgs.nor.olicatschools.org](mailto:office@tgs.nor.olicatschools.org) or by popping into the office.

## Parents' Evenings

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – IN SCHOOL**

Book via.  ParentMail



### TENNIS TASTER

All classes will get the chance to take part in a Tennis taster session on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please can all children wear PE kit on that day.

Reception class took delivery of 10 eggs on Monday. They have been taking such good care of them and all of the eggs hatched successfully. The children are enjoying watching chicks grow.



### NEW FLOWERBEDS

Mr Alex is working hard at making our surroundings beautiful for us all to enjoy. If anybody has any donations of bulbs or seeds for our new flowerbeds we would be really grateful.



Levi	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Martin	10 <sup>th</sup> March
Olivier	5 <sup>th</sup> March		
Darcy	8 <sup>th</sup> March		
Aiden	9 <sup>th</sup> March		
Botho	9 <sup>th</sup> March		

### FOREST SCHOOL

The following classes will be in The Forest next week.

3D Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March

2C Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Please dress appropriately.**



### SWIMMING **Class 5C** Group 1

**SWIMMING SESSIONS WILL CONTINUE  
WEDNESDAY'S REMEMBER YOUR KIT.**



### POLITE REMINDER GRACE JOHN COURT

We would ask that you avoid parking in the car park in order for us to continue to maintain positive relationships with all of the residents.

### After School Clubs **TERM 4**

**Tuesday** – Gymnastics 3.15 to 4.15pm

**Wednesday** – Football 3.15 to 4.15pm

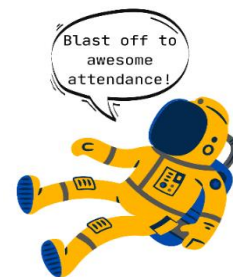
**Thursday** – Dodgeball 3.15 to 4.15pm

**Congratulations to 4B** for getting 99.42 % attendance this week! Our whole school attendance for this week is 94.12%. Fingers crossed for a better week next week.



### ATTENDANCE FIGURES PER CLASS

**4B = 99.42%**  
**6A = 99.44%**  
**4C = 99.42%**  
**6P = 99.15%**  
**2C = 96.93%**  
**1L = 95.29%**  
**5C = 95.24%**  
**RA = 93.31%**  
**2/1P = 88.89%**  
**3D = 88.57%**



This week we have had:

1. **13** students arriving late
2. This equates to **194 minutes** of learning **LOST!**
3. **20** unauthorised absences.

## A message from Mrs Dodds

What a wonderful week!!!

So many celebrations ..... Pancakes were on the menu Tuesday as we celebrated Shrove Tuesday. Year 5&6 returned to St Aidans on Wednesday where they celebrated Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Father Andrew for sharing the celebration with us and to all the staff who went along to help. Father Andrew came to school afterwards and gave ashes to children from nursery to year 4. We were so proud to receive messages from other members of the congregation who commented on the children's exceptional behaviour, truly outstanding role models!

Thursday saw the beginning of a two day world book day celebration where we celebrated our diversity. So many stories from other cultures and traditions were shared. Thank you to Mrs Kelly and all the reading ambassadors who did an incredible job. It was lovely to witness the older children sharing books with the younger ones. We have missed these opportunities so much!! Also thanks to Mrs McDonald for rallying her wonderful chocolate team who delivered hot chocolate to every staff member and pupil in the afternoon.

Thank you to all of you who joined us Reading with children again it was lovely to receive an email from a parent who had a thoroughly enjoyable morning reading to the children.



Now this week we have a special shout out to Maximus in year 5. Maximus' mum tweeted earlier in the week about his commitment to help the people of the Ukraine. His initiative inspired us all, and many of you because within **24 hours** we had a corridor full of supplies. Your generosity is amazing!! We realise many of you have already donated to the Cathedral food store but so many of you came forward to help with donations. It really is a true reflection of the spirit of The Good Shepherd Families. We continue to hold the people of the Ukraine in our prayers.



## 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](mailto: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.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Please ensure that you book and pay for your child to attend our Breakfast Club before they arrive. This is done via the School Gateway System. It is vital that we know which children to expect.

Thank you

## 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.

## The Cathedral Food Store

We have welcomed the Cathedral Food Store to our school. The Food Store has helped us to support many families this year and will now be working closely with this charity to store non-perishable foods before they are distributed from the Cathedral on Thursdays. We are therefore appealing for any non-perishable food items; tinned food, cereal, pasta, rice, sauces, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits etc. These can be brought to the donation box in the school main office.

## ABSENCE REPORTING

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

If you are informing us via voicemail, please tell us the following information in your message:

- Child's first and last name
- Child's class
- Reason for absence
- Please speak as clearly

Thank you

