

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw to the end of another half term it is hard to believe that this time last year we were still working in bubbles and our Christmas production involved two family members sitting distanced from others.

This week we began our Advent Celebrations and in our assembly, we reminded the children what it was like to not be together and we asked them to respond positively to adult requests when visiting extended family members. We asked them to spend time together with their family and without a computer device or mobile phone and appreciate just being together.

We have explained to the children that Christmas is about spending time with loved ones as opposed to getting lots of presents. The children had a lovely assembly with one of our parents, Mrs Clarke who has asked us to support 'Earth's lonely angels.' A charity which reaches out to those who are alone at Christmas. Each class is putting together a small bag of joy, containing a card / bag of sweets /word puzzle book/ socks etc suitable for an adult and we will be handing these over to Mrs Clarke just before Christmas.

We are almost at the end of our first term, using our new curriculum which has opened up lots of exciting opportunities for the children across the wider curriculum. I know Food Technology in year five has been a real hit this year and we have all enjoyed the garlic flatbread which they have been making.

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An addition to our new curriculum is the Curriculum Visions platform. Curriculum Visions will be used in class and at home and gives children access to a range of non-fiction books and film clips linked to topics in a range of subjects.

You will be pleased to know there is only one username and password for the entire school. Curriculum Visions, part of your community.

Username details and passwords for students/parents

Username: thegoodshepherd/1

Password: Newton

On the bottom left hand corner there is a sign in button and also a red Video button which provides an introduction to the site.

As always Thanks to each one of you for your continued support and encouragement over these past few months, we have really appreciated it. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas performances next week.

God Bless

Mrs Dodds



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