



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Issue 6

Our Gospel Value's this Term

Integrity

Justice

Compassion

Love

CURRENT COVID-19 ADVICE

You can see the latest COVID -19 advice on our School website. By clicking this [link](#).

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

@TheGoodShepherdNorthampton

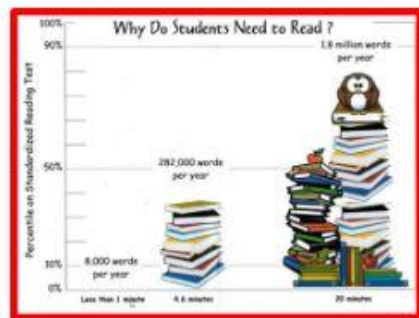
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News Stories

Reading at School

At The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School, we believe that reading is the key to accessing every aspect of your child's education. We highly value reading and we encourage our children to become enthusiastic readers.



Rhino Performing Arts Assembly



We had a huge treat from Performing Arts group of children who performed in Assembly on Friday. A huge THANK YOU to Amy our Rhino Coach and the Parents for coming to watch. What a fabulous start to the day.

We know that Christmas is a really busy time of the year for families. Here is a quick round up of our December activities. If in doubt please go to the [events](#) page of the website or pop into the School Office. CHRISTMAS MEAL – Bookable on MCAS now. If you need any assistance booking your child's dinner please pop into the School Office and we will be more than happy to help guide you through the booking process. If your child does not want a dinner they will still join in the fun with their packed lunches.



KEY DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

[5th December](#) – Christmas Photoshoot

[6th December](#) – 1N Saints Day Mufti

[6th December](#) – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 9.30-10.30am 1.45-2.45pm

[7th December](#) – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 9.30 – 10.30am 1.45 – 2.45pm

[7th December](#) - Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance 9.30- 10.30 am 1.45 – 2.45pm

[8th December](#) – Christmas Lunch

[8th December](#) – Christmas Jumper Day

[12th December](#) - Advent Reflection at 5pm

[13th December](#) - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 9.30-10.30am 1.45-2.45 pm

[13th December](#) – 3L Saints Day Mufti

15th December – Christmas Party Day – more details to be confirmed

[16th December](#) – School Closes for Christmas and Mufti Day



Forest School sessions are now being enjoyed by each year group. Please check on your child's classroom door for their Forest School Day.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING

As well as collecting food for the Cathedral we can also help supply food parcels to many of our families. If you are in need of this please come and speak in confidence to Mrs Auburn, Mrs Dodds or Miss Amy and Miss Emma in the office.

Christmas Clubs

We have been made aware of these Christmas Clubs available for parents to book directly with the company.

[Rhino Sports Academy](#)

[Northampton ESCO Club](#)

Bradders Academy

IXL LEADERBOARD

Mrs Dodds and all the teachers are keeping track of the IXL Leaderboard.

Vladimir, Tanya and Isla you are in the top 3 spots. Keep up the hard work everybody.

Year 3/4 Gymnastics Tournament

Mrs Maddison, Mr Alex and a group of Year 3/4 children went to a gymnastic competition this week.

As always they did a great job of representing the school.

Well done to all involved!



Advent

During Advent we prepare and wait in hope for the birth of baby Jesus.

We are enjoying watching all the Advent scenes and decorations go up in the School. The children are having a very busy time!



Attendance and Celebrations

ATTENDANCE FIGURES PER CLASS

3L = 96% 5P = 96%

95% = 95%

4C 2P 2C 3F = 94%

5B = 91%

1N = 90%



Congratulations to **3L & 5P** for getting **96%** attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week is **93.6 %** Fingers crossed for a better week next week.

Happy Birthday to you

Leticia 24th November

Benedict 26th November

Dominic 26th November

Gabriel 28th November

Maisie 29th November

Gavriella 1st December

Paskal 2nd December

Sara 3rd December

Louise 3rd December

Vladimir 4th December

Caitlyn 4th December

Ella Rae 4th December

A Birthday Prayer

Heavenly Father, We praise you for all your gifts to us. In a special way, we thank you. Bless our birthday child always in your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, and this food with which we celebrate. Help us all to praise you and give you glory Through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.



Notices and Important Dates

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), Miss Smith (Deputy Head) Mrs Bonner (EYFS Lead) and Miss Baggott (SEN Support).

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.

Dates for your Diary

Every other week we send a Dates for your Diary out. In here will be term dates, mufti days, school trips etc ...If you need to refer to this during the week you can find it [here](#) on the website.

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.

SWIMMING CLASS 5P

SWIMMING SESSIONS START **9th NOVEMBER** AND CONTINUE EVERY WEDNESDAY PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR KIT.



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.



PE and Forest School

There are set days for each PE and Forest School. Please look out on your child's classroom window for these set days or ask the Class Teacher if you are unsure.

Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform at all times. You can find uniform details [here](#).

Please note a small stud earrings are allowed in school. However no earrings are permitted to be worn in [PE](#).

At the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School we promote the Gospel Values Jesus taught us. Please make sure as parents you lead by example inside and outside of school. NO verbal abuse towards staff or between parents will be tolerate