



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

16th December 2022

Issue 7

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.

HSC Public Health Agency

Scarlet fever Signs & symptoms



The symptoms of scarlet fever are non-specific in early illness and may include:

- sore throat,
- headache,
- high temperature,
- nausea and vomiting.

After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, generalised pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture.

Anyone who thinks they or a child may have it should contact a GP for a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

Strep A: What to look for

High temperature
Swollen glands
Sore throat

Muscle aches



Source: Don't Forget the Bubbles Skin Deep, BBC research

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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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of another term and what a term it has been! We launched our new CUSP curriculum in September and since the beginning of term, we have been blown away with the children's response. We recently gathered some pupil voice from our Junior Leadership Team who said they are finding the new topics and subjects challenging, 'but in a good way.' The food technology lessons have been a particular hit resulting in garlic flatbreads and healthy breakfasts galore! We cannot wait to see what they will be cooking up next term.

Please check the school website to see what the children are covering:

[The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School - Curriculum Overviews](#)

The topic books/research materials can be found on:

[Login \(curriculumvisions.com\)](https://curriculumvisions.com/) Username: *thegoodshepherd/1* Password: *Newton*

Have a look and see what your next topic is on your newsletter and find the resources on curriculum visions. For example, Year 3 are studying The Romans and there are lots of facts to learn or take a look on Curriculum Visions.

Thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs Maddison and the Rhino team who have been organising and delivering our new PE Curriculum. There has been a lot of hard work to ensure we have been involved in cross country and gymnastics events throughout the Autumn term.

It has been so wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Nativity performances, eight in total! In some ways, it only seems like it was yesterday when we were last watching them, socially distanced and wearing masks and yet in other ways it feels like a lifetime ago! I know the children's performances were stronger than ever this year because they could see your smiling faces and the interactions between the children on stage and parents and friends in the audience were priceless. Thank you all for your positivity and support.

This week we have ended our term, with a wonderful Advent celebration at The Cathedral. This was followed by Year three children who made their First Confessions. We have enjoyed Christmas dinner, class parties and non-uniforms, a visit from Santa and received fantastic books for Christmas from the Friends of Good Shepherd!

Just a reminder, please ensure the children are smartly dressed in uniform on our return to school and follow PE requirements, black tracksuit (no logos), pale blue polo t-shirt and trainers. Hair tied up out of the way and no jewellery. Full uniform requirements can be found [here](#).

Thank you to all the pupils, staff, parents, PTA, wider school community, OLICAT, Northampton Diocese and our local school committee for supporting us this term. A huge thank you to Mrs Boshell and staff involved in the Rainbows 'celebrate us' evening, it was as ever very touching. We wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

See you all on Tuesday 3rd January,

Carmel Dodds Head Teacher and all the staff at The Good Shepherd



Heathy Eating in Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at healthy eating and made breakfast pots. A quick and healthy breakfast! They had great fun chopping fruit using the claw and bridge technique. Great fun was had by all.



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.

Bags 2 Schools

If you are having a pre or post-Christmas clear out please consider giving to our Bags 2 Schools collection. Please read the letter in full [here](#) . Collection is 19th January 2023.

IXL LEADERBOARD

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

Is your name in lights ??

Earth's Lonley Angels

We were blown away by the generosity of our families who supported the Earth's Lonley Angels Charity Bag Appeal this year. At a hard time of year the donations were so generous. Thank you all so much. Thank you to Mrs Clarke for organising.



Christmas Dinner Day

On Thursday we all enjoyed a yummy Christmas Dinner prepared by Coombs Catering. We even had a surprise visit from Father & Mrs Christmas. The whole school had a fantastic lunchtime.



Attendance and Celebrations

ATTENDANCE FIGURES PER CLASS

87% = 2P

86% = 5P

85% = 5B 85% = 2C

82% = 4C

73% = 6D 73% = 3L

71% = 1N

70% = 3F



Congratulations to 2P for getting 87% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week is 78.3%. Fingers crossed for a better week next week.

Happy Birthday to you

Fabiola 6th December

Gabrielle 7th December

Finley 9th December

Zara 12th December

Rajvansh 13th December

Patricia 15th December

Dolly 16th 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 WILL CONTINUE WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2023 FOR ONE MORE WEEK 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