



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

13th January 2023

Issue 8

Our Gospel Value's this Term

Faith

Hope

Forgiveness

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

Rash

Muscle aches



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



Please see the latest update from Public Health West Northamptonshire Council [here](#)

HM Government

NHS



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IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR A 2023 RECEPTION PLACE



You must apply for your child's reception place by 15th January 2023. Please read the letter from West Northamptonshire Council [here](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions).

Litter Wombles Assembly

We were thrilled to welcome Kevin from NN Litter Wombles to our assembly last week. The children were very inspired to make a change to their local community. Year 6 started straight away in our School Forest.



Bags 2 Schools

If you are having a 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.

If you have any swimming kit such as swimming hats, shorts or costumes that you no longer need (in good condition, of Key Stage 2 size) could you please donate them to us for swimming lessons?

IXL LEADERBOARD

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

Is your name in lights ??

Father Andrew's first visit of 2023

On the feast of the Epiphany, Mary and Joseph welcomed a visitor. On Friday 13th January we welcomed Father Andrew who blessed our classrooms in preparation for the new year. The children love to see Father Andrew and actively throws himself into school life every visit.



Bikeability for Year 5

We were thrilled to welcome Bikeability back this year. Some of our Year 5 children spent two days attending the Government's national cycle training programme. This will equip them with the skills to ride more confidently.



Cookery Time

Since we have been back from Christmas Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 have been cooking! All year groups have demonstrated great planning and practical skills. They even did a great job of cleaning up too!!



Attendance and Celebrations

ATTENDANCE FIGURES PER CLASS

5P & 6D = 97%

5B = 94%

3L & 2C = 93%

RA & 4C & 2P = 92%

3F = 90%

1N = 89%



Congratulations to 6D & 5P for getting 97% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week is 93.1% Fingers crossed for a better week next week.

Attendance Celebration

97 – 100%

Congratulations to the children who were awarded an attendance certificate today in assembly.

In our next Attendance celebration we will look at the most improved attendance so hopefully we will be able to give out plenty more certificates.

We completely understand that the cold winter months are difficult in school especially this year with coughs, colds and flus. We moving forward and as the weather gets better our

Happy Birthday to you

Karina 9th January

Ruby 10th January

Tamara 11th January

Fella 11th January

Oluwalonimi 11th January

Vladimir 12th January

Olivier 13th January



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 4C

SWIMMING SESSIONS WILL CONTINUE WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2023 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](#).

PE Timetable click [here](#)

Forest School Timetable click [here](#)

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