



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Issue 10

Virtues to Live By

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

FAITH

SIMPLICITY

LOVE &
CHARITY

FORGIVENESS



The Good Shepherd aims to encourage children, parents and carers to achieve the best possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them. The school will continue to offer an environment in which children feel welcomed and valued.

Congratulations to **6D** for getting **99%** attendance for this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week is **94.1%** Fingers crossed for a better week next week. Check out the stars below to see your child's class attendance. We can see the lots of greens with a few ambers, thankfully no reds this week. Let's reach for those attendance stars that will be given out in assembly.

Is your child a punctuality HERO ?

HERE

EVERYDAY

READY

ON TIME



RA 90%	1N 96%	2C 94%	2P 89%	3F 91%
3L 97%	4C 93%	5B 93%	5P 93%	6D 99%



GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM THE WEEK



At The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School we will be following **Virtues to Live By** daily in our School life.

FAITH – I know that faith is a gift from God. Faith helps me grow in friendships with Jesus. I show my faith by living my life filled with hope and love.

SIMPLICITY – I know what really matters in life. I can give time to think of others, do good and care for creation. Living simply helps me put more trust in God.

LOVE – I show my love for God through my loving concern for everyone especially those in need of my help. I treat others with the respect and kindness that I would want for myself.

FORGIVENESS – I accept God's forgiveness I show my love for God by forgiving others and myself.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week the children have been taking part in moos-booster sessions in school as part of Children's Mental Health Week. You can find them [here](#) on the BBC website, these can be used at home with the whole family. Year 5 used one as a warm up for their PE session, Year 2 used one at the start of a busy day and Year 3 used one in the middle of a busy lesson. We hope you all continue using them at home and find them helpful.



This week we are looking at our **Year 1**.

This term in Year 1 the children have been learning all about animals including humans in Science. Using their detective skills, the children identified animals from zoomed out pictures. The children learnt about all the different animal groups including their features and what they eat and discovered that humans are mammals! We studied birds and learnt that some don't fly. The children made lard bird feeders and have been asked to hang them in their gardens and watch the types of birds that visit, looking closely at their beak shape! Endangered animals and the ways we can protect animals from becoming extinct was another area of discovery in our topic and children wrote about their favourite endangered animal. We finished the topic learning all about the senses and how animals use them to survive in the wild. The children compared that to how they use their senses. They had great fun using their senses in a blind test of crisp tasting! Using just their smell and taste the children identified the flavours!



Year 2 visit Northampton Town

As part of their topic learning about Northampton Year 2 travelled by bus and walked through Northampton Town looking at historical landmarks such as Market Square, Welsh House, Guildhall, Derngate and ended up at the Shoe Museum. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were all very well-behaved. To see more photos visit the gallery section of the website [here](#).



Year 4 Viking Day

Year 4 have had an amazing day in Year 4 today. The children all look fantastic and have been enthusiastic throughout the day.

Year 4 have looked at so many aspects of Viking life, including Viking Reuns and translating using sounds. A great day was had by all, thank you to Mrs Hover for organising and the parents/carers for all the amazing outfit effort.



CURRENT COVID-19 ADVICE

You can see the latest advice on our website by clicking this [link](#)

We encourage children not to attend school with the following symptom's.

High temp, Continuous cough and loss or change in sense of smell.

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.

Step A: What to look for

High temperature
Swollen glands
Sore throat
Muscle aches

Rash

Rash feels like sandpaper

HM Government **NHS**

**CATCH IT.
BIN IT.
KILL IT.**

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

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 on the website. You can also find key dates on the school website [here](#).



PE DAYS

CLASS	PE DAY
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday
3F (Mrs Rainbow/Mrs Delfino)	Thursday
3L (Miss Dougan/Mrs Maule)	Thursday
Year 4	Monday
5B (Mrs Maddison/Miss Smith)	Wednesday
5P (Mrs Richards/Mrs Rainbow)	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday

No earrings or jewellery should be worn during PE lessons. Earrings will need to be taken out, they cannot be covered with a plaster. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled. Hair on PE Days hair must be tied back securely

IN THE FOREST 20/2/2023

See all the Forest School dates for the rest of the year [here](#). All children must dress appropriately for Forest School long trousers, long sleeves, closed toe shoes and a coat. A hat and gloves are a good idea. We will go to the Forest except in high winds or thunder and lightning. Be ready for Forest School even on days it is raining. Always bring a change of footwear

There will be **NO Forest School week commencing 20th February 2023**



Louie 30th January

Eilkem 1st February

Oskar 1st February

Joshua 5th February

Caleb 6th February

Eleanor 6th February

Jayden 6th February

Maxim 7th February

Lilia 7th February

Iuliana 9th February

Miss Amy 11th February

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.



ABSENCE

If your child cannot attend school due to illness, please leave a message on our school absence line on the morning of the first day and each subsequent day of absence. You can also log your child's absence via MCAS

When leaving a message on the absence line please.....

- LEAVE CHILDS NAME
- LEAVE CHIDS CLASS
- LEAVE REASON FOR ABSENCE



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.

Can you help the PTA ?

The PTA are planning a Mother's Day sale. If you have any donations of toiletries you can pop into school there is a box in the office.

SWIMMING CLASS 4C

SWIMMING SESSIONS 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.



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

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.

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