



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

3rd March 2023

Issue 11

Virtues to Live By

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

PERSVERANCE
& RESILIENCE

KINDNESS

HONESTLY

SERVICE



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 **5P & 3L** for getting attendance for this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week is **95.7**. 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.

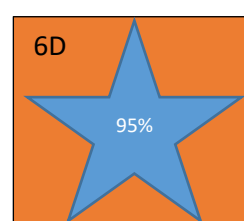
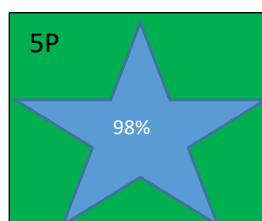
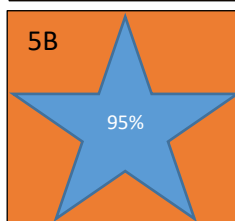
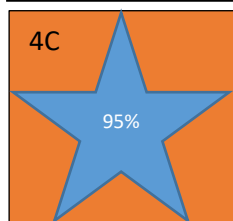
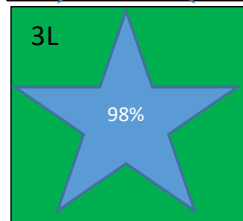
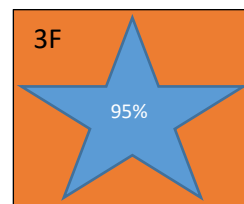
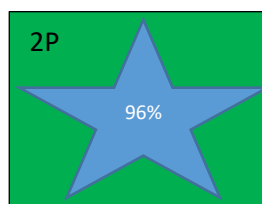
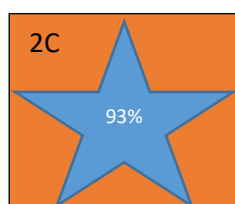
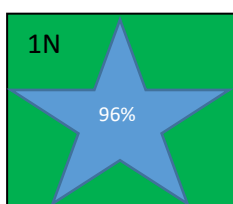
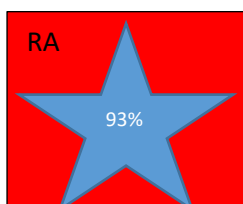
Is your child a punctuality HERO ?

HERE

EVERYDAY

READY

ON TIME





GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM THE WEEK



In the classroom

Special thanks to, Mrs Elsakkar who gave an informative presentation on Islam to our children in Year 6. Adam her son also explained the importance of prayer and how it is done. The children were engaged as they asked many questions pertaining to the faith.

Year 5 concluded their 3D topic in Art and Design from CUSP curriculum by creating their clay pots.

Year 6 were scientist dissecting a lamb's heart. They were able to connect and apply their knowledge learnt in their Science lesson- CUSP curriculum - to identify the different parts of the heart, what it looks from inside and its function. Children were so enthused and engaged in this activity.



Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 22nd February we celebrated Ash Wednesday as it starts the beginning of our Lenten Journeys. A huge thankyou to Ben from Northampton Cathedral for distributing the Holy Ashes!



Congratulations to Year 6

A huge congratulations to all of Year 6 who have found out their Secondary School places this week. Your Secondary Schools are so lucky to have you all joining them. Mrs Dodds has been especially proud of year 6 in the last couple of weeks, they are demonstrating maturity, amazing work ethic alongside outstanding behaviour. But most importantly they always manage to have fun as well.



This week we are looking at our **Year 2**.

Year 2 have been making music, and learning about 3d shapes. We also are currently carrying out a seed experiment - investigating what conditions seeds need to grow!



World Book Day 2nd March 2023

It was wonderful to see so many amazing outfits from World Book Day on Thursday. Well done to everybody who took part. We had a variety of costumes from Princesses to Snow Leopards and Cowboys to Spiderman, not to mention those snuggly pyjamas and dressing gowns! A big thank you to Esme from Puffin Random House who came in to read with Reception, they had a brilliant time.

We have so many pictures to share with you, please check our social media or [here](#) in the gallery section of the website as we have so many lovely pictures to share.



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 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

WEEK A IN THE FOREST

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

Monday –No Forest School

Tuesday – 4C

Wednesday –RA

Thursday-5B

Friday -6D AM

2C PM



Tianna 24th February

Lily 27th February

Maeve 27th February

Jwell 2nd March

Pearl 2nd March

David 3rd March

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Lael 3rd March

Olivier 5th March

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.



Please remember that we are a Nut Free School.

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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