



# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

17th March 2023

Issue 12

## Virtues to Live By

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

PERSISTENCE  
& RESILIENCE

KINDNESS

HONESTLY

SERVICE

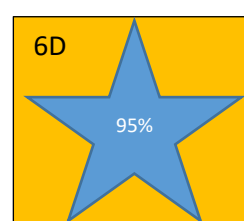
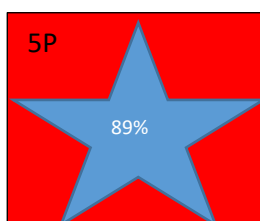
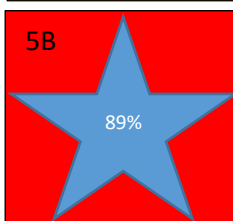
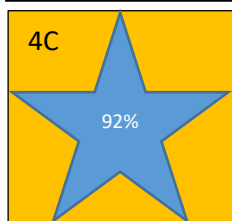
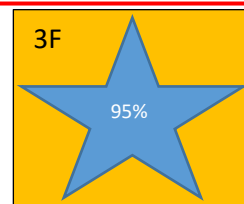
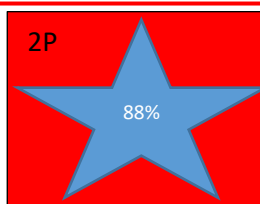
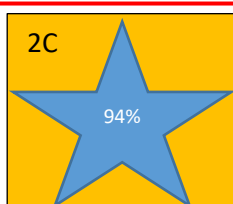
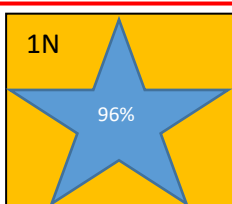
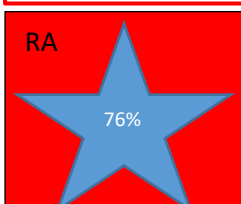
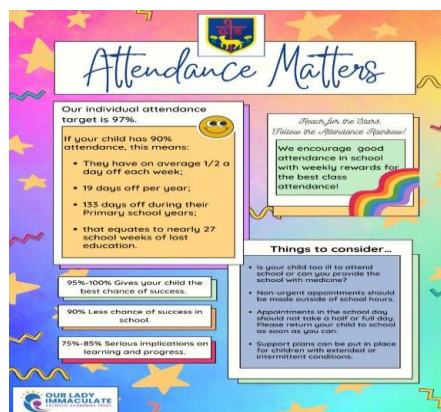


The Good Shepherd aims to encourage children, parents and carers to achieve the best possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them. The school will continue to offer an environment in which children feel welcomed and valued.

Congratulations to **1N** for getting **96 %** attendance for this week! Our whole school attendance for this week is **91 %**. Fingers crossed for a better week next week. Check out the stars below to see your child's class attendance. Let's reach for those attendance stars.

HERO

HERE EVERYDAY READY ONTIME





## GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM THE WEEK



### "Virtues to live by"



Last week we had a great example of the Virtue 'service' to celebrate International Woman's Day, Mrs Miller received a beautiful bunch of roses.

Please click on this [link](#) to read our Behaviour Policy reflecting the virtues.


### Lenten Reflection 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 all welcome

## LENTEN REFLECTION

Based on the Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 22nd March 2023  
5.00pm  
The Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury  
NN2 6AG

You are invited to join pupils from the Northampton Catholic Schools on their Lenten journey: take time to be with Jesus to relive His suffering through the eyes of our young people in reflection, prayer and music.





It was so lovely to see noses pressed up against windows a few weeks ago when we saw a few flurries of snow. It's a gentle reminder of how it's the small things that can spark awe and wonder. Watching Y3 hurry out to roll the biggest snowball and catch tiny flakes in their mouths was worth all the wet and soggy socks that then spent the afternoon drying across the classrooms. Year 3 have had great fun exploring databases in computing lessons this term. They have been using a program called j2data if any of the children want to show off their skills to you at home. Again, it always amazes me how when left to explore independently what the children are capable of. Having created their own themed branching databases, the children explored other elements of j2data. In the short amount of time they had we had pictograms, animations and stories. The confidence to have a go and problem solve independently has really come on. Determination, the desire to explore and the have a go attitude is what we want to foster. It has also been very eye opening to see what Lent promises the children have decided to commit to as part of our 'Giving All' topic in Religious Education. We didn't just focus on things like giving up chocolate but things that impact day to day life. For example: - Giving up TV time to spend more time playing with my sister. Giving up computer time to help my mum cooking. It is worth a look when you come in for parent's evening. We have loved exploring Ballads in music. It has been great fun listening to "Major Tom" David Bowie and a few other classics. Think the picture below says it all.



SPOTLIGHT  
ON YEAR 3

### Visitors in Reception

Reception were thrilled last week to have some new additions to the class. This tied in very well with their RE subject all about how they can learn to grow in life to be more like Jesus. They did lots of science work talking about life cycles, and they observed lots of changes in the chicks. The children also had good fun guessing what was in the eggs before they hatched ..... some suggestions were ducks, crocodiles, tortoises, and spiders! To see more pictures please click [here](#) .



### Year 3 Matilda Trip

Earlier this week Year 3 were lucky enough to visit Thomas Becket for a Dress Rehearsal of their Matilda production. Everybody involved had an amazing time, they enjoyed seeing some of our ex pupils in some main roles. A huge thanks to Stagecoach for putting on a special bus for us to travel in style. Also thanks to Thomas Becket for looking after everyone, we were there nice and early so we had a few games in the Sports Hall and also checked out the huge Library.



## 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.

**Strep A: What to look for**

High temperature  
Swollen glands  
Sore throat  
Rash  
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.

Please check [here](#) for full Forest School dates.

**Monday -1N**

**Tuesday - 4C**

**Wednesday -RA**

**Thursday-5B**

**Friday -6D AM**

**2C PM**



Szymon 7<sup>th</sup> March

Jakub 7<sup>th</sup> March

Darcy 8<sup>th</sup> March

Botho 9<sup>th</sup> March

David 9<sup>th</sup> March

Martin 10<sup>th</sup> March

Aliza 11<sup>th</sup> March

Bexley 16<sup>th</sup> March

Alfie 18<sup>th</sup> March

Tori-Leigh 19<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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.



## 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@thegoodsshepherd.northants.sch.uk](mailto:Familysupport@thegoodsshepherd.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.



cash is not accepted

Please remember we cannot accept any cash in school. Payments must go through MCAS.

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.

## SWIMMING CLASS 4C

SWIMMING SESSIONS CONTINUE EVERY WEDNESDAY PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR KIT.



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