



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

28th April 2023

Issue 14

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

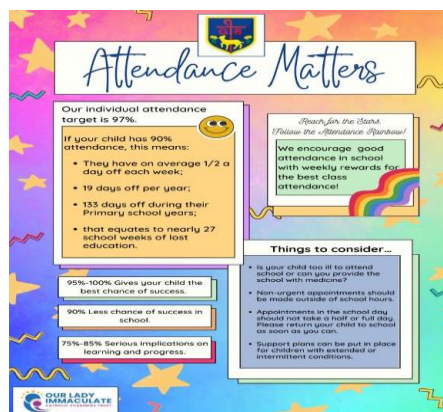


The Good Shepherd aims to encourage children, parents and carers to achieve the best possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them. The school will continue to offer an environment in which children feel welcomed and valued.

Congratulations to **6D 5P 2C & 3L** for getting attendance for this week! Our whole school attendance for this week is **92.9%** 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



RA

92%

1N

90%

2C

94%

2P

92%

3F

93%

3L

94%

4C

93%

5B

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94%

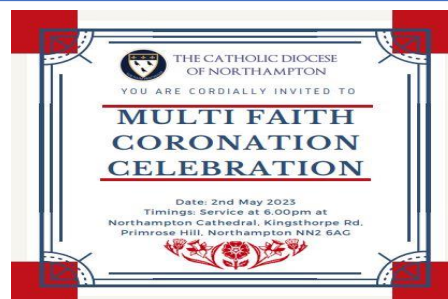


GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM THE WEEK



Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday 26th April, a team of Year 3/4 children went to Dallington Lawn Tennis Club to take part in a Tennis Skills Competition organised by Northamptonshire Sport. The team rotated in a series of 10 skill stations, including fast forehand and backhand warriors. Player's scores contributed to make up the overall team's score. Well done to the Y3/4 tennis team for displaying the School Games Values - supporting each other and working together to have fun and achieve! 🎾 See more pictures [here](#).



We would love to see as many of you there as possible.

[2nd May 2023](#) Northampton
Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Road,
Primrose Hill, NN2 6AG

Year 5 Brass Project with NMPAT

Year 5 started their Brass First Access project with [NMPAT](#) last week! We learnt how to hold and how to make a sound on the instrument, and enjoyed some singing too – looking forward to seeing the children progress over the next 10 weeks!



Forest School

In the Forest this week Year 3 thought it would be a good idea to build a ladder to help the younger children to get in and out of our very large deep digging hole. They found two long strong branches and smaller strong branches which we cut using big saw. Nursery and Reception have had fun in the hole and Year two will be seeing what modifications they can make later today.



Coronation Celebrations

We are so impressed at the amazing mugs and tea towels with the lovely Coronation designs on them. Well done to everybody who took part. Year 2 also spent time this week writing letters and pictures and posting them to Buckingham Palace! Don't forget to save the date for our [Coronation Picnic](#) on 19th May 2023.



Year 6 Important Dates

Year 6 Parents/ Carers please do take the time to look at these very important dates for your children in the upcoming couple of months.

9th – 12th May – [Year 6 SATS](#). Children to arrive at 8.15 am for SATS breakfast.

19th May – Year 6 [Water play](#) morning

24th May – Parents [Residential Meeting](#) 9 am

7th June – Year 6 [Walkathon](#)

26th- 28th - June [Whitemoor Lakes](#) Residential

29th June – Year 6 [Day off](#)

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

WEEK A

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 Mrs Tidman

Tuesday – 4C Mrs Hover

Wednesday – RA Mrs Miller

Thursday – 5B Miss Smith/Mrs Maddison

Friday – 6D AM Mrs Jones

2C PM Mrs O'Key



Catalina 24th April

Scarlett 25th April

Erin 26th April

Mollie 27th April

Michelle 29th April

Delight 30th April

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.



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



Our School Day

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers that our School day begins at 8.45 am and ends at 3.15 pm. You can see a full breakdown of the day [here](#). Breakfast Club is bookable through MCAS and Rhino Sports Club or After School Club is bookable [here](#) . If your child is not booked into these clubs you will be called and expected to collect them. Can we also ask that you drop and collect the children promptly.

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.



cash is not accepted

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

Please read our most recent letter regarding Teachers Strike Days [here](#).



Please remember that we are a Nut Free School.

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 5B

SWIMMING SESSIONS CONTINUE THIS WEDNESDAY FOR ONE MORE WEEK.



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