 **Good Shepherd News**

**November 2019**



**Welcome back everyone after our Mid-term Break! We hope you’ve all had some quality time together.**

**We all had a ‘spooktacular’ Halloween Fun Day in school. Parky the Magician really was magical and everyone looked fantastic in their Halloween costumes.**

**Once again, this month we will be welcoming members of our Community to work alongside us in school.**

**Anti-bullying week begins on Mon 11th Nov 2019 and Road Safety Week begins on Mon 18th Nov 2019. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to talk to your children about these two very important issues.**

**Very soon our preparations for Christmas in school will be in full swing and we very much look forward to sharing this special time with all our boys and girls!**

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Fri 1st Nov: Holiday

Week beginning 11th Nov: Anti bullying Week

Mon 11th Nov: Enagh Youth Forum KS2 Anti-bullying sessions

Wed 13th Nov: Y5 Allstate Cyber Safety for Kids presentations

Mon 18th Nov: Y1 – Y7 Flu Programme

Week beginning Mon 18th Nov: Road Safety Week

Thurs 21st Nov: Term 1 After School Activities end

**Mon 25th & Tues 26th November**: School closed - School Development Days 2&3:

**Year 1 – Year 6 Parent Teacher Meetings** (Timetable to follow)

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATES DUE TO ELECTION**

**Tues 10th & Wed 11th Dec: Y1 – Y4 Christmas show @ 1:30pm**

**Mon 16th Dec: Nursery Nativity @ 9:30am**

Dates for your Diary

Mon 11th & Tues 12th Nov: Open Day 2:15pm – 3pm

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Thurs 28th Nov: FOGS Christmas Bonanza (Information to follow)

**Take Note:**

\***Remember** **Morning supervision** begins at **08:30am**. There are still a number of children being dropped off at school before 08:30am. Children should **not** be left unattended in playground before 08:30am.

\*Thank you to everyone for your co-operation in response to our request to park in the designated parking spaces outside the school gate. This has made a huge difference in the interests of your children’s safety.

\*Remember to keep **ALL** payments up to date: dinners, trips, activities… **must** be paid **in advance**. There are a number of accounts in deficit. Due to budgetary constraints it is essential that payments are made **in full** and **on time**. At the end of each week if your account is in deficit we will be making contact with you in order to address this.

**\*Parentpay:** If you are experiencing any difficulties with Parentpay, call into the office and Mrs Doherty will be happy to help.

\***Y1 – Y6 Parent Teacher Meetings** will take place on Monday 25th November 09:00am – 15:00pm and Tuesday 26th November 09:00am – 12:00pm. Each meeting will last 10 minutes. Please adhere to appointment times in order to ensure a smooth running order for everyone.

**\*Health & Safety:** Another reminder to ensure that you do **NOT** send nuts or foods containing nuts into school with your child. We have children in school with **severe nut allergies.**

**\*Open Day:** If you have children starting Nursery or Year 1 in September 2020 we would like to invite you to come and have a look around on Mon 11th & Tues 12th Nov 2:15pm – 3pm.

\* The Sacrament of Confirmation for our year 7 pupils will be celebrated on Saturday 28th March 2020 by Monsignor Andrew Dolan in St Columb’s Church, Chapel Road @ 11:00am.

**\* The Friends of Good Shepherd are appealing for volunteers to help out with the Christmas Bonanza. They would also appreciate any donations from businesses. If you are willing to help out, please contact school. Your help will be very much appreciated.**

**Announcements!**

Pupils and Staff in Good Shepherd supported Young Minds **♯Hello Yellow** on World Mental Health day in school on Thursday 10th October 2019. We all looked great in our Yellow attire and we raised £343.52. Thanks again everyone for your continued generosity of spirit!



**Congratulations to our Halloween Draw prizewinners:**

**1st prize £100: Azra Mc Geoghan P5**

**2nd prize £50: Sophia Mc Hugh P4**

**3rd Prize £25: Oliver Clarke Nursery**

**Thanks everyone for all your support!**