 **Good Shepherd News**

**February 2020**



**Term two is well and truly on its way and we are all looking forward to our mid-term break.**

**We already mentioned that this year we celebrate Good Shepherd’s 40th Anniversary and that we are planning a special celebratory Mass for the occasion on Friday 13th March 2020.**

**Very soon you will be receiving an invitation to our celebration and we would really like you to share this invite to anyone in your families and the community that have been associated with Good Shepherd over the years. We would love to see everyone there!**

**Don’t forget to look out those old photos of Good Shepherd over the years too. We would really love to have them to display in school. Feel free to send them into school or call into the school office.**

**In the meantime, enjoy your well-earned rest everyone!**

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**Mon 3rd: Y7 Pupils Tasty Science Workshop**

**Mon 3rd: Credit Union Primary Schools’ Quiz, Waterside Theatre @ 10:00am**

**Thurs 6th & 13th: Helping Hands Programme: Y5 (Mrs Connor’s Class)**

**Mon 10th – Fri 14th Language & Literacy Week**

**Fri 7th – Tues11th: Book Fair**

**Tues 11th: Y6 (Mrs Houston) Assembly @ 09:05am**

**Tues 11th: Y2 visit to Waterside Library**

**Wed 12th: Y6 (Miss Grant) Assembly @ 09:05am**

**Wed 12th: Y4 visit to Waterside Library**

**Thurs 13th: Kidz Farm visit Nursery @ 09:30am**

**Fri 14th: Tom Sweeney shows Nursery – Y7 (please pay on parentpay)**

**Fri 14th: Wear Red (non-uniform) and donate generously to Children’s Heart Surgery Fund**

**Mon 17th – Fri 21st: Mid-term break**

**Mon 24th: NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assemblies Y1 – Y7 and Y6 – Y7 workshops 9:30am – 3pm**

**Mon 24th: NSPCC PANTS Programme & Online Safety Staff Training 3pm – 5:30pm**

**Mon 24th: Chinese New Year Workshops, Derry City/Strabane Council**

**Wed 26th: Ash Wednesday Ceremony @ 10:45am**

**Thurs 27th: Nursery – Y3 Parents PANTS Programme @1:30pm**

**Fri 28th: Nursery Jo-Jingles**

Dates for your Diary

**Take Note:**

**\*Thank you for your continued support in relation to parking in the appropriate designated spaces outside the school gates. Your Children have been discussing this in school and are appreciative, as are staff, of your respect for their health & safety. Unfortunately, however, there are still a small number of parents who continue to disregard our efforts to keep our children safe. We ask you once again to refrain from driving into the school grounds, blocking the school gates or parking in non-designated parking spaces in the interests of health and safety and out of respect to everyone!**

**\*You are already aware that NSPCC will be in school on Monday 24th February 2020 delivering the speak out, stay safe programme to the children in Year 1 – Year 7. In addition to this we have planned Information sessions for parents: The PANTS Programme (for Nursery – Y3 Parents) will be delivered by Margaret Gallagher in school on Thursday 27th February 2020 @ 1:30pm and an online safety information session will take place on Tuesday 28th April 2020 (more info to follow). We would recommend that you attend these sessions and support us in school in keeping your children safe.**

**\* Our 40th Anniversary celebratory Concert starring our Key Stage 2 pupils will take place on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March 2020 @ 1:30pm. In the interests of health and safety we must limit tickets to two per family. Tickets will cost £5 each and can be purchased from the office on a first come first served basis from Thursday 27th February 2020. A DVD of the performance will be available to purchase at a later date.**

**Announcements!**



**Our new school website will be going live after Mid-term.**

**Congratulations to Eoghan Hasson and Holly Sarkissian on making it through to the NI Primary Schools’ Cross Country Championships. They both ran very well against all the elite runners throughout NI. Well done Eoghan and Holly!**

**Congratulations also to our two Credit Union Quiz teams. Both teams did brilliantly. Our 11-13 team came 1st and will compete again in the Regional Finals. Our under 11 team came 3rd. They certainly were excellent Ambassadors for our school!**