



SCHOOL NEWS

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD 'BELONGING'

THE PARABLE of the Good Shepherd confounds even the average thinking person. Jesus spoke of the good shepherd going after the lost sheep. *"Which man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?"*

(Luke 15:4)

In Jesus' time a shepherd tended his flock day and night. He would gather the sheep into a sheepfold at night for their protection. The sheepfold was a pen, a cave, or an area backed by stone walls. Since there were no doors, the shepherd would often sleep or sit in the opening, ready to guard his sheep from harm.

When Jesus wanted to express dedication and protection, he chose to use the picture of a shepherd with his sheep. People of that day were very familiar with shepherds. The audience Jesus was talking to gained a lot of understanding from this illustration.

For example, they understood the total dedication of a shepherd. So when Jesus spoke about being the good shepherd in John chapter ten, the audience understood that a good shepherd had to always be on duty.

They knew:

- * Good shepherds protect their sheep from danger and provide healing for their sicknesses and illness.
- * Good shepherds are faithful leaders who guide their sheep toward green pastures where their flock can flourish.
- * Good shepherds lead their flock to pure still waters where they can find peace and sustenance.
- * Good shepherds are watchful and always go and find those sheep who wander off – the vulnerable, the hard to reach and the lost.

We pray this week that we can all be good shepherds for each other, in our families, school, parishes and local communities.

Rick Ward
Headteacher





S P O R T S

N E W S

Tuesday 1st May

MID-CHESHIRE SCHOOLS ATHLETIC COMPETITION—Years 8, 9, 10 and 11

After school at Victoria Park, Warrington
Returning to St Nicholas' approximately 6.30pm

"I had a great weekend and despite the heat, finished in a time of 17:46 (for 5k)."



"It was ridiculously hot but I made it. Thanks again for all your support."



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



WELL DONE!!

to **MR BRADLEY** who ran the **LONDON MARATHON** for **CANCER RESEARCH** on Sunday 22nd April

and to **PATRICK GRIFFITH** of 8 Camara who ran for the North West Team in the London Mini-Marathon.

P R O M 2018

- If any Year 11 parent/carer is able to give a helping hand in setting up for the
- Year 11 Prom on **Friday 25th May** at the Vale Royal Abbey, then do please get in touch with Kim Griffiths of the PTFA by emailing her on kim@copley.co.uk
- Any help would be really appreciated between **10.30am - 2.30pm**, no matter how small *Thank You!*

can YOU HELP?

ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY AT THE WEST CHESHIRE AWARD CEREMONY ... Jess Leigh of 12 Camara ...



WELL DONE

*"I was lucky enough to attend the **West Cheshire Award Ceremony**. As the Youth MP for CWAC I had some involvement in organising the awards, such as the entertainment and the running of the evening. I even was granted with the opportunities to present awards to inspirational people from all over West Cheshire from a woman who has raised nearly £250,000 to disabled young people making a difference.*

*However, what was to come that evening was truly both surprising and humbling. I ended up winning the '**Outstanding Achievement of a Young Person' Award**. It was so incredible to hear the lovely comments made about the work I have done over the past year - from attending the Houses of Commons, to running youth action festivals, working on campaigns, meeting MP's, becoming the Inclusivity Representative for the North West to trying to change the world in my own little way."*

SO JESS' MESSAGE TO THOSE READING THIS:

"No matter where you come from, what you've been through, or even where you're going, there are certain things we all share as human beings. We all want to be loved and cared for. We all want to pursue our dreams and develop our potential. But perhaps most of all — whether we admit it or not — we all want to live in a better world. So love the world, give to the world and change the world in your own little way because all of your hard work will pay off in the end."

NOTE TO PARENTS Re: Students in Years 11, 12 and 13

Your child's **TRACKING AND MONITORING REPORT** is now available to view on FROG (using your own username and password) - **any problems, get in touch with us.**



Period: 17.4.2018 - 20.4.2018

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camara	John Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent de Paul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	100	97	95	99	100	97	99	N/A	98
Year 8	95	94	93	90	92	93	98	N/A	94
Year 9	98	99	93	94	92	96	96	97	95
Year 10	98	96	84	93	91	97	95	96	94
Year 11	90	94	97	94	94	99	98	96	95
Whole School	96	96	92	94	94	96	97	97	95

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

Big Heart Ball

FRIDAY 15TH JUNE 2018, 7PM TILL 1AM

Do you work for a company that offers MATCHED FUNDING when you are involved with charitable events? If so we'd LOVE to hear from you.

We have lots of ways – big or small – that you could be involved in our Ball (preparations or on the day) and the ability to MATCH FUND, even a small part of the event, could *make a huge difference*.

The more money we can raise at this event the quicker we can deliver the outside shelters and seating areas our students so desperately want and need.

We still have a few tickets for our fabulous Ball, priced at £50

We can assure you of a warm welcome and a fabulous evening!

Ticket price includes a welcome drink, three course meal with tea/coffee and a delicious heart shaped chocolate (naturally!).....not to mention the dancing

Further information is available on the PTFA section of the website.

Colours Fashion Show

A LADIES ONLY event

taking place in school on the evening of Friday 29th June, 7.00 pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start.

Tickets are just £6 including entrance and a lively glass of bubbly (see Parentpay).

Why not get a group of friends together for a girls' night out.

Fantastic High Street brands at up to 50% off!

Save the Date!

We have been able to secure the services of First Priority Training to deliver a **1 day Emergency First Aid at Work course** on Saturday 22nd September. The course will commence at 9.30 am and finish at 4pm with a 30 minute lunch break. Cost of the course is £65 pp and certificates last for 3 years. The course will be open to any student in Years 11, 12 and 13. It will also be open to adults and students who move on to alternative further education venues. Booking details will be available shortly.