



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## News in School

3rd May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and made the most of the extra day!



### Eid Mubarak!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Muslim families Eid Mubarak! I hope you all have wonderful time with your family and friends! Eid al-Fitr - which means 'festival of the breaking of the fast' - is celebrated at the end of Ramadan, a month when many adult Muslims fast.

### CAFOD

A huge thank you to those of you who have returned your CAFOD sponsorship money. As part of the school's Missionary Discipleship, the children have raised an amazing £335.70!! Thank you so much for your generosity!



### Weekly Attendance

As the table below shows, attendance has improved again this week! Thank you to all parents for ensuring your children are attending school at every opportunity! Well done to YR class for another fantastic week - having 100% attendance - just pipping Y4 at the post!

W/C	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
20.04.22	98.72%	91.34%	94.44%	95.65%	96.49%	90.00%	93.94%
25.04.22	100%	95.51%	98%	95.65%	99.42%	93.67%	91.82%



# Our Lady 'Food Bank'

As you know, the school often supports the New Life Church Food Bank. However, in order to be able to use this valuable service, a referral and proof of income are required. I am conscious that there may be families in our school who do not meet the 'threshold' for income support and may earn just over the government's cut off limit. Therefore, in these times, when a lot of families are facing increased fuel costs, gas and electric costs and food prices etc, I would like to set up our own 'food bank'. As part of the school's Missionary Discipleship, I would like to reach out to families to support people in our own school community. If you are able to support this worthwhile cause, adding a couple of extra items to your weekly shop, please could I ask that you donate any dry goods, such as pasta, rice, tins, sauces (Ragu, Dolmio etc), shower gel, shampoo, sanitary products etc. and send them to the office.

If you do need to use the 'food bank', please contact me and we can arrange a suitable time for you to come into school and take items which are needed. All I ask is that you only take what you need and, when you are able to, return this act of kindness by donating to the food bank to support others in a similar situation. Items will be available for collection from Wednesday, 4th May 2022. The 'Little Act of Kindness Fund', through the St Therese of Lisieux Academy Trust, have kindly donated some money to start our food bank off. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension takes place 40 days after Jesus's Resurrection. Christians believe that on this day, Jesus ascended into Heaven, to be seated at the right hand of His Father. It signifies that Jesus's mission on earth was complete. Please join us to celebrate this Feast being led by the children, in church, on Thursday, 26th May 2022 at 10.15am.



If you are able to support walking the children to church and back, please contact the office. Your help will be gratefully received.



## May Crowning

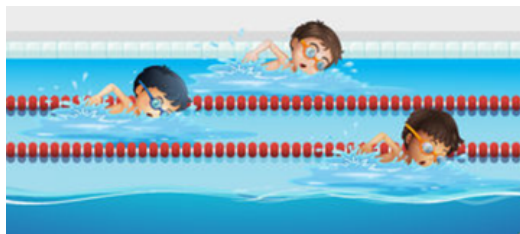
Thank you to Deacon Tony who led today's 'Crowning of Mary' liturgy and to Liam and Matilda for sharing the responsibility of actually placing the crown on Mary's head!

In the Catholic Church, May is celebrated as the month of Mary and it is traditional for a May Crowning to take place in our schools and churches. Mary, the patron of our school, is a very special saint for those of us who are Catholic Christians, and we traditionally pray to her at times of sorrow or great need. It is believed that she intercedes for us to her son Jesus, taking our prayers to him.

Pope Francis has invited all the faithful and communities to pray the Rosary, for peace, every day in May. He states, "My thought goes to the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, 'Mary's city'." During this time, we will be praying the Rosary in school.

# Year 3 Swimming

If you have not yet paid the cost of swimming for your child, who is in Year 3, please could you do so by the end of Friday, 6th May 2022. We have outstanding payments for both terms. If you have any issues with making payment, please contact me to discuss. Thank you.



## *Dates for your diary*

9th - 12th May	Y6 SATs
16th - 20th May	The Briars Residential
24th May	School Photographs
26th May	Feast of The Ascension - whole school Mass in church
27th May	Final day of Term 5

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can email [office.admin@our-lady.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:office.admin@our-lady.lincs.sch.uk) or alternatively, call on 01529 304373.

Yours sincerely

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