



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

20th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Vision and Values

This term, the children will be learning about the value of 'Respect'. The key message that the children will be learning about is that Respect is caring enough to consider how words and actions impact others. Having respect is when you feel good about someone because of how they act. Showing respect is when you care how your actions impact others.

First Holy Communion

On Sunday, five of our children celebrated their First Holy Communion with family and friends at church. It is such a special event in their lives as Holy Communion is one of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church – Baptism and Confirmation being the other two. It was such a privilege to be there to watch them! They all looked amazing in their suits and dresses. Many congratulations to them!

Safeguarding - WhatsApp

It has come to light that a number of children are using the 'WhatsApp' app to communicate with their friends in group chats. For those of you who do not know, the minimum age of use for WhatsApp is 16 years old. It had previously dropped to 13 years old, but in April 2018 returned to 16, as a response to data-protection legislation. Unfortunately, WhatsApp can bring issues of cyber-bullying as children think because they are not at school, they are free to say what they like. However, the school has a legal obligation to investigate any incidents which have been brought to the attention of the school.



Safeguarding - Mobile Phones when driving

Please could parents ensure that they are not using their mobile phones when driving into the car park/drop off zone. Being distracted whilst driving on the school premises could potentially cause a nasty accident if a child were to run out in front of the car and the driver is not paying attention. If the issue continues, I shall be raising the matter with the parents concerned. Your support will be greatly appreciated to ensure ALL members of our school community are kept safe.

Family Mass

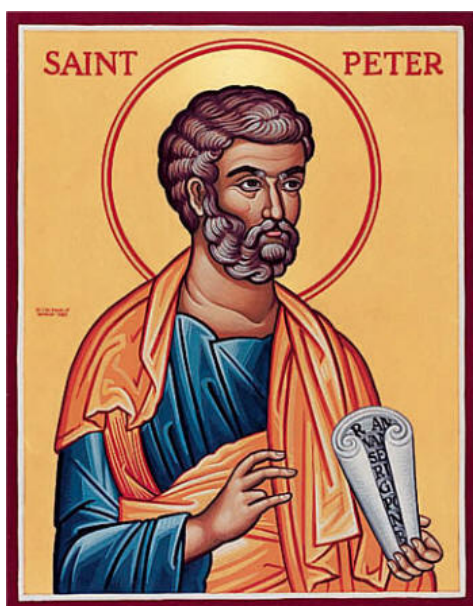
Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate a Mass for the families of the Diocese of Nottingham to coincide with the World Meeting of Families in Rome. Our Lady of Lincoln Parish will host the Mass 4.00pm on 25th June 2022 and invite you and your family to join them in celebrating this wonderful occasion. The choir of Our Lady of Lincoln Primary School will provide the music of the Mass and it will be a great occasion to invite friends and family with children who may have not been to Mass in a while.

Following the celebration of the Mass there will be a social gathering for families in the connecting grounds of Our Lady of Lincoln Parish and School. There will be a Barbeque, live music, families games, access to the schools play equipment, an ice cream van and most importantly the opportunity to socialise with other Catholic families from across the diocese. To ensure we have the correct numbers for catering please book a free ticket for each family member.

Mass - Feast of St Peter and St Paul - 29th June

To celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, as a Holy Day of Obligation, the whole school will be attending Mass at church. If your child has PE on that day, please could they wear their full uniform to school and send in their PE kit for them to get changed into later in the day. Please ensure your child's uniform is named so that any items which are misplaced can get back to their rightful owner - thank you!

If any parent is available to support with walking to and from church, please could you let Mrs Malthouse know at your earliest convenience. Many thanks in advance for your support!



Saint Peter was a fisherman before Jesus called him to follow him. The children will know him as one of the fishermen who were called by Jesus to 'follow Him'.

He was previously known as Simon. Peter was present during the major events of Jesus's ministry. Jesus entrusted Peter with a very special task, appointing him the leader of the Church. With the help of the Holy Spirit, he encouraged the early Christians to spread the Gospel message to people of all nations. He was named 'Petros' a Greek name, meaning 'rock'.



After Jesus Christ, St Paul is often considered the most important person in the history of Christianity. He was one of the leaders of the first Christians. Paul's life and his writings make up 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament in the Bible. These books play a large role in the development of Christian beliefs. The children will know that Paul was previously called 'Saul' and was blinded on the road to Damascus. It was here that God enabled Saul to see 'the light of truth'. After this experience, he was convinced that Jesus was the Messiah. From that day on, he used the name Paul and became one of the greatest missionaries of all time.

PTA Events

To celebrate all of the hard work which the children have put into their learning this year, the PTA are pleased to announce that there will be an end of year disco for EYFS and KS1 and KS2 on Thursday, 14th July 2022! More details will follow, but it is a date to add to the diary. There will be no end of term Film Night this term.

Furthermore, the PTA have very kindly arranged for Y6 to receive a treat to celebrate an end to their Primary journey - also on the 14th July! However, this remains a secret at the moment and they will have to wait in anticipation to find out what it is. This is the first year that this will have been done and is a very generous offer by the PTA.

Plans are afoot for a 'Family Fun Day', to be hosted in the next academic year, and the PTA are asking parents to look out for any unwanted gifts, lurking in the cupboards at home, which could be donated to school to support a Tombola stall. If you are able to, please consider donating a bottle of wine for the 'Water into Wine' stall. The PTA work tirelessly all year to bring different events for your child/ren to enjoy whilst raising valuable funds. Any support that you can give will be gratefully received by the PTA. If you are able to offer any spare time in order to support the PTA, please contact me and I shall put you in touch with Kevin Skeith and the PTA Team.

Weekly Attendance

Well done you Y1 on winning w/c 6th June and Y5 on winning w/c 13th June's highest attendance! It seems the new term has not got off to a great start overall. Please ensure your children attend school at every opportunity and please ensure they arrive at school on time.

W/C	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
23.05.22	94.57%	89.52%	98.33%	95.37%	93.68%	97.93%	92.73%
06.06.22	94.39%	95.02%	94.16%	94.15%	93.72%	93.72%	91.14%
13.06.22	87.69%	88.57%	97.0%	96.25%	90.53%	97.93%	93.18%

Equaliteach - Parental Questionnaire

If you have not already done so, please could I ask that you complete the parental questionnaire that was sent out last week with regards to the school's engagement with Equaliteach. This is a programme that the school have signed up for to ensure that we are a diverse and inclusive school and that there is no discrimination based on the protected characteristics of race, gender, age, religion or belief, marriage status, sex, disability or sexual orientation. Please click on the link to complete the questionnaire. Thank you! <https://forms.office.com/r/SeRachbTEY>

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Malthouse
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

29th June	Mass in Church - Feast of St Peter and St Paul
1st July	Y6 Transition Day to Y7 Change over afternoon in school
6th July	Sports Day - Weather permitting
13th July	2nd Sports Day if the 6th July has to be cancelled
14th July	Y6 PTA Treat EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Discos
20th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass - 10.00am
20th July	Y6 Leavers' Performance - 1.30pm (parents to arrive from 1pm)
22nd July	Final day of Term 6 and the Academic Year!
6th September 2022	Start of the new Academic Year 2022/2023!