



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

20th September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I can say how I feel'** as part of helping the children to **'understand their uniqueness as made in the image of God and develop self awareness, positive self-esteem and confidence'**.

In order to build strong relationships, children need to recognise emotions in themselves and others and be able to manage them, particularly when they are strong. Emotional wellbeing contributes to the development of a positive self image and good self esteem. Children who understand their emotions, can manage them and are aware and respectful of the emotions of others, are more likely to lead happy and productive lives.

Please support your child/ren this week to talk about their emotions - either positive or negative - and know that it is ok to have a range of feelings. If you require any further information for supporting your child with their emotional literacy, please click on the link [here](#).

Visions and Values - Respect

This term's Value which the children will be following is 'Respect'. We are teaching the children the importance of treating others with respect even if we do not always agree with their actions or words. Please help your child/ren to think of ways they can show respect to others at home or in in school.

Also, as part of their learning in school, the children are taught about British Values. Having mutual respect shows an understanding that we all don't share the same beliefs and values. It is important to respect the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing our own others. In school, the children learn about embracing diversity, the importance of religion, traditions, cultural heritage and preferences and how to tackle stereotyping, labelling, prejudice and discrimination. Please find attached to this week's newsletter, a guide to help you discuss respect with your children.



Reading

Those Who Read Succeed!

Please talk to your child about the book they are currently reading and foster a love of reading culture at home.

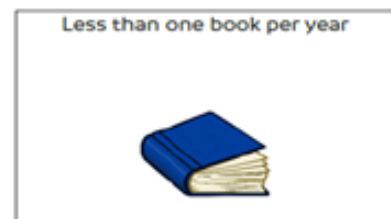
Why read 20 minutes at home?

Child A Reads:
20 minutes per day
3,600 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year

Child B Reads:
5 minutes per day
900 minutes per school year
282,000 words per year

Child C Reads:
1 minute per day
180 minutes per school year
8,000 words per year

The average word count for a typical novel is anywhere from 70,000 to 120,000 words



Want to be a better reader? Simply read!

Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives.

The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the classroom is only part of a child's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and the single biggest predictor of high academic achievement. Your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read daily, or as a minimum of three times per week (for about 15 minutes), reading regular bedtime stories and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together. Reading widely through all of these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books.

To help us track how much reading your child is doing at home, it is important that you sign their reading record every time you have listened to them read, along with a brief comment. Your support with reading at home is essential and only by working together can we ensure your child achieves their potential as a reader.

If you would like to discuss your child's reading, please contact your child's class teacher or myself and we will be more than happy to help you.



Queen Elizabeth II

Following the Queen's funeral yesterday, we continue to pray for the Royal Family as they continue to grieve for their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. May she rest in peace.

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Y5 for another great week in school! Please ensure your child/ren attend school at every possible opportunity.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
06.09.22	100%	100%	100%	97.69%	94%	100%	96.67%
12.09.22	97.78%	92%	92.5%	97.53%	98%	99.44%	95.33%



COVID

Unfortunately, COVID has not gone away as we have a couple of positive cases in school this week. The symptoms displayed have been a raised temperature or feeling hot, cold like symptoms and feeling generally unwell.

As with previous government guidelines, if you suspect your child has COVID, please test them. If your child is positive, please isolate them for three days. Once they have isolated, they will be able to return to school unless they are continuing to show symptoms of fever or a high temperature.

Little Church

Please note that Little Church will be running on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. The next session will be on Sunday, 2nd October. The parish family look forward to seeing you there!



Scholastic Book Fair



We are very excited to announce the return of the Scholastic Book Fair! The Book Fair brings the children the very best books including over 200 top children's titles from over fifty publishers, carefully chosen to reflect all tastes and abilities. With books starting from only £2.99 plus exclusive titles that you won't see in the shops or at any other fairs, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

6TH - 17TH OCTOBER 2022

Is it too early to mention Christmas??!! Don't miss this great opportunity to purchase some books as Christmas presents for family and friends! Imagine ... giving the gift of adventure, the chance to escape and discover new worlds, meet new friends and to improve children's imagination and creativity!



PE Timetable

Please see below the days in which your child/ren will have PE. As a reminder from last week's newsletter, EYFS and KS1 need to come to school dressed in their uniform as they will get changed in school as part of developing their independence skills. KS2 children should come to school dressed in their PE kits. Please ensure your child wears a white t-shirt. Already, we have had children arrive to schools in a variety of t-shirt colours. Please note that children in Year 6 will go swimming each Friday.

	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Mon	✓						
Tues		✓	✓	✓			
Wed					✓	✓	
Thurs		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Fri					✓		✓

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Hunt. We are always here to help!

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Malthouse
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

24th September	11+ Non-verbal Reasoning Paper
2nd October	Little Church
6th - 17th October	Scholastic Book Fair
7th October	Harvest Celebration Liturgy
11th October	Parents' Evening
12th October	Mass in School Parents Evening
16th October	Little Church
20th October	End of Term 1
31st October	Start of Term 2
31st October	Deadline for Y6 Secondary School applications with the Local Authority