



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

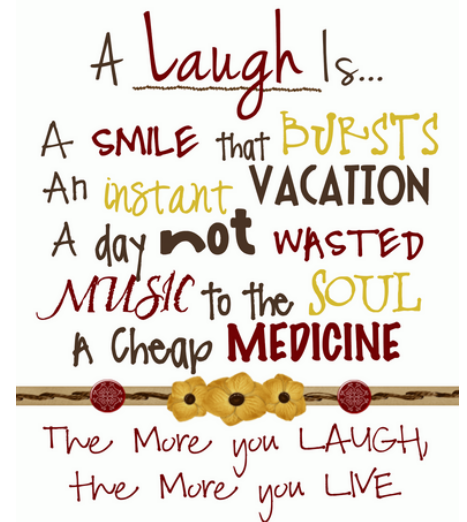
26th September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is 'I can laugh and have fun' 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'.

What fun things can you do this week with your child/ren? How can you make others laugh this week? Do your children know any jokes? Laughter is fantastic for emotional well-being and gives people a chance to connect and share a positive moment. Please spread a little joy in the world!



Welcome!

This week we wish a very warm welcome Mr Paul Tibble and Miss Rebecca Brearley to our school family.

As you are aware, Ms Tapfield is our Acting Deputy Head and part of the Senior Leadership Team for the school. In order to drive improvements and new initiatives across the school for the benefit of the children, Ms Tapfield will be working much more closely with me. In order to release Ms Tapfield from the classroom, Mr Tibble will be teaching Year 3 for the foreseeable future. Mr Tibble is well known in the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust and, having been a teacher and Headteacher for a good number of years, will continue to provide the children with the standard of education expected within school.

Miss Brearley also joins the school as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant. Again, Miss Brearley has many years experience of working with children and is very excited to be joining us at Our Lady's!

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!



Y4 Class Liturgy

You are more than welcome to join us on Wednesday, 28th September at 9.00am to watch Y4's class Liturgy. They will be sharing their learning from their RE lessons with you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Y5 for another great week in school – two weeks as the winners!! Let's see who has the greatest attendance next week!

As a whole school, attendance is currently 96.07%, which is below the expected 97% for the school. Please ensure your child/ren attend school at every possible opportunity – thank you!

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
12.09.22	97.78%	92%	92.5%	97.53%	98%	99.44%	95.33%
19.09.22	90.55%	88.33%	97.5%	92.63%	95%	98.68%	93.33%



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.

11+ Exams

Well done to all of our Y6 children who took their 11+ exams, both last weekend and this weekend. Whatever the results are, we congratulate you on trying your very best! You can all now relax ... including you parents!!

Safeguarding - WhatsApp

In this ever developing world of technology, I would like to draw your attention to the use of WhatsApp by children in school. Having delivered an online safety assembly, it is apparent that a number of children in KS2 are using WhatsApp to communicate with their friends. I have also been informed that children are using it to message and be unkind to one another – even creating groups and excluding other children from the group. This is not the behaviour that we wish to promote amongst our children – either in school or out of school. Please find attached a copy of WhatsApp guide for parents and carers to inform you about the positives and negatives of the children using WhatsApp. If your child is actively using WhatsApp, please do speak to them about their behaviour on line. Your help with this is gratefully appreciated.

Free School Meals

If you believe your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Hunt before Friday, 30th September so that she can get you onto the system as soon as possible.

Parking

Unfortunately, due to the continued roof works, the staff car park is currently unavailable. Please could I ask that where possible, parents and carers park away from the school and walk down to collect your child/ren. There has been an increasing number of cars that are starting to park on the grass verges around the car park. As the weather is becoming increasingly wintery, parking on the grass will result in it becoming muddy/damaged. Your support on this is greatly appreciated - thank you.

Winter Coats

As the weather has become much cooler over the last couple of weeks, please could I ask that children bring/wear their coats to school. If we do have any rain showers, the children will still continue to play out!

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

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
30th October	Little Church
31st October	Start of Term 2
31st October	Deadline for Y6 Secondary School applications with the Local Authority