



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## News in School

17th October 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

### Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I try to be just and fair'** as part of helping the children to **'know, appreciate and understand the importance of social justice and develop independence, interdependence and responsibility'**.

This week, please take the time to speak to your child about fairness. Ask them, how can you make sure that you are always treating people fairly? What could you do if you see someone being unfair? Why is it important to be fair?



### Open Days for new YR 2023 - 2024

On Thursday, 3rd November the school will be having the final Open Day for prospective parents for the new Reception intake for the academic year of 2023 - 2024. If you know of anybody whose child is due to start school next September, please let them know about our Open Day. The times are from 9.00 - 10.30am and again in the afternoon from 4.00 - 6.30pm. Parents do not need to book a time, they can just arrive during these hours. If these times are not suitable, please ask them to contact the school office and we will be more than happy to arrange a more convenient time for them to visit.

### Uniform

A polite reminder to all parents and carers about uniform expectations. Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform correctly - especially their PE t-shirt. Please note that your child should be coming to school wearing a white t-shirt - not multi-coloured ones. I appreciate that not all children will be wearing a logoed t-shirt, due to costs etc, but I do expect them to wear a white one!

### Reading

Over the past term, staff have been monitoring the children's reading records. Whilst the majority of parents and carers are reading at least three times per week with their child/ren, there are some parents who are not reading **at all** with their child. It is essential that your child is heard reading regularly as it is such an important skill to achieve at an early age. Throughout Term 2, I shall be contacting parents and carers who are not reading regularly so that we can work together to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

# Weekly Attendance

Well done to YR for almost a perfect week in school! Please ensure you send your child in at every opportunity. If your child is late for school, after the register closes, this is registered as an unauthorised absence against their attendance even though they have arrived to school. Please try to arrange holidays during term time to prevent fines from being issued. If you would like to have a read of the school's Attendance Policy, please visit the website [https://www.our-lady.lincs.sch.uk/\\_documents/%5B794204%5DOLGC\\_Attendance\\_Policy\\_-\\_September\\_2022.pdf](https://www.our-lady.lincs.sch.uk/_documents/%5B794204%5DOLGC_Attendance_Policy_-_September_2022.pdf)

Throughout the term, I shall be monitoring attendance and punctuality and will be sending letters accordingly, should your child/ren be below the expected 97% attendance.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
10.10.22	91.67%	96.67%	95%	94.44%	94.62%	97.98%	93%
17.10.22	99.31%	98.33%	91.25%	93.98%	93.21%	98.75%	83.92%



## Safeguarding - A Date with Dan - Online Safety

Don't forget to sign up to 'A Date with Dan' online safety meeting. A Date with Dan is a free TEAMS Online Safety Q and A for Parents and Guardians on the 7th December, 6-7pm. This is being hosted by the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership to up level parents' knowledge and understanding of their children's online activities and to protect them from online harm. Please click on the link to get your tickets. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-429589111597>



## Mass in Church - All Saints Day

Please join us for All Saints Day Mass in church at 10.15am.

**Please can ALL children wear their uniform on this day** - even if they have PE. Please bring PE kits to school for the children to get changed into.

If you are able to support the school by walking the children to and from Mass, your help will be gratefully appreciated. Please contact me if you can help. Thank you!

## Little Church

Don't forget that Little Church runs every first and third Sunday of the month. The next Little Church is on the 6th November and then the 20th November. Children between the ages of 3 and 11 years are welcome to attend during Mass. The parish looks forward to seeing them there!



# Pantomime

Please remember to return your children's consent forms with the payment for the Panto at Newark Palace Theatre on the 7th December.

## Advent Liturgies

Throughout Advent, KS2 classes will be delivering an 'Advent Liturgy' each Monday, taking it in turns to explain the four themes of Advent: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The liturgies will be starting on the 28th November, and each consecutive Monday until the end of term, commencing at 9.00am. Please see the Dates in the Diary page for when your child's liturgy is. Family and friends are more than welcome to join us.

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

31st October	Deadline for Y6 Secondary School applications with the Local Authority
1st November	Mass in Church - All Saints Day
6th November	Little Church
11th November	Remembrance Day Y6 Remembrance Liturgy
20th November	Little Church
27th November	Sleaford Christmas Market
28th November	Y5 Class Advent Liturgy - Hope
5th December	Y6 Class Advent Liturgy - Love
7th December	Whole School Pantomime
12th December	Y4 Advent Liturgy - Joy EYFS/KS1 Nativity 6.30-7.30pm
13th December	Y3 Advent Liturgy - Peace EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2-3pm
14th December	Christmas Lunch KS2 Carol Service - 2-3pm
16th December	Final Day of Term 2 Class Christmas Parties

**Advent 2 Curriculum Overview – Year Reception**

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English	Talk for Writing	Fiction –Room on the Broom. This term the children will be using their story-teller voices and lots of actions to help them learn and recite the story ‘Room on the Broom’. They will also be taking part in lots of linked practical activities to really immerse them in the story. Potion making is always a big (and very messy!) hit with the Reception children!
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Maths	Measure	The children will learn how to recognise and use triangles and circles. They will also learn about shapes with 4 sides before moving on to learning about time.
	Number	At the start of this term the class will be learning how to represent and compare the numbers 1, 2 and 3, as well as learning about the composition of 1, 2 and 3. They will then move on to representing numbers up to 5 and finding 1 more and 1 less than those numbers.
RE	Baptism- Belonging. ‘Welcome’	To begin the term, the class will continue with their learning about Baptism. They will talk about different ways to welcome somebody, including in different languages, and they will say what it means to them to be made to feel welcome. After this the children will learn about the sacrament of Baptism, during which they will enjoy acting out a Baptism in small groups.
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PSHE	New Beginnings	In PSHE the children will be using the ‘Colour Monster’ story to help them to learn about their emotions and what they can do to help themselves feel better, including how to resolve conflicts with others. They will also be learning about the differences between themselves and others, as well as how to be a good, kind friend.

## Advent 2 Curriculum Overview – Year 1

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
English	Talk for Writing	T4W Fiction – Instructions – How to Travel Safely Through a Forest
	Spelling	This term, the children will continue to learn the Year 1 Common exception words as well as words they have been spelling during phonics and topic lessons.
	Grammar	As part of Talk for Writing and Read Write Inc, the children will continue using full stops, finger spaces and capital letters as well as learning about adjectives and verbs.
Maths	Geometry	The children will learn all about 2D and 3D shapes. They will compare the shapes properties and sort them accordingly.
	Addition and Subtraction	The children will find the total amount by adding and subtracting using tens and ones, as well as a number line.
RE	Waiting	Children will share their experiences on waiting and how it made them feel. Children will learn about Advent and discuss the importance of it. The children will recognise the 4 symbols of the wreath; Love, Hope, Joy and Peace.
DT	Moving Story Books	Children will explore what mechanisms are and how parts move (up, down, left and right).
Music	Adding Rhythm and Pitch. How Does Music Tell Stories about the Past?	During music this term, the children will learn how music makes us feel, what story is it representing and how do we know. they will be looking into the beats and pulse of songs, as well as learning a variety of lyrics. The children will study the lyrics and explore what they mean.
PE	Health and Wellbeing	In PE, the children will focus on agility, coordination and balance. They will build on team working skills and explore how PE makes them feel.
PSHE	Feelings	This topic focuses on how we feel during certain situations and exploring different ways in which we can explain how we are feeling.
Geography	Our Local Area	The children will be using maps to explore the school grounds and areas surrounding us. They will following directions and recognise different environments.
Science	Animals, including humans.	Children will explore and sort different animals into categories by looking at their properties. We will discuss why some animals will not make good pets and how we look after different types of pets.
	Seasons	The children will be learning about signs of autumn, spring, summer and winter as well as how the trees change throughout these seasons.

## Advent 2 - Curriculum Overview – Year 2

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
English	Rwi	Recapping all sounds learnt so far. Children will be grouped to continue learning/securing sound knowledge and using this knowledge to read and write about different fiction and non fiction RWi texts.
	Spelling	Learning how to spell topic words, homophones and Common Exception Words used in Year 2
	Grammar	Recapping and securing writing in sentences and identifying the different types of sentences. Knowing what nouns , proper nouns, adjectives are and using them accurately in sentences.
Maths	number, Place Value and addition and subtraction	Different addition and subtraction strategies and applying knowledge. 2d and 3d shapes
	Multiplication Tables	This term, the focus will be consolidating 10, 2, 5 multiplication tables and learning 3 x tables for a times table assessment.
RE	Baptism Judasim Advent	Signs and symbols Shabbat Advent- Preparing for the birth of Jesus
ART/DT	Santa's Teddy needs a chair	planning, designing, making, testing and evaluating a chair for Santa's bear.
GEOGRAPHY	Weather and the seasons	Locating countries around the world and investigating weather in a different country. What are the seasons and which season are we in and the features of this season and the other seasons.
IT	Creating Media	Digital photography. Being safe online
Music	How Does Music Teach Us about the Past?	Focus on dynamics and tempo
PE	Linking	Linking movements and balances from Advent 1. Adding rolls and apparatus. Practising and demonstrating sequences. Performing to others.
PSHE	Friendships	Getting on and falling out
Science	Materials	How materials can change-bend, stretch and twist
SEAL	Circle time	Restorative Practise; Revisiting what restorative practise is, Working together and sharing thoughts and memories about ourselves, including; How I feel when I fall out with a friend. Dealing with different emotions. Something I have done that makes me proud of myself. How I can make someone happy today.

## Advent 2 Curriculum Overview – Year 3

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
English	Talk for Writing	Fiction – the children will learn and know the story Nail Soup. They will use this to innovate and then write their own story independently. Instructions – How to Make Nail Soup. The children will learn the structure of instruction writing and to innovate and independently write instructions.
Maths	Addition and subtraction	Add and subtract two numbers across a 10 and 100. Add 2 and 3 digit numbers. Subtract a 2 digit number from a 3 digit number.
	Multiplication and division	Recognise and use multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Use the 3, 4 and 8 times tables to multiply and divide by these numbers
RE	Promises Judaism Visitors	We will be completing our topic of the sacrament of baptism. We will be exploring the Judaism faith looking at the synagogue as a special place of worship. The children will explore the waiting for the coming of Jesus at christmas and think about how we prepare for special visitors.
DT	Pneumatic systems	The children will explore and understand how pneumatic systems work and assess the effectiveness of their designs.
Music	Play, compose and perform	The children will continue to learn how to play, improvise and perform using glockenspiels.
PE	Dance - weather	The children will respond to different stimuli being able to add drama and emotion to the dance.
	Gymnastics – symmetry and asymmetry	The children will focus on exploring movements and balances in a symmetrical way and apply extension to movements and balances.
PSHE	Anti-Bullying Getting on and falling out	The children will explore different types of bullying, how people are affected and the steps they can take.
French	Les Animaux	The children will learn how to recognise, recall, and spell up to ten animals in French. They will learn that articles/determiners have more options in French than they do in English.
Geography	Our Local Area	The children will study the local area, locating Sleaford on a map and preparing their own sketch maps as part of a field trip. They will learn to identify the physical and human features of the local area and recognise the different types of local services, collecting and evaluating evidence from the area.
Science	Rocks and fossils	The children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties. They will describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter The children will also develop a range of skills to help them think and work scientifically
Computing	Stop frame animation	The children will learn that animation is a sequence of drawings or photographs. They will plan, review and improve and evaluate an animation recognising the need to work consistently and carefully



## Advent 2 Curriculum Overview – Year 4

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
English	Talk for Writing	Fiction – Defeating the Monster story – They will learn the story of “Simic and the Forest”; acting it out initially, making their own story maps and then analysing the features of the text and they will then ultimately plan and write their own defeating the monster story. Non-fiction – non-chronological report – The children will analyse the text “Swamp Monsters”, identify the features of a non-chronological text before planning and writing their own.
	Spelling	Consolidation of previous spelling words with common spelling patterns or phonemes as well as practising the Year 3 and Year 4 spelling lists.
	Grammar	The children will be learning about imperative verbs, time connectives, adverbs, adjectives and inverted commas for dialogue.
Maths	Addition and Subtraction	They will add up to two 4-digit numbers (with and without exchanging), subtract two 4-digit numbers (with and without exchanging) and estimate and check their answers.
	Measurement	The children will find the area of shapes by counting the squares and then compare the area of different shapes.
	Multiplication and Division	They will develop their recall skills for the 3, 6, 9, 7 and 12 times tables as well as the related division facts.
RE	Called	The children will complete the current unit on the calling of the apostles and other people and give reasons for the actions and symbols.
	Judaism	For one week, the children will learn about the Torah and the importance of it to Jews and how they show it respect.
	Gifts	They will explore and reflect on how Jesus is a gift from God, how Christians prepare for Advent and also the Nativity.
D&T	Torches	This topic is closely linked to the Science as the children will be designing and making functioning torches. They will investigate electrical items before designing, making and then evaluating their own torch.
French	La Famile	They will know the words for the members of family and talk about their own family.
Geography	The Americas	The children will be researching some countries and cities in North and South America and identify similarities and differences between them. They will also learn about the historic Route 66 and some of the cities it went/goes through.
Computing	Audio Production	They will learn about input and output devices required to work with sound. They will record and edit sounds, produce a podcast of their own and learn how to edit their own work and save it.
Music	How does music bring us together?	They will continue to receive the Samba music lessons and play a variety of Samba instruments.
PE	PE 1 – Dance	They will learn to explore movement through improvisation, unison, matching movements and then extend their dance skills by using more complex interacting movements and also incorporating apparatus.
	PE 2 – Running	They will explore and develop running for speed, running as part of a team and explore pacing and running for distance.
PSHE	Stereotypes, discrimination and prejudice	The children will learn about gender stereotyping and about discrimination and prejudice.
Science	Electricity	The children will construct simple circuits, identifying the basic parts and labelling diagrams of the circuit. They will add in buzzers, switches and motors and also investigate conductors and insulators.
Circle Time	Respecting each other, speaking and listening skills	A range of games and activities which will develop the children’s speaking and listening skills whilst providing an opportunity for them to identify positive qualities in themselves and their peers.

## Advent 2 - Curriculum Overview – Year 5

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
English	Talk for Writing	<p><b>Talk for Writing – Fiction – Warning – Trapped</b> This term, the children will be learning about a warning tale where they will sequence, plan and write about a warning within a story. Their focus will be on the description setting.</p> <p><b>Talk for Writing – Non Fiction – Explanation– The parent pleaser</b> Within this topic, the children will be learning about the steps to creating a parent pleaser machine and explaining the outcome of an event. The focus of the lessons will be on causal conjunctions.</p>
	Spelling	During the term, the children will be revising the Year 5/6 Common Exception Words.
	Grammar	This term, the children will recap fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, perfect progressive tenses before moving onto similes and metaphors.
Maths	Multiplication and division	<p><b>Multiplication and Division</b> The children will look be looking at Arithmetic and building on the children’s knowledge of the inverse operations of multiplication and division.</p>
	Fractions	<p><b>Fractions</b> The children will end the term looking at Fractions where they will be adding, subtracting, ordering, and comparing.</p>
	Multiplication Tables	The children will continue to practise all their Times Tables both in school through daily timetable recall and testing.
RE	Hope	During this topic, the children will look at the topic of Hope. This relates to the season of advent and waiting in Hope for the coming of Jesus.
	Judaism	This term the children will look at the Judaism faith.
D&T		This term the children will be designing and making an electronic greeting card. They will be constructing the electronic circuit to make the card light up.
French	What is the date?	During this topic, the children will learn how to ask what the date is and respond with the correct date in French.
Geography	Climate and weather	In this unit, the children will learn about the world’s climate and the weather around the world. They will also learn about how they impact each other.
IT		The children will be learning about the different ways to create media with a focus on video production.
Music		This term the children will be learning about how music connects us with our pasts through evoked emotions and musical styles.
PE	PE 1 - Gymnastics	During this topic, the children will be learning about movement and balance using gymnastic equipment.
	PE 2 - Athletics - Running	During this topic, the children will learn about how we can use our bodies to increase our speed and improve our technique.
PSHE	In the media	In this topic, the children will be learning about how the media influences our decisions. We will discuss how they manipulate pictures and information.
Science	Properties of material	During this topic, the children will learn about the scientists Spencer Silver and Ruth Benerito. We will discuss the properties of materials with a focus on discovering the best materials for particular jobs.

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