



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

21st November 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is '**I can work, rest and pray each day**' as part of helping the children to '**Grow towards human wholeness and develop a healthy life style in the body, mind and spirit and understand the connection between knowledge and living**'.

This week's Statement to Live By teaches us about the importance of work, play rest and praying: in these extremely busy times, we need a good balance of all these things. In St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he explains If we work all the time we get too tired; If we play all the time we won't learn anything; each day we should spend some time resting and some time in prayer. Try to find a balance of all three this week.

Weekly Attendance

Well done to YR who are winners of this week's attendance in school. Please ensure that your children attend school at every opportunity and that they are on time as this does affect their attendance data too.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
07.11.22	97.89%	93.33%	98.1%	96.77%	98.85%	92.17%	98.67%
14.11.22	98.95%	95.33%	91.43%	96.07%	94.62%	90%	95.33%



Children in Need

A HUGE thank you to all who donated cakes - either home-made or bought - to sell at the bake sale on Friday. An AMAZING £359.52 was raised for this fantastic cause.



PTA Events

Don't forget to send in permission slips for the Advent Disco to be held on Thursday, 24th November. If your child is in KS2 and has PE on that day, please send them in school PE kit, with their disco clothes in a bag. We will provide time for the children to get changed at the end of the day.

Carpet Tubes - If your child has not yet decorated their carpet tube to be used on the PTA's Christmas Staff, please send in before the end of the week. Please support the PTA on Sunday, 27th November at the White Heart Mews where they will have a 'Water into Wine' stall.

If you have any spare bottles of wine (if that is even possible!!) and can donate them, please send them into school and they will be passed onto the PTA. They will be gratefully received!

Christmas Jumper Day - 8th December

On Thursday 8 December, millions of people up and down the country will come together – at their workplace, school or with friends – to make the world better with a sweater. This year will be TWICE as good as before. Every time you donate £2, the UK government has totally promised to give £2 to Save the Children too.

Instead of wearing their usual school jumper, please could children wear a Christmas jumper. Children should still wear the rest of their school uniform.

A prize will be given to the best EYFS/KS1 and KS2 'home-made' jumper!

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), and meet the criteria listed on Lincolnshire County Council website, please do ensure you apply. In the current economic crisis, the council are providing financial support for those who are claiming free school meals. Please click on this link [Lincolnshire County Council](#).

School-aged children and young people who qualify for benefits-related free school meals can access free holiday clubs during the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.

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 November	Advent Disco
27th November	Sleaford Christmas Market
28th November	Y5 Class Advent Liturgy - Hope
2nd December	Non-uniform day - PTA Fundraiser
4th December	Little Church
5th December	Y6 Class Advent Liturgy - Love
7th December	Whole School Pantomime A Date with Dan - Online Safety
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
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
4th January	Term 3 starts