



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

23rd January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is '**I co-operate with others in work and play**' as part of helping the children to '**Know that everything has the capacity to reveal God's presence and in the light of this develop effective and satisfying relationships**'.

Working co-operatively with one another helps to build a community by working together to accomplish shared goals. To work co-operatively with one another demonstrates the values of respect, tolerance, sharing and compromise. Furthermore, it also help to develop important skills: decision making, active listening and social skills.

In this week's Scripture, is from a letter of St Paul to the Ephesians:

"Dear Friends, From now on there's going to be no more telling lies. You are going to tell the truth instead. If you get angry with someone, I want you to try to become friends again as soon as you can on the same day. Don't lose your temper. Don't shout at each other. Don't call each other names and don't be spiteful!"

Remember you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore be friends with each other, and forgive each other quickly, because God has been quick to forgive you."

This week, ask your child/ren to think about the Scripture above. How can they apply this to their own lives? If they have a falling out with a friend, how could they help to repair the friendship?

Weekly Attendance

Well done Y6 as this week's winners!! A very close call Y4! It has been a super week all round with a number of classes having very high attendance. Well done, everyone!

Thank you to everyone for making improvements to attendance this week.

Overall attendance for w/c 16.01.23 was 97.44% - absence being 2.56%.

Overall attendance for w/c 09.01.23 was 96.89% - absence being 3.11%.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
09.01.23	97.62%	96%	94.55%	98.93%	97.6%	94.78%	97.67%
16.01.23	98.1%	98.67%	95.91	98.57%	99.2%	91.74%	99.33%



Little Church

The next Little Church will take place on Sunday, 5th February. All children between 3 and 11 years are welcome!

Dates in 2023: 5th /19th February, -- 5th /19th March, -- 2nd /16th April.

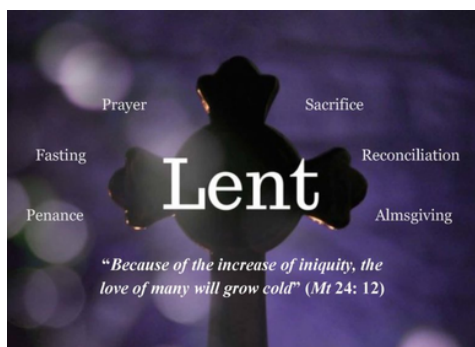
Snow Closures

In preparation for any inclement weather which may arrive in the coming weeks, your child has been given their login details for accessing their Google Classroom account should the school need to be closed. For those of you who lived through remote learning during COVID, you will be very familiar with this process.

If you have not yet accessed Google Classroom from home, please see the attached information with this newsletter. If you need any support accessing your child's account, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we shall gladly explain what to do. Furthermore, if you do not have access to an electronic device which could be used to access learning from home, please could you let the school know asap. Thank you!



Google Classroom



Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday, 22nd February the children will be attending Mass at Church for Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and is considered a day of repentance. It commemorates the time when Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights after being baptised. During Lent, your child has an opportunity to be like Jesus where they can resist temptations and use this time to become closer to God.

If you are able to walk with the children to church, please could you let the office know so we can plan our ratio of children to adults accordingly. Please note that all children need to wear school uniform and bring any PE kits in their bags to get changed into.

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum are hosting a 'LPCF Week of SEND 2023' aimed at parents and carers of children with disabilities/additional needs and for professionals who work with them. They have a diverse range of services, organisations and support groups attending the online Zoom sessions at different times throughout the day and evening (10.30am—9pm). The aim of the event is to give attendees as much information, support and help as possible. The week runs from Monday, 23rd January until Saturday, 28th January. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Malthouse
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

1st February	NEU Strike Action
9th February	Term 3 ends
10th February	INSET Day for staff
20th February	Term 4 starts
21st February	Shrove Tuesday
22nd February	Ash Wednesday - Mass in church Start of Lent
1st March	NEU Strike Action
7th March	Parents' evening
8th March	Parents' evening
15th March	NEU Strike Action
16th March	NEU Strike Action