



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

30th January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I try to use words that make the world a better place'** 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'**.

As we all know, our choice of words can either have a positive or negative effect on people. In school, as part of our OLG C Rules, we teach the children to use 'caring lips'. This means that they speak to one another and to the wider school community in a positive, polite way. When the children do not use 'caring lips' and their words have a negative effect on others, they are reminded why they should use 'caring lips'. Using kind words goes a long way in making people feel good and everyone deserves to feel good.

This week, encourage your child to use kind words: using manners to say please and thank you; offer a compliment to someone; offer to help someone; be honest and truthful; before speaking, think about the feelings of other people. Encourage them to 'think' before they speak using the acronym shown here.

Before you speak:

THINK

T - Is it True?

H - Is it Helpful?

I - Is it Inspiring?

N - Is it Necessary?

K - Is it Kind?

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 23.01.23 was 97.67% - absence being 2.33%.

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

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
16.01.23	98.1%	98.67%	95.91	98.57%	99.2%	91.74%	99.33%
23.01.23	97.62%	96.67%	100%	96.79%	97.2%	97.73%	97.67%



Little Church

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

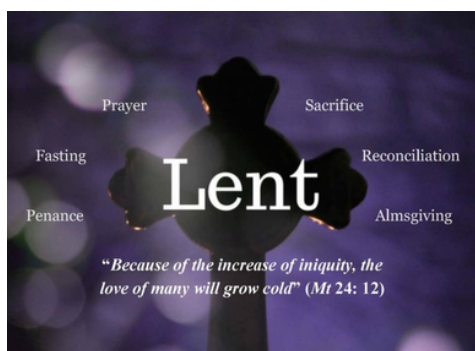
Dates in 2023: 5th /19th February, -- 5th /19th March, -- 2nd /16th April.

Safeguarding - Mobile Phones

Please could parents and carers not use their mobile phones whilst driving their cars on the school car park. It has also been noted that some parents are also using FaceTime whilst driving. Apart from it being illegal to do so, it also puts our children at risk. Please ensure you keep our children safe at all times.

Industrial Action

Polite reminder that school will be open to ALL children on Wednesday, 1st February 2023.



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.

Songs of Praise - 19th February 2023

Back in October, the school was contacted by a representative from the TV programme 'Songs of Praise'. After the initial shock, a group of our Shining Stars Liturgy team, along with Ms Tapfield, went to Lincoln to film an episode for Songs of Praise and is due to be aired on Sunday, 19th February at 1.15pm. If you can, please tune in to watch our amazing children! The children thoroughly enjoyed their experience of filming, but realised it is not as easy as it looks!

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

9th February	Term 3 ends
10th February	INSET Day for staff
19th February	Songs of Praise on the TV!
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