



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

5th December 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I try to love others as I love myself'** as part of helping the children to **'Experience a sense of belonging within a range of communities, including the local Eucharistic Community, and play an active role as members of society'**.

The meaning for this week's Statement to Live By can be found in Matthew's Gospel - Matthew 22:36-39.

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

In Jesus's commandment, He taught us that it is not about asking who our neighbour is. Rather, it is about our own willingness to be a neighbour ready to love. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, it teaches us that our neighbour can even be a complete stranger who we can expect nothing from in return. The commandment means being a neighbour to everyone, and most importantly it is about us being that good neighbour. It starts with ourselves.

This week, ask your children how they can be a good neighbour to others.

Weekly Attendance

Unfortunately, over the last couple of weeks, many of our children in school have been poorly which has had a huge impact on attendance levels across the school. We know it cannot be helped if your child is poorly, but please ensure you send your child to school as soon as they are well enough to attend.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
14.11.22	98.95%	95.33%	91.43%	96.07%	94.62%	90%	95.33%
21.11.22	84.21%	88.67%	91.9%	95%	96.54%	92.61%	96.67%
28.11.22	65.28%	96.67%	86.67%	96.43%	94.62%	95.65%	94.67%



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!

A Date with Dan - Online Safety Training

As mentioned in previous newsletters, to support parents with online safety, the Stay Safe Partnership at Lincolnshire County Council are hosting a webinar. This will be held on Wednesday, 7th December at 6pm. Please use this link to book your place **A Date with Dan**.

Also, following my newsletter about the National Online Safety site, please do sign up to be able to access a wealth of information as to how you can keep your children safe online.



PTA Chocolate Tombola

The PTA would like to pass on their thanks for the huge amount of chocolate that was donated following today's non-uniform day.

On Friday, 9th December after school has finished, the PTA will be having a 'Chocolate Tombola' in the hall. Everyone is welcome!!

The PTA would also like to pass on their thanks for the amazing support given at the Christmas Market where a fantastic £478 was raised to put towards resources for your children. Thank you for your generosity.

Nativities and Carol Services

Please ensure you book your seats via the Eventbrite website as per the information sent home by Mrs Hunt. This will ensure that we are compliant with fire safety. If you do not book, unfortunately, you will not be allowed entry to the event. Many thanks for your understanding.

Sweets in school

It has come to our attention that some children are bringing sweets into school which are being consumed at playtime. Please could you ensure that your children are not bringing sweets or chocolate bars (Mars, Snickers, Galaxy etc) in with them. If they are found to have these on them, the items will be confiscated. Many thanks for your understanding.

Pantomime

The coaches will be leaving school at 9.10am prompt on Wednesday as the performance starts at 10.15am in Newark. Please ensure that you arrive on time with your children as we cannot delay the coaches for those who are late. Staff will be available in school for those children who miss the transport.

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

7th December	Whole School Pantomime A Date with Dan - Online Safety 6pm
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
9th December	PTA Chocolate Tombola
12th December	Y4 Advent Liturgy EYFS/KS1 Nativity 6.30-7.30pm
13th December	Y3 Advent Liturgy 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