



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

9th January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I know we are happiest when we are united'** 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'**.

Last week's Statement to Live By focussed on being part of a community. This week's focus is how we are united as part of that community. Being united also brings people together, offering a sense of belonging and helps to foster healthy relationships.

Following on from last week's Scripture from the Acts of the Apostles, the passage below demonstrates how the disciples lived together in unity.

Many people joined the community of the friends of Jesus. They lived every day as they were taught. They lived like members of one big family. They ate together, sharing bread and wine as Jesus had done at the last supper. They prayed together often. Everyone was amazed at the life they lived. The apostles did wonderful things among the people. The community of friends shared everything with one another. They sold everything they owned and shared out the money so that each person had what they needed.

Every day they went together to the temple. Every day they met in their houses to break bread together. They happily shared their food with each other, praising God with joy. People were very impressed with the way they lived. Day by day more people joined them. They were totally together as a group....everything was shared.

Think about the reading and ask your child/ren....What do you think about the Scripture? How do you know the community was united? Do you think they were happy? Why?

Weekly Attendance

Well done Y6 as this week's winners - again!! Also, well done YR and Y4 for making huge improvements in attending school. Unfortunately, Y4 were pipped at the post by Y6 this week!

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

Overall attendance for this week was 94.82% - absence being 5.18%.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
12.12.22	95.24%	93.33%	90.15%	97.62%	98%	88.41%	98.33%
04.01.23	86%	90%	94.09%	91.07%	83.08%	93.04%	95.33%



Safeguarding - VR and Fortnite

Following a busy time for Father Christmas, possibly delivering a number of electronic devices and games to our children, it is important that parents and carers are aware of how to keep their children safe online. Please click on the links below for further information.

[Fortnite](#)

[Virtual Reality Headsets](#)



Little Church

The next Little Church will take place on Sunday, 15th January. All children between 3 and 11 years are welcome!

Dates in 2023: 1st /15th January, --5th /19th February, -- 5th /19th March, -- 2nd /16th April.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

A huge thank you to those parents who could help with walking the children to church on Friday - your help is greatly appreciated!

Well done to all of the children, especially the readers. At Mass on Sunday, a number of people spoke to me and said how well the children had sung and read! Thank you to you all!

Y5 Open Days and Open Evenings

As the children will be preparing to choose which of the secondary schools they will attend, Carre's Grammar School and Kesteven and Sleaford High School will be hosting open days and open evenings.

Please see below a diary of events.

Open Events at both schools

Open Mornings: Carre's: **Tuesday 4 July, Wednesday 5 July, Thursday 6 July (by appointment)**

Open Days: KSHS: **Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 July (by appointment)**

Open Evening: KSHS: **Tuesday 4 July 5pm to 7pm**

Open Evening: Carre's: **Wednesday 5 July 5pm to 7pm**

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

15th January	Little Church
15th January	Deadline for YR places September 2023
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