



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

12th December 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is 'I try to follow our school and classroom rules' 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'.

There are lots of rules that we have to follow. Rules at home, rules at school, rules on the road and rules in the Bible. Moses was given 10 Commandments in the Old Testament which are rules that we should all try to keep. Jesus said that the two most important rules are: to love God and to love each other.

As you think about rules this week with your children, try to spot whether the rules in our lives match the rules that Jesus taught us. If we break the rules it is important that we say sorry and try to make a fresh start. Jesus taught us to forgive others so if they do something wrong and say sorry for upsetting us then we should forget the past and be friends again. If we keep these rules about forgiveness then we will keep the rules that Jesus taught us about love.

As part of the British Values, the children will also be learning about the 'rule of law'. In Britain, we have a police force who make sure people do not do the wrong thing and break the law – this means that we are safe. This also applies to the rules in school where all children have the right to feel safe and learn in a safe environment that is rooted in mutual respect.

Strep A

Following an increased number of cases of Strep A across the country, and following the information which I sent last week from Lincolnshire County Council, please continue to follow guidance from the NHS.

If you suspect your child has any of the symptoms (flu-like symptoms, such as a high temperature, swollen glands or an aching body, sore throat (strep throat or tonsillitis), a rash that feels rough, like sandpaper (scarlet fever), scabs and sores (impetigo), pain and swelling (cellulitis), severe muscle aches or nausea and vomiting), please contact your GP or dial 111 and ask for advice.

Information about Scarlet Fever from LCC states: *"Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by Streptococcus pyogenes, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red rash develops, usually first on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, making the skin have a sand-paper like feel to it. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients usually have flushed red cheeks. They may also have a bright red 'strawberry' tongue."*

If your child becomes unwell with Scarlet Fever, they can return to school 24 hours after starting the course of antibiotics.

Weekly Attendance

Well done Y1 as this week's winners!! We have an increasing number of parents who are not phoning the school to inform them that their child is absent; neither are they answering the phone when we call to check why the child is absent. It is imperative that parents communicate with the school regarding attendance, otherwise it becomes a safeguarding concern.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
28.11.22	65.28%	96.67%	86.67%	96.43%	94.62%	95.65%	94.67%
05.12.22	95.5%	97.33%	91.82%	92.5%	81.54%	95.65%	94.67%



Christmas Jumper Day

Many thanks to all of you who donated on Thursday, 8th December. We raised an fantastic £87 to send to Save the Children. Raising money for charity links to one of Bishop Patrick's themes - Missionary Discipleship. Bishop Patrick states:

"With a greater recognition of, and openness to, the help, guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we can all become MISSIONARY DISCIPLES; faith-filled, joyful and outward-looking Christians who are growing in confidence to speak humbly of the difference that knowing Christ makes to our lives, and who bear witness to His love in our service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. The service to which Christ calls us is always the action of the Holy Spirit working in us."

Thank you for your generosity!



PTA Chocolate Tombola

Following Friday's Chocolate Tombola, you have managed to raise an amazing £240 for the PTA. Many thanks for your generosity!

If anyone would like to support the PTA with future events, please let me know and shall pass on your details to Kevin Skeith, PTA Chair.

Nativities and Carol Services

We look forward to seeing family and friends at our Nativity and Carol Services this week. Please remember to book your places on Eventbrite. Please click on the links to book

[KS1 Nativity - 12th December - 6.30 - 7.30pm](#)

[KS1 Nativity - 13th December - 2 - 3pm](#)

[KS2 Carol Concert - 14th December - 2- 3pm](#)

Deputy Head Appointment

Following a rigorous interview process, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Pauline Chawner as our Deputy Head from January. Mrs Chawner has worked at St Joseph's Shirebrook, as part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust, for a number of years. She is very much looking forward to being part of our school community and getting to know the children and families.

I would like to also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Ms Tapfield who has been supporting both myself and the school as Acting Deputy Head over recent months. Ms Tapfield will be returning to be the Y3 Class Teacher from January.

Christmas Mass

As we near the end of Advent, the birth of Jesus draws ever closer. There will be two Masses held to celebrate the birth of Christ at church. The first Mass will take place on Christmas Eve at 6pm. The second will be held on Christmas Day at 10am. The parish family look forward to seeing you there!

Little Church

The next Little Church will take place on Sunday, 18th December. All children between 3 and 11 years are welcome!

Christmas Parties

Friday, 19th December will be Christmas Party Day in school. It will be a non-school uniform day and children are more than welcome to come in their own party clothes. There will be no PE lessons on Friday so that should solve the problem of getting changed for PE! There will not be a charge for non-uniform on this day!

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

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 - non-uniform day
18th December	Little Church - 10am
24th December	Christmas Eve Mass - 6pm
25th December	Christmas Day Mass - 10am
4th January	Term 3 starts
6th January	Feast of the Epiphany