



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

16th January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you'** 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'**.

Over the last term, we have been working hard to improve the children's listening skills to help to improve learning in the classroom. We call this 'active listening' whereby the children face the speaker, demonstrate they are listening and responding appropriately. As part of their learning, we also teach the children how to listen to God's Word through the teachings in the Bible. In our very busy lives, it is important that we all take time out to listen to God. This can be achieved by having time to be still and quiet, with time to reflect.

In this week's Scripture, Mark writes,

"Jesus, Peter, James and John went up a mountain to pray. While they were there they saw Jesus talking to two men called Elijah and Moses. Jesus looked absolutely radiant. He looked wonderful. Peter said to Jesus, "This is a wonderful place to be. Let's put up tents". Peter hadn't finished speaking when everywhere clouded over and became dark. Then they all heard a voice from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the chosen one. Listen to him."

This week, ask your child/ren how they can show that they are listening to Jesus's teachings. How can they demonstrate, in their own lives, that they can live out the Gospel Values? How does it make them feel when people listen to what they have to say? How does it make them feel when people *don't* listen to them or listen to their ideas?

Weekly Attendance

Well done Y3 as this week's winners!! Wow - what a fantastic week where EVERY class has improved their attendance! Thank you.

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

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

Overall attendance for w/c 04.01.23 was 94.72% - absence being 5.18%.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
04.01.23	86%	90%	94.09%	91.07%	83.08%	93.04%	95.33%
09.01.23	97.62%	96%	94.55%	98.93%	97.6%	94.78%	97.67%



New look website

If you have not recently visited the school website, please do so! It has been re-vamped and is similar to all of the other schools in the Trust. Click on the link to explore! <https://www.our-lady.lincs.sch.uk/>

Little Church

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

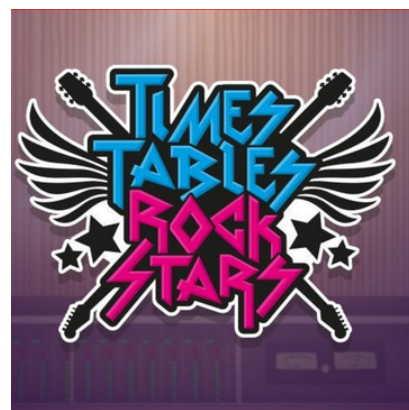
Dates in 2023: 5th /19th February, -- 5th /19th March, -- 2nd /16th April.

Safeguarding - Grand Theft Auto (GTA)

It has been brought to our attention that a number of children are playing on Grand Theft Auto. This is a game that has an age rating of 18 as it includes gang violence, nudity, sexual abuse, racist language, extremely coarse language and drug and alcohol abuse. As it is a safeguarding concern, I shall be contacting parents whose children we know are playing on this game. Please ensure your children are not exposed to unnecessary and inappropriate content at such a young age. Thank you.

TimesTables RockStars

I have received a notification from TTRS to say that some of the children are accessing the app which is out of date. If your child/ren are using the website at home, please visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in your device's browser. Alternatively, you can update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.



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
20th February	Term 4 starts
21st February	Shrove Tuesday
22nd February	Ash Wednesday - Mass in church Start of Lent
7th March	Parents' evening
8th March	Parents' evening