



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

News in School

15th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Please accept my apologies for not sending the newsletter earlier, but we are having issues with the TxtRound service we use to send emails and texts. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved shortly. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I know how to show I am sorry'** as part of helping the children to **'Experience a reconciling community'**. When we have hurt someone with our words and actions, it can be hard to say sorry. It takes an enormous amount of courage to admit we have made a mistake and own up for it. Apologising to someone must have meaning - if we just say sorry, it can be meaningless unless our own behaviour changes as a result or we learn from the experience. How do we show we are sorry?

In this week's Scripture, Luke tells us about the story about Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus said sorry to Jesus for all the money he had stolen and he told Jesus how he was going to show he was sorry.

"Zacchaeus was lonely, but then he never expected to be anything else. After all he was a chief tax collector and nobody liked tax collectors. His job was to collect the people's money for the Romans. Everyone hated him for it, and he paid them back whenever he could by taking too much money and then keeping it for himself. No wonder he was rich! But then that didn't make him any less lonely.

One day, there was a crowd gathered in the streets of Jericho because Jesus was passing through. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he couldn't because he was a small man. He ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up a sycamore tree. He could see Jesus quite clearly now.

Jesus came near the tree, looked up at Zacchaeus and said, "Hurry down, Zacchaeus. I want to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus couldn't get down fast enough! His heart was beating fast, he was so full of joy. He could hear some of them muttering and complaining. "He has gone to stay at a sinner's house," they said.

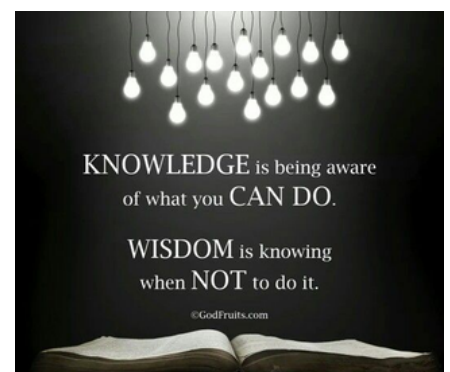
Zacchaeus looked at Jesus. "Look, sir," he said, "I am going to give half my belongings to the poor and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay him back four times the amount."

Jesus smiled at him and said, "I am glad Zacchaeus. This is indeed a happy day for you because I have come to your house today specially to help you change, so that you will please my Father."

Virtue - Courage

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this term's Virtue is **'Courage'**.

In school this week, the children will be learning about the Value of Wisdom. It is defined as good judgment and an understanding of that which is true or good. Knowledge is gathered from learning and education while wisdom is the practical ability to make consistently good decisions in life.



Solomon, son of David, was known as one of the wisest men and people travelled far and wide to hear him and test his knowledge and understanding. Written by King Solomon, the Book of Proverbs is known as the book of wisdom: he wrote these proverbs as a manual for living a good life.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all of our Year 6 children for completing their SATs last week. It has been an opportunity for them to show off their knowledge gained over the last seven years at school! I know they have been working extremely hard, given the pandemic and lockdowns, as have Miss Beeton and Mrs Cockerill. Not one tear was shed in any of the tests - a real show of resilience from our children!



Weekly Attendance

Well done to Y1 and Y6 for w/c 2nd May with 100% attendance. Also, well done to Y6 for 100% attendance last week!!

Overall attendance for w/c 24.04.23 was 94.18% - absence being 4.91%

Overall attendance for w/c 02.05.23 was 96.92% - absence being 3.08%

Overall attendance for w/c 09.05.23 was 95.08% - absence being 4.92%

Please ensure your child/ren attends school at every opportunity.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
24.04.23	95.71%	94.67%	96.82%	91.38%	97.31%	95.91%	89.67%
02.05.23	97.05%	100%	95.45%	94.83%	95.19%	96.59%	100%
09.05.23	94.05%	92.5%	93.18%	93.10%	95.19%	95.45%	100%

Mass in Church - The Ascension of the Lord

On Thursday, 18th May, the children will be attending Mass in Church, as it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. As Christians, we believe that Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

If any adults are able to offer their assistance to walk with the children to Church, I would be very grateful. We aim to leave school at 9.30 and make the return journey at about 11.15am. Please let the Office know if you are able to help. Thank you!



If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Chawner or Mrs Drysdale. We are always here to help!

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Malthouse
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

15th - 17th May	Y6 Residential - Ilam Hall
18th May	Mass in Church - The Ascension
15th - 18th May	Y5 Bikeability
26th May	Term 5 ends
29th May - 2nd June	Half Term
5th June	Term 6 starts
20th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass (10.15am) Y6 Leavers' Assembly (1.30pm)
21st July	Final Celebration Liturgy of the Year