



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## News in School

17th October 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

### Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others'** as part of helping the children to **'know, appreciate and understand the importance of social justice and develop independence, interdependence and responsibility'**.

As part of the school's ongoing anti-bullying work, the children have been learning that if someone is being unkind or unfair to them that in the first instance they ask that person to stop. If the behaviour continues, the children are taught to try to stand up for themselves or to stand up for someone who isn't able to. Being able to stand up for yourself, or others, takes courage and confidence as nobody likes confrontation.

However, it is important that when the children are standing up for themselves or others, they do it in a way that is respectful. A letter from St Paul demonstrates this:

***"My brothers and sisters, if someone is caught doing something wrong, those of you who know better should set them right. But you must do it in a gentle way. And keep an eye on yourselves, so that you will not be tempted, too. Help to carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Jesus."***



### Open Days for new YR 2023 - 2024

On Thursday, 20th October and Thursday, 3rd November the school will be having Open Days for prospective parents for the new Reception intake for the academic year of 2023 - 2024. If you know of anybody whose child is due to start school next September, please let them know about our Open Days.

The times are from 9.00 - 10.30am and again in the afternoon from 4.00 - 6.30pm. Parents do not need to book a time, they can just arrive during these hours. If these times are not suitable, please ask them to contact the school office and we will be more than happy to arrange a more convenient time for them to visit.

# Weekly Attendance

Well done to Y5 for another super week of attendance! As you can see, there has been a drop in attendance levels this week. Please ensure you send your child in at every opportunity. If your child is late for school, after the register closes, this is registered as an unauthorised absence against their attendance even though they have arrived to school. It is equally important to ensure your children arrive to school on time. Where possible, please arrange any dentist or doctors appointments outside of school hours, as these too go against your children's attendance.

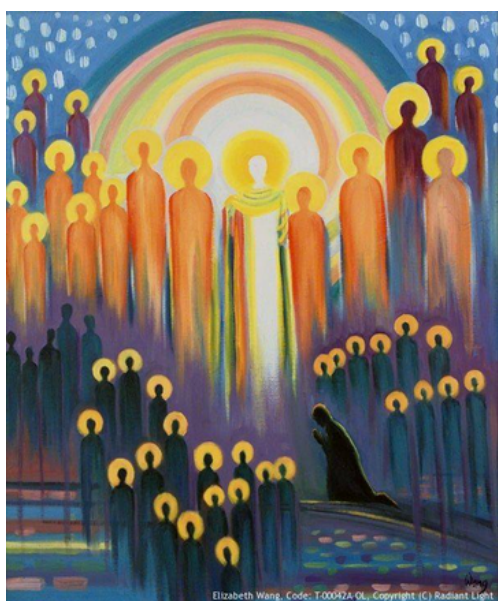
W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
03.10.22	93.89%	97.33%	99.5%	95.93%	99.23%	95.26%	97%
10.10.22	91.67%	96.67%	95%	94.44%	94.62%	97.98%	93%



## Safeguarding - A Date with Dan - Online Safety

A Date with Dan is a free TEAMS Online Safety Q and A for Parents and Guardians on the 7th December, 6-7pm. This is being hosted by the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership to up level parents' knowledge and understanding of their children's online activities and to protect them from online harm.

Information from the LSSP states - 'Over two thirds of students surveyed in the LSCP 2021 Keeping Safe Online Survey indicated that their parents didn't know everything about their online activities. The survey also showed when parents talked openly to their children about their activity online, those students were less likely to experience cyberbullying and more likely to access support.' Dan Hawbrook their Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required. A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 7 Dec 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite.



## Mass in Church - All Saints Day

On Tuesday, 1st November, the whole school will lead Mass in Church to celebrate the feast of All Saints Day. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. We go to Mass and remember that all these holy people are happy with God.

**Please can ALL children wear their uniform on this day** - even if they have PE. Please bring PE kits to school for the children to get changed into.

If you are able to support the school by walking the children to and from Mass, your help will be gratefully appreciated. Please contact me if you can help. Thank you!



## **EYFS/KS1 Nativities and KS2 Carol Service**

Please note dates for your diaries - the Nativities will be on the 12th and 13th December, with the KS2 Carol Service on the 14th December. See the timings below. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

20th October	End of Term 1
31st October	Start of Term 2
31st October	Deadline for Y6 Secondary School applications with the Local Authority
1st November	Mass in Church - All Saints Day
7th December	Whole School Pantomime
12th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 6.30-7.30pm
13th December	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