



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

8th September 2023

Welcome

All the staff would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers this week. The children were so well prepared for the start of the new school year and for their journey in a new year group and for some, even a new school. A special thank you to the children too. They are a credit to you and as parents and carers, you should feel very proud of the start they have all made to the year.

We have made some changes to the way we do some things in school. These will be shared with you over the coming weeks.

The Newsletter

The main purpose of our weekly newsletter is to share and celebrate the learning and achievements of the children at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Each week, two Stars of the Week will be chosen from each class and these will be shared on the newsletter.

We will also share with you any news and events from both the school and the wider community.

Personal organisers

All children should now have brought their personal organiser home. Please take the time to read and sign the Parents/Carers Agreement page.

Could you please also read through the Online Safety Rules with your children as these will help to keep them safe and secure online.

The organiser should be brought back to school every day.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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Star of the Week

Reception	All of the class	Settling in so well to school and making a fantastic start in their new class.
Year 1	Tyler	Showing super tick behaviours all week and working really hard in class.
	Phillippa	Being super focused all week and showing a great attitude to her learning for the start of the year. Keep it up.
Year 2	Evie	Being a great mathematician when counting in tens and for always making sure her table is neat and tidy.
	Lucy	Making a fantastic start to Year 2 in her new school. Well done Lucy.
Year 3	Neveah	Showing politeness and kindness through helping her friends and for always being an active learner.
	Alexander	Consistently being an active listener, active learner and being a pleasure to have in the Year 3 class.
Year 4	Adam	Coming into school really well and trying his hardest with our history learning.
	Nikole	Being a shining example of an active learner.
Year 5	John	Trying really hard in lessons this week, especially his writing.
	Letty	Actively participating in all lessons this week with enthusiasm and confidence.
Year 6	Coben	Living out the OGC rules particularly giving 100% everyday this week.
	Archie	Being a role model of tick behaviours and getting things right first time.



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Diary Dates

Date	Event
September	
Tues 12 th	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Weds 13 th	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thurs 14 th	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thurs 21 st	RSHE Parents Meeting
Fri 29 th	Macmillan Coffee afternoon
October	
All Month	Black History Month
Fri 6 th	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Weds 18 th	Parents' Evening
Thurs 19 th	Parents' Evening
Fri 20 th	Celebration Assembly
Fri 20th	Last Day of Term
Sat 21 st – Mon 30 th	Half Term
Mon 30 th	Inset Day
Tues 31st	First Teaching Day of New Term
November	
Weds 1 st	Mass
Fri 3 rd	Open Day
Sat 11 th	Remembrance Day
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 24 th	Celebration of Learning Day
December	
Fri 8 th	Christmas Dinner
Tues 12 th	Nativity afternoon
Weds 13 th	Nativity evening
Fri 15 th	Celebration Assembly
Weds 20 th	KS2 Carol Service – 2pm
Weds 20th	Last Day of Term
January	
Weds 3rd	First Teaching Day of New Term



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Student update form

Next week you will receive your child's student update form. To ensure the safety of all children it is important that we have current details. Please make any necessary changes and sign and return the form. If there are no changes, please sign and return the form.

Medical form and medicine

If your child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of, or if their current condition has changed in any way, please could you inform school as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Please note that a new Care Plan needs to be signed each year. You will be contacted shortly to complete this.

Nut allergy

Please be aware that we have children in school with a nut allergy. Please could we ask that children do not bring in any raw nuts, whole nuts, etc in their packed lunches or snacks.

Parent Pay

Meet the Teacher

Next week we will be holding our Meet the Teacher sessions. This will give class teachers the opportunity to share important information about the class with you. The dates and times for each class can be found in the diary dates on this newsletter.

A final thought

The staff team have been reflecting on the first week back at school and would like to share a short prayer with you.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change
The courage to change the things I can
And the wisdom to know the difference.
Amen

Have a great weekend.