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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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Next week sees the start of our events to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Our Lady of Good Counsel on the Drove. We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Patrick to school next Friday. Full details of the events can be found in this newsletter.

Class Charities

Each class has chosen a new charity to support this year. The children will be learning about the work of the charity and organising events to raise money during the year.

Rec- Cancer Research
Y1- Sleaford Community Larder
Y2- The Nomad Trust
Y3- Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance
Y4 - Salvation Army
Y5 - Rainbow Stars
Y6 - RNLI

Mental health day

On Friday 11th October we are marking World Mental Health Day and we ask the children to come to school wearing something yellow.

We will also be holding a coffee afternoon at 2.30pm. Donations of cakes and biscuits for the coffee afternoon would be greatly appreciated.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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Pupil school leaders

During their time at Our Lady of Good Counsel the children have the opportunity to be involved in groups that help to shape and lead the school. A number of groups have already been set up and we would like to thank the children for volunteering their time and energy to be involved.

Mini Vinnies

Year 3 George, Jack, Alex

Year 4 Harry, Serenity, Leah

Year 5 Edward, Evie, Reuben

Year 6 Aara, Ronnie, Lilly S

Shining Stars

Year 3 Grace, Miriam, George

Year 4 Ena, Daniel, Katie

Year 5 Michael, Priya, Anna, Ivy

Year 6 Nicole, Ezra

Librarians

Angel, Eli, Lily, Ashlea, Angelica, Nicole

Next week our prefects, sports leaders and head pupils will be chosen.

Books

Having updated our reading scheme in EYFS/KS1, we have lots of lovely books from previous schemes which are no longer needed. We would like to offer these books to all parents for free. The books will be on the playground at the end of the day for the next few days for you to choose books to take home.

Outdoor area

We are presently trying to update our EYFS/KS1 outdoor area. We would like to encourage the children's motor skills so we will be weaving with large materials. If you have any colourful duvet or pillowcase covers that you no longer need, please donate to the office and we will cut these into strips.

Gospel Assemblies

Our Gospel assembly on Monday will be lead by children from Year 6. Parents are welcome to attend at 3pm on Monday.



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In the Parish

Ladies breakfast meeting resumes Saturday 21st September from 09.00--Parish Hall.

First Meeting of parents and children for First Holy Communion 2024/2025--Parish Hall 15.00 Saturday 21st September.

Coffee Morning in the Catholic Church Hall Saturday 12th October 10.0-14.00.

A coffee morning and tabletop sale has been planned to raise much needed funds for our parish. Please donate new gift items and gift sets which can be sold on the day.

Knitted or craft items are welcome as well as new toys and chocolates. No alcohol or bric a brac and jumble items please. There will be a collection point available in the church porch.

Thank you, in anticipation of your generosity.



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50 years of Our Lady of Good Counsel on the Drove

At the beginning of October we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Good Counsel in our current home on The Drove.

We will be holding a number of events to celebrate the occasion.

Friday 27th September - Bishop Patrick will be visiting school to celebrate Mass.

Unfortunately, due to lack of space we will not be able to invite parents to join us.

Friday 4th October - Through the decades. Each class will decide on a decade from the past 50 years. The children can come to school dressed to represent their chosen decade. They will do activities in the to celebrate the anniversary.

Friday 4th October - Past pupils, families and staff and governors. We would like to 3.30pm to 4.30pm invite any past pupils, families and staff and governors to join us. We will take you on a tour of the school and will have photographs of past pupils and staff.

Please tell any past pupils, families and staff and governors about this event. We would love to see your old photographs if you are happy to bring them into school and share them,.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Anamika	Fantastic matching of pictures and objects this week.
	Albie	Wonderful retelling of the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
Year 1	Gold-Daniel	Super science understanding of seasons and day and night this week. He has been answering lots of questions.
	Paris	Confidently writing sentences in RWI, remembering to sound out carefully and use her punctuation.
Year 2	Reuben	Super Science knowledge when sorting objects that were alive, had once been alive and had never been alive.
	Ralphey	His fabulous behaviour and attitude towards his learning since starting Year 2. Ralphey is a role model for others in the class.
Year 3	Evie	Her super attitude this week to learning. Evie has used determination to make sure her presentation is amazing and has worked super hard in our maths lessons this week.
	Arabella	Improving the quality of her presentation. Arabella has taken the time to ensure her drawing of diagrams in maths has been brilliant and has also focused on writing the date and LI neatly.
Year 4	Antonia	Being a kind friend to others, always on hand to demonstrated and support others. Antonia has shown this at break times and in the classroom.
	Alex	Trying his best in all lessons. Alex is an active learner and is always ready to answer questions to show his understanding.
Year 5	Vala	Being a supportive member of the class and helping others.
	Ivy	Supporting and caring for her fellow classmates and successfully showing how to live life as a child of God
Year 6	Letty	Being focused on her work and supporting her classmates in need, going above and beyond.
	Ephraim	Staying focused on his work despite disruption to his routine.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
September	
Monday 23rd	School photographs
Friday 27th	50th Anniversary Mass
October	
Friday 4th	Through the decades
Friday 4th	3.30pm to 4.30 Past pupils, families and staff and governors
Friday 11th	World Mental Health Day—dress in yellow
Friday 11th	World Mental Health Day—coffee afternoon 2.30pm
Tuesday 15th	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 16th	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 17th	Celebration Assembly
Friday 18th	Retreat Day
Friday 18th	Last Day of Term—please note—there will be no afterschool club on this day
Sat 19th– Mon 28th	Half Term
Monday 28th	Inset Day
Tuesday 29th	First Teaching Day of New Term
November	
Friday 1st	Mass in church 10.15am
Friday 8th	Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Friday 15th	Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Monday 11th	Remembrance Day Service in school 10.45am
Monday 11th	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 18th	Parliament Week
Friday 22nd	Celebration of Learning Day 8.30am to 9.30am 2.30pm to 3.30pm



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Date	Event
December	
Monday 16th	Carol singing at Tesco
Thursday 12th	Christmas Dinner
Friday 13th	Pantomime
Tuesday 17th	Nativity afternoon 2pm
Wednesday 18th	Nativity evening 5pm
Friday 13th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 20th	KS2 Carol Service – 2pm
Friday 20th	Last Day of Term
January	
Monday 6th	INSET day
Tuesday 7th	First Teaching Day of New Term