



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

1st December 2023

Winter has definitely arrived and it was lovely to see the huge range of colourful hats and scarves arriving at school today. We will always try to make sure the children get outside for break and lunchtime, so please ensure they have appropriate clothing for the weather.

Sports leaders

Congratulations to our newly appointed Sports Leaders:

Hugo Emile R Archie

They will be working across the school to promote sport and exercise by being sporting role models as well as organising activities and events for other children.

Prefects

This week we have appointed our school prefects. Congratulations to:

Emily M Coben Maya Aimee Noah Jasper

The prefects will be excellent role models for all children in school. They will demonstrate the tick behaviours and school virtues in all that they do as well as encouraging and guiding other children to do the same.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ

This term's virtue is Hope



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Focus on ... Reading

In school the children use Reading Vipers to explore texts. Below is an example of how this is used in school. Please have a go at using the Reading Vipers with your children at home.

Text Title: Baby Penguin	
 Vocabulary	What does the word retreat mean?
 Inference	How do you think the scientist felt when he saw the robotic penguin go up to the real penguins without scaring them?
 Predict	What do you think they will change about the robotic penguin next?
 Explain	Do you think it is easy or difficult to design a robot that can be used to help researchers study penguins?
 Retrieve	Where has the robotic penguin been used?
 Summarise	Can you summarise the text in 3 short sentences?



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Star of the Week

Reception	Ellis	Completing a fantastic story map for Room on the Broom.
	Bea	Good effort with sounding out and writing three sound words during word time this week.
Year 1	Tyler	Super maths work this week when adding and subtracting . Tyler could confidently use a number line to jump forward and backwards on.
	Daisy	Great phonic learning this week with Mr Lonslow. Daisy has also improved in remembering to use finger spaces between words.
Year 2	Evie	A very positive attitude towards all her learning. Evie listens carefully and tries her best.
	Georg	Always being ready to learn and keen to share his knowledge during discussions. George works very hard to ensure his work is always the best it can be.
Year 3	Zainab	Enthusiastic singing during carol practice.
	Esme	Superb attitude during tag rugby last week. She was a role model to all and put 100% effort in.
Year 4	Amara	Always showing the class and school tick behaviours, school values and OLGC rules.
	Maks	Positive attitude to learning in every subject. Maks gives 100% in every lesson and tries his hardest to complete challenges.
Year 5	Olivia	Being an extremely helpful and polite member of the class. She is always offering to complete jobs around the classroom and help the class teacher.
	Lily S	Working really hard in her maths lessons particularly in fractions. She has mastered converting fractions successfully.
Year 6	Hadia	Being an amazing reader and completing 3 books this week alone. For his explanation for dividing a fraction by an integer to the whole of Year 6 and impressed the teacher.

Congratulations to Aara in Year 5
for becoming a Bronze Learner.



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Parish news

The Parish Winter Fayre Sunday from 11 a.m. in the parish hall.

The next Little Church is on Sunday 3rd December at 10 a.m. Mass. It will be held in the sacristy because the hall is in use for the Winter Fayre.

Year 1 Toy sale

Year 1 be holding a toy sale on Monday after school in the hall. Please come along to find a bargain and support. Any money raised will be donated to a local children's hospice.

School choir in the community

Our school choir will be visiting a number of venues in the next few weeks spreading the joy and message of Christmas.

They will be visiting Oakdene Care Home and Ashdene Care Home to sing for the residents.

We are also hoping to visit other venues in the community - further details to follow.

Christmas decorations

We will be decorating our school Christmas tree on Monday. We would like the children to bring a decoration to place on the tree.

After school club

There will be no after school club on the final day of the term—Wednesday 20th December.



Our Lady of Good Counsel PTA

Look out for the PTA stall at White Hart Mews on Sunday as part of the Sleaford Christmas Shopping Day. Come along to have a go on the chocolate tombola, water to wine stall and raffle.

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Attendance

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please contact the school office by 8.45am on the day of the illness.

If you need to request a leave of absence for your child, please contact the school office who will provide a form for you to complete. An authorized leave of absence will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

Driving and parking near school

The start and end of the day are very busy times and there are a large number of children and adults walking through the car park and along the pavements and roads around school. Could you please take great care when driving to and from school and particularly when in and around the car park area. The safety of the children is our primary concern and we ask for your cooperation to ensure this at all times.

Diary dates

Friday 8th December Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner

Tuesday 12th December 2pm EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December 5pm EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity

Thursday 14th December PTA disco

Friday 15th December Pantomime

Monday 18th December Christmas parties—details to follow

Tuesday 19th December 2.15pm Celebration of learning assembly

Wednesday 20th December 2pm Key stage 2 Carol Service

Wednesday 20th December Last of term

A final thought as we begin Advent

*So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.*

Have a great weekend.