



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

15th December 2023

It has been a very busy week in school. We have enjoyed the fantastic Nativity production in school, a rocking PTA Christmas disco and the spectacular pantomime Snow White. Our preparations and activities in the build up to Christmas will continue next week. Please make sure you check the diary dates.

Focus on ... Community

Last week we launched our school food larder.

At Our Lady of Good Counsel we believe that ensuring every child has access to nutritious food is essential for their overall well-being and success at school. This larder is designed to provide a supplementary resource for families who may need additional assistance with food supplies.

The food larder offers non-perishable food items, including canned goods, pasta, rice, cereals and other essentials. Our goal is to create a discreet and supportive environment for families who may find themselves facing temporary difficulties. We want to emphasise that the larder is available for any family who might benefit from this.

The larder can be found in the reception/school office area and is available for any family to simply come in and 'take what you need'. If you would prefer, please speak or pass a note to any member of staff and they will ensure that you are provided with a food from the larder.

Donate what you can

Take what you need

Together, we can ensure that every child and family in our school community feels supported and nourished.

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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Star of the Week

Reception	Andrea	Great knowledge of the Christmas story.
	Omer	Always showing wonderful kindness to his classmates.
Year 1	The whole class	For their amazing Nativity performance. They were outstanding actors and actresses and super singers too.
Year 2	The whole class	For being amazing narrators in the Nativity production.
Year 3	Lexie	Swimming 500m in her assessment this week.
	Freddie	Superb effort in swimming this week. Freddie carried on swimming even when he found it challenging.
Year 4	Michael	Always being an active learner. Michael is an excellent role model, always raising his hand to share his inspiring, interesting ideas and is a caring friend.
	Anna	Going above and beyond in her learning. Anna always strives to complete her work to a high quality standard and is always eager to improve her learning to the best of her ability.
Year 5	Aara	Working really hard in RE lessons this week. She successfully made links scripture.
	The whole class	Working really hard on their science projects and completing some fantastic 3D models of the solar system.
Year 6	Bentley	Being an excellent helper in maths, giving descriptive explanations.
	Daisy	Being an exceptional role model, supporting peers not only in lessons but at playtimes as well.

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



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Christmas Party Day

We are looking forward to our class Christmas party day on Monday 18th December. The children can come to school in non-uniform or in their favourite party outfit. During the morning the children will come together to watch a festive film. Lunchtime will be as normal - the children can make or wear party hats as they have their lunch accompanied by all the best Christmas songs. In the afternoon the children will play party games in their classrooms and have the chance to dance and sing in the hall.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity

A huge thank you to everyone that joined us to share the wonderful production of the Nativity story this week. The children performed with such enthusiasm and joy.

The raffle raised £62. This money is going to be split between the New Life Church community larder and our school larder. Thank you for your generosity.

School choir in the community

On Monday 18th October the choir will be performing at Tesco at 10am. Please pop along to support them if you can.

*****REMINDER*****

After school club

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

Reverse Advent Calendar

As a school we are always looking forward to supporting the local community. This Advent we are asking children to donate one food item (tin or dried) for the New Life Church Community Larder. Donations can be handed to class teachers or teaching assistants. **Thank you for the donations which have already come in.**



Our Lady of Good Counsel PTA

A big thank you to the PTA committee and team of helpers for two fantastic discos this week. The children had a brilliant time.

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Fire Service Santa Sleigh

Look out for the OGC decorated reindeer.

The routes for this year's Fire Service Santa Sleigh are below. The actual maps of the routes will be shown nearer to the actual day of the route.

16th December Ruskington

17th December Clayhill, Rookery Avenue, George Street and Holdingham Grange.

20th December, Drive through Santa at Sleaford Fire Station

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22nd December St Giles Avenue, Milton Way, Russell Crescent, Stephens Way, Southfields/Hawthorn Drive

23rd December The Drove, North Parade, Stokes Drive, Winchester Way, Jubilee.



Diary dates

Monday 18th December Christmas parties

Tuesday 19th December 2.15pm Celebration of learning assembly

Wednesday 20th December 2pm Key stage 2 Carol Service

Wednesday 20th December Last day of term

A final thought ...

It is the beautiful task of Advent
to awaken in all of us
memories of goodness
and thus to open doors of hope

Have a great weekend.