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# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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It has been a very busy week at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Christmas rehearsals are in full swing, we have had visits and visitors, we all enjoyed a fantastic Christmas dinner on Thursday and of course there is still lots of incredible learning happening in classrooms.

Children and staff have taken some time away from the busy activities to think about the word of the week, PEACE. They thought and talked about people in the world who do not always have Peace and they shared their thoughts and prayers for Peace for all. We hope that all in our community and around the world will have Peace this Christmas.

## Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all the families who joined us today for our Celebration Assembly. It was fantastic to be able to share the successes of the children with you.

A special well done and thank you to Year 2 for sharing their performance poetry.

## Gospel Assemblies

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

## School Virtues

Self-control      Courage      Hope

Love      Justice      Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## In the Community

Earlier this week, a group of our children visited Oakdene Care home to share Christmas Carols. The children were made very welcome by the residents and staff who joined in with the carols. As always, the children demonstrated the Our Lady of Good Counsel virtues and were a credit to themselves and the school.

## In the Parish

Little Church on Sunday 15th December 10.00 Mass.

School Nativity plays 17th December at 14.00 & 18th December at 17.00

School Carol Service 20th December at 14.00 in school.

Christmas Masses --Christmas Eve 18.00 Christmas Day 10.00

Free Christmas Day Lunch 12.30 for 13.00 provided by the Riverside Church on Southgate. Booking is essential as places are limited. Call into the Riverside Church/Source Cafe and collect a booking form.

## Reading challenge

Our Usborne reading book challenge has come to an end. Thank you to those who took part in clocking up those minutes of reading for their class. Please send sponsorship money earned by Wednesday next week. Ms Tapfield will total up the minutes read to see which class read the most to win the prize.

## Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations to Ms Tapfield who will be getting married this weekend. The children and staff wished her a joyful day as they shared their cards and presents with her today.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Blow into school on Monday and trust that she will take more time to celebrate with her family over the Christmas break.



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## \*\*\*\*\*School food larder\*\*\*\*\*

The food larder is always available for all families to access. Please do not hesitate to come into the reception area and take what you need or speak to any member of staff and they will be able to help you access the larder.

Could we please ask that you do not send children to collect items from the larder. Ask any member of staff and they will help.

If you are able to donate any items of food, we would really appreciate this as it helps us to keep the larder stocked.

Give what you can  
Take what you need

## Christmas Disco

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Reception, Year 1, Year 2—3.30pm to 4.30pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6—4.45pm to 5.45pm

## \*\*\*\*\*RAFFLE\*\*\*\*\*

You can still get tickets for the raffle. There is an amazing array of prizes including a first prize of



The raffle will be drawn on Thursday and all winners will be notified before we finish on Friday.



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## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Mathematician            | Roshan, Reggie, Sree, Summer, Olivia, Annabel, Daniela         |
| Writer                   | Aalia, Milan, Miya, Sadaf, Aara, Matilda, Sera                 |
| Reader                   | Bella, Adam, Gabby, Nathan, Eli, Lucy, Skyla                   |
| Oracy champion           | Anugraha, Daisy, Arshitha, Michael, Jamayne, Jack, Gold-Daniel |
| Geographer               | Tannaya, Violet, Amara, Emma, Harry                            |
| Historian                | Jack, Ena, Evelyn, Richard                                     |
| Scientist                | Pearl, Logan, Rudy, Emmanuel, Liam, Ellis                      |
| Artist                   | Arthur, Rosie, Poppy, Felicia, Ashlea, Tasnim                  |
| Design and<br>technology | Anamika, Priya, John, Alex, Ansam                              |
| Sports Star              | Albie, Alice, Freddie, Kane, Faith, Joey, Omer                 |
| RE Champion              | Kiara, Joshua, Angelin, Jasmine, Ezekiel, Ronnie-Mae, Paris    |
| Computing<br>Champion    | Rose, Harry, Maks, Jason, George                               |
| Musician                 | Hajar, Tyler, Antonia, Logan, Mason, Isabella, Bea             |
| Class Member             | Iris, Reuben, Katie, Leo, Aqra, Keyla, Andrea                  |



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## BRONZE LEARNER

### ROLL OF HONOUR

|         |         |             |
|---------|---------|-------------|
| Nevaeh  | Esme    | Serenity    |
| Lydia   | Katie   | Ivy         |
| Emma    | Grace   | Arabella    |
| George  | Lilley  | Anna        |
| Matilda | Alice   | Evie        |
| Rudy    | Lexie   | Betsy-Rose  |
| Joel    | Dexter  | Laura       |
| Aiza    | Amara   | Alex        |
| Angel   | Lucy    | Joey        |
| Miriam  | Kayla   | Annabel     |
| Richard | Ralphey | Logan       |
| Reuben  | Tasnim  | Gold-Daniel |

## SILVER LEARNER

### ROLL OF HONOUR

Ivy

Grace



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DIARY DATES

| Date               | Event   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>December</b>    |   |
| Monday 16th        | DISCO—Reception, Year 1, Year 2—3.30pm to 4.30pm<br>- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6—4.45pm to 5.45pm |
| Monday 16th        | Carol singing at Tesco  |
| Tuesday 17th       | Nativity afternoon 2pm  |
| Wednesday 18th     | Nativity evening 5pm  |
| Thursday 19th      | Party day   |
| Friday 20th        | KS2 Carol Service – 2pm   |
| <b>Friday 20th</b> | <b>Last Day of Term—please note—there will be no after school club on the last day of term.</b>       |
| <b>January</b>     |   |
| Monday 6th         | INSET day   |
| <b>Tuesday 7th</b> | <b>First Teaching Day of New Term</b>   |

### Party Day

Class Christmas parties are on Thursday 19th. The children will eat their lunch as a class with music, crackers and party hats. They will then have party games in their classrooms. There may even be a special visitor popping into school to see them.

### Year 4 Christmas Pyjama Day

To raise money for their class charity, The Salvation Army, Year 4 would like children to come into school on Thursday 19th December in their Christmas pyjamas. If you can, please make a small donation to support the class charity.

The children can stay in their pyjamas for the Christmas Party, or if they wish to, bring an outfit to change into.

### EYFS and Key Stage 1 nativity

The children have been working extremely hard rehearsing for their performances of the Nativity next week. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm or Wednesday at 5pm.

### Key Stage 2 Carol Service

The children in Key Stage 2 will be sharing carols, prayers and readings during the carol service on Friday 20th. This will start at 2pm and we ask that you arrive by 1.55pm. If you arrive after the service has started it may not be possible to seat you. This is a beautiful way to end the Advent term and we look forward to seeing you there.