



Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6TH - 10TH SEPTEMBER 2021



Like Our Lady, we live wisely, think deeply and love generously, in Christ

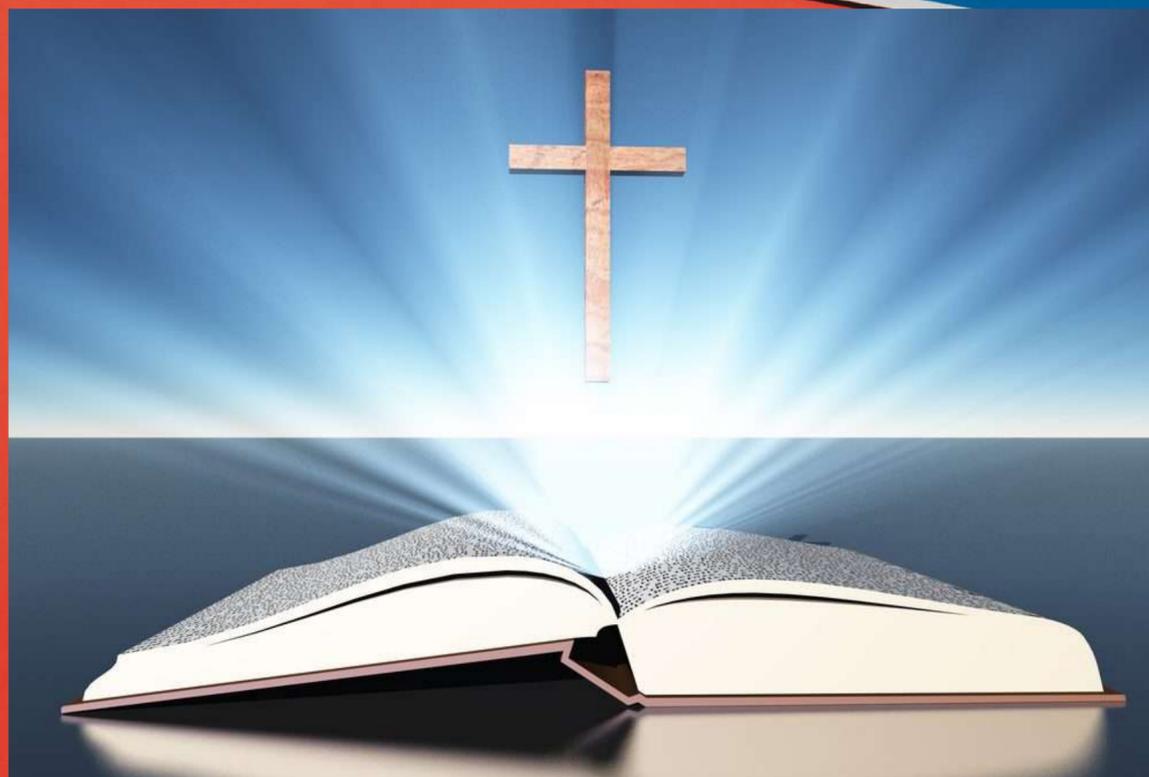
Today's Gospel Message

Friday 10th September 2021

Luke 6: 39-42

Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye."

Message: Don't judge others without first judging yourself.



Mr. McQuiston's Message

What a superb start to the new school year!

I have loved seeing all the smiling faces coming through the gate each morning. Everyone has looked so smart in their new uniforms! It has been brilliant to see how well everyone has adjusted to their new classrooms and teachers as well as how well everyone has been playing together on the playground at break and lunch time.

I am in such a privileged position to be able to visit each classroom and talk to the children about their learning or just to be able to say a quick hello. There is a lovely positive buzz in our school!

I'd like to welcome our new families to our school community from our new Reception class and other year groups and also welcome back some parents who have already had children come right through our school and are now embarking on another journey with their little ones.

I have made it my mission to identify the joy in every day and this week I have been able to read a story to a child in the library, talk to children who just want to share something about themselves, read lots of fantastic work about our PSHE topic this week and other superb learning, meet with parents and staff in such a positive way as well as watch the children enjoy their active lunchtimes.

I'm sure you'll agree with me though that one of the best things that's happened this week is that we can once again welcome all of our families onto the playground at the end of each day to pick up their children.

Thank you to everyone for making the first week back a great one.

Have a super weekend - Mr. McQuiston

RECEPTION

ATTENDANCE

100%

PUNCTUALITY

100%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

It has been lovely meeting our lovely new Reception children this week. They have had a great time exploring their new class. They have made friends with each other and played very nicely together. They have enjoyed playing with water, in the sand and on the bikes. They loved reading Erol's Garden and setting up their own new Reception garden. We can't wait to have everyone in for full days next week!



THIS WEEK'S SUPER



This week's star is...every single child in Reception for settling in so well!



Year 1

ATTENDANCE

97.7%

PUNCTUALITY

95.5%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

This week, we have been exploring a book called 'The Secret Sky Garden'. We enjoyed predicting what would happen to the main character and we particularly liked the ending of the story. We made posters to encourage people to stop throwing litter and to keep our planet clean. In our first computing lesson, we practised turning on the laptop, logging on and using the mousepad. We spent some time outdoors using our senses to investigate the environment. Then we used watercolour paints to create beautiful pictures of the plants and trees. We learnt about the importance of growing plants and we also wrote some key messages to the world about this.



THIS WEEK'S SUPER



This week's star
is...Cameron for a brilliant
start to year one and
fantastic work all week!



Year 2

ATTENDANCE

100%

PUNCTUALITY

95.5%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

What an amazing start to Year 2 we have had this week!

We have read the story 'The Secret Sky Garden' and thought about how important it is to look after our outdoor environment. We have painted a kite and added our feelings to it. In RE, we have also thought about our feelings during our 'Beginnings' unit, thinking about how we felt coming back to school after the summer holidays. Most of us felt quite excited, but also very nervous. We are looking forward to our time in Year 2 and all the fun that we will have.



THIS WEEK'S SUPER



This week's star is... for a fantastic, mature start to Year 2 at our school.



Year 3

ATTENDANCE

98.2%

PUNCTUALITY

95%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

Year 3 has had an amazing start to the new school year! I am looking forward to what I can see to be a fantastic year ahead. In English and PSHE, we have loved reading *The Promise* and sharing our thoughts and feelings about our hopes and dreams, for our environment. During the week, we have had the chance to take advantage of our beautiful weather and get in touch with nature. We have sketched our natural environment and created art from it. In maths, we have enjoyed the start of our Place Value topic where we were able to share our ideas with each other. We have also made a good start with our geography and history topics. We have studied the River Indus as the start of our topic 'Rivers' and Howard Carter's discoveries as part of our topic Ancient Egypt.



THIS WEEK'S SUPER



This week's star is... for being such a delight this week working so sensibly and putting in 100% throughout the week.



Year 4

ATTENDANCE

100%

PUNCTUALITY

95%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

It has been so much fun welcoming Year 4 back to our school. On Monday, we had lots of fun drawing ourselves taking a selfie in our favourite place in the world! We also shared our favourite things to do with a little presentation about ourselves. For English and art this week, we have been reading the beautiful story: The Promise. We have drawn pictures, created pastel art, written some descriptions, and prepared a presentation on how we can make our school, our city, and our world a better place. In maths, this week we started working on place value and rounding. The children have worked so hard and have really impressed me with their attitude to their learning. In history, we have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We spoke lots about archaeologists, excavations, the pharaohs of Egypt as well as hieroglyphics.



THIS WEEK'S SUPER



This week's star is... for supporting your friends and working hard in ALL subjects this week!



Year 5

ATTENDANCE

91.8%

PUNCTUALITY

95.3%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

This week in English, we have created a poem based on our book 'The Promise', we have created a setting description based on our book using similes and metaphors and we have also re-written the ending of our book. In our maths lessons, we have worked on numbers up to and over 10,000. We have rounded numbers to nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. In our afternoon lessons, we did art work based on our book, using sketching and pastels. We have also started our RE topic where we have created a poem based on our talents and qualities we have in our class.



THIS WEEK'S SUPER



This week's star is... for working hard and having a great attitude in class.



Year 6

ATTENDANCE

95%

PUNCTUALITY

95.6%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

Well first of all, it has been lovely to meet everyone in the class. In our first week in Year 6, we have spoken about responsibilities and the opportunities Year 6 offers. In maths, we have been learning about numbers up to 10,000,000 using different ways of showcasing the values. In English, we have been doing many activities linked to the book called, 'The Promise,' which has included role-play, descriptions, poetry and even reporting! We have used pastels in art to demonstrate city landscapes and in history we have started learning about World War II. It has been a very hard-working and enjoyable start to the final year of primary school for our wonderful Year 6.

THIS WEEK'S SUPER



This week's star is... for his excellent attitude to work throughout the week.



Superstars This Week!



First Holy Communion

Children in Year 5 and 6 who had their First Holy Communions postponed due to the pandemic have now made their final preparations and will now be celebrating their special moment.

It is at Christ the King and Our Lady's church on Saturday 18th September.

We are holding them all in our prayers as they take the next step in their journey of faith.



Open Afternoon

Our Lady of Good Help is holding an open afternoon for prospective parents on Friday 1st October @ 2PM

Please spread the word about our great school with friends and family.

The children are so proud of their school and their work and will be excited to show it off to others.

If you are unable to make it on the day, we will be offering private show rounds at a time that is more suitable.

We look forward to seeing as many there as possible.



Author Visit!!

On Monday 20th September, we will be welcoming a special visitor into school!

Mr. Winrow (Alby's dad) has written a children's book called 'Captain Magic Beard'. It is an idea constructed in lockdown with plenty of input from Alby.

Mr. Winrow has kindly offered to come into school to read his book to our children and hopefully the children will have plenty of questions to ask him.

It is brilliant that we can celebrate the success of a member of our school community and show the children that they can achieve great things if they put their mind to it.

Mr. Winrow has also kindly donated some copies of his book to give out as prizes.



Uniform

 **KITTED OUT**

Thank you for making the children look so smart for their return to school.

<https://www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/school-uniform/primary-schools/our-lady-of-good-help/>

School shoes should be plain black, ties must be worn on full uniform days, socks should be grey or navy and trousers, skirts or pinafores should be grey. PE Kit must be white polo tops and navy shorts, with a plain navy school tracksuit an optional extra to keep them warm.

Please do not allow your children to wear jewellery to school other than stud earrings for health & safety reasons.



Attendance

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE = 97.3%
TARGET = 97%

School attendance is a high priority for our school this year. In light of the changes in guidance from the DfE, we feel now is the right time to bring back our attendance rewards and incentives.

Children will be earning tokens for their class each day by attending school:

Whole class in school: 20 tokens
1 person absent: 15 tokens
2 people absent: 10 tokens
3 people absent: 5 tokens
More than 3 absent: no tokens

We will celebrate great attendance in our weekly celebration assemblies. The winning class each week will get a trophy and some extra play that week.

A half-termly prize will be awarded for the class with the most tokens each half term. They will be awarded a fun afternoon of games of their choice.



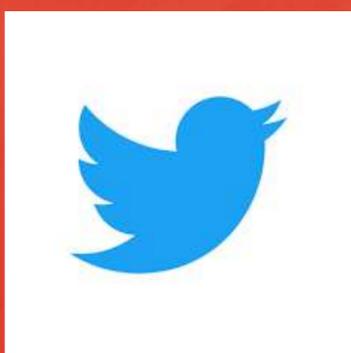
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Key Times & Dates

Monday 6th September - Autumn Term begins

Friday 22nd October - Half term holidays begin

Monday 1st November - Autumn Term 2 begins

Wednesday 22nd December - Autumn Term ends

Thursday 6th January - Spring Term begins

Friday 18th February - Half term holidays begin