

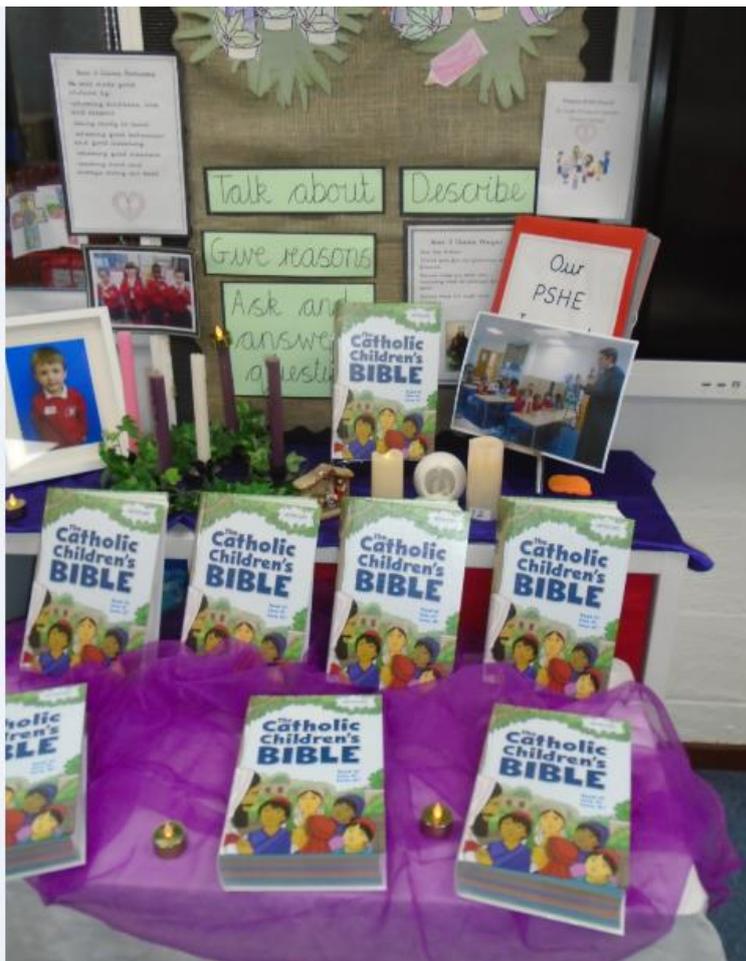


Newsletter 4 December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Christmas preparations are ramping up at school. The tree is up, the Advent wreath is in place, the crib is awaiting the arrival of the baby Jesus and your children are busy rehearsing their lines for filming. It's definitely beginning to feel a lot like Christmas (even if it's a bit different this year!) Just a quick reminder of the deadline of 11th December for any Christmas cards to be put into the collection box in each class.

New Bibles for each class



Thanks to your kind donations, the Friends were able to buy each class a wonderful new Catholic Children's Bible to support their collective worship and learning in RE. Thank you also to Fr Gerard who visited year 2 this week to bless the new Bibles for us.

Road safety

I'm really sorry to have to say that we came very close on Wednesday after school to having one of our children seriously hurt by a car whilst crossing the road at the Surrey pub. I've been into class today to talk to all of the children about holding hands with the adult picking them up or not running ahead of the adult who is looking after them. I've also been talking to them about not crossing the busy main road in front of the pub but either walking up to Wickes where Mr Morley used to help children cross, or even better, going to the traffic lights. Please help us keep everyone safe by talking to your children about road safety to reinforce the messages we've given at school today.

One of the things I asked the children to talk to you about was getting some reflective bands or tape for their coats so that they are more visible to traffic during the darker evenings.

Crossing patrol

Surrey County Council have been advertising for a new crossing patrol officer since the beginning of the school year but haven't had any interest in the position. Here's the job description again in case you know of anyone who would be interested. It would be fantastic to be able to fill the position.

Hours Max 10 hours per week

This position is a permanent contract post. We are currently looking for individuals to join our team of School Crossing Patrol Officers. You will be required to work in all weather conditions, crossing parents and children alike during the school peak arrival and collection times. You will need to be physically fit with a good standard of road safety knowledge. You will be expected to attend one training seminar per year to ensure that you are operating within legal parameters. You will need the ability to communicate with children and adults to ensure that they are safe whilst they are crossing. The Safer Travel Team will ensure that you are provided with the correct training and equipment to carry out your duties. This is a term time position and it is expected that you will take annual leave during school holidays. Appointment is subject to interview and enhanced DBS clearance and medical checks ensuring you are physically fit to operate. The ability to work all year round is essential. You will: be physically fit, and able to work in all weather conditions be able to work without direct supervision have good communication skills have experience of working with children in a voluntary or paid capacity For an informal discussion, please contact Rebecca Harrison on 01483 517515.

For a full job description and copy of the advert, please contact the school office.

Positive Covid-19 cases rapidly rising in Knaphill

Now that we're coming up to the end of term, we're doing everything we possibly can at school to stay safe and avoid having to close a bubble in the last week. If this were to happen, it could mean families and staff being asked to self-isolate over the Christmas period which we all want to avoid if at all possible.

We've also just been informed by Woking Borough Council that cases in Knaphill are rapidly rising and that we are likely to be moved into tier 3 when the restrictions are reviewed again in the next two weeks if cases continue to rise. Please help us all, by doing your bit and adhering to all the current tier 2 restrictions listed below.

If any member of your household begins to display symptoms of Covid-19 please do not send your child to school. Please call the office or email covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk if it is out of office hours and we can advise what to do.

TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Notification of Proposed Variation of the admission arrangements of St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School, Knaphill for 2021-22

Please note that the St Hugh of Lincoln school has applied to the Regional Schools Commissioner to vary its admission arrangements for September 2021. This is for the following reasons:

During the COVID 19 pandemic churches have been closed and the Bishops of England & Wales have suspended the obligation for Sunday Mass. Since the school's originally determined admission arrangements for 2021-22 have oversubscription criteria that include church attendance (at a specified frequency and period of time), it creates difficulties for Catholic applicants to clearly identify how they meet the criteria and how church attendance will be determined. Clergy also face uncertainty in these matters. The requested variation will provide clarification that will enable parents and others concerned in admissions matters to clearly identify how church attendance is determined for admission where these oversubscription criteria are relevant. Attendance at Mass before the suspension of the Sunday obligation on 18 March 2020 will be taken into account when applying the oversubscription criteria for September 2021.

The proposed in year variation to the admissions policy reads:

On the advice of the Diocesan Education Service the governing board of St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted whilst churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to COVID19. This statement has been shared widely with local parishes in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis.

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a certain frequency at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) at the same frequency since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

Once approved, the new admission policy and SIF will be published on our school website. If you have already submitted your application for 2021/22, there is nothing further you need to do.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe.

God bless, Mrs Harper