



St Hugh of Lincoln
Catholic Primary School
In faith and love, we learn and grow



Newsletter 10 December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We were delighted that we were able to go ahead with our Nativity play this week. Your children were absolutely fantastic and put on a brilliant show! I remember going to my own children's Nativities when they were younger and have such wonderful memories of seeing them and their friends enjoying being part of a performance and getting excited for Christmas. It is sad to think that the children have been unable to have these experiences during the pandemic, which made the shows this week all the more special. Thank you so very much for all of your lovely messages of thanks to the staff and kind donations to Bee-lieve. Thank you too for playing your part in terms of providing costumes, doing lateral flow tests and sending only one guest. I'm sure I've said this before, but hopefully next year we'll be back to normal and everyone can attend safely!





KS2 Advent Reflection is on, but I need your help!

We have been working desperately hard all week to try and find a way to stage the KS2 Advent Reflection safely. There are still cases of Covid in school among the staff and children, and our risk assessments show that our school hall is just not big enough to go ahead safely with the numbers of children and guests that we had planned. We are however determined to find a way to allow the children to perform and for you to see them, so we have been working with SJB who have very kindly offered to let the children perform in their hall, which is much bigger, and therefore safer, than ours.

I appreciate that this is a last minute change of plan and that I am going to need to ask your help to make it happen, but I hope you agree that it is worth any inconvenience. Our plan now is to stage the show at SJB on Tuesday 14th December between 9.30am – 10.30am.

Please could I ask for your help with the following?

- On the morning of 14th, please could you bring your KS2 child straight to SJB for 9.30am rather than coming into school, (Reception class and KS1 will need to come to St Hugh's as usual). On arrival, please take them to the hall where their teacher will meet them and you can take your seat in the audience.
- SJB has very limited parking so they have asked that you park in the sports centre and walk down to their site.
- Please limit attendance to one guest per child in each of the KS2 classes.
- Please ensure that you do a lateral flow test before attending and wear a mask throughout.
- At the end of the show, we will need your help to transport your child back to St Hugh's. Please could you make sure that you accompany your child all the way to the school entrance. Children should go straight to their classroom where they will be registered.

- You are welcome to take photographs of the performance but we ask that these are for personal use only and not shared on social media.
- If your child is in breakfast club on 14th and you are not able to take them to SJB, please can you let the office know on Monday morning? I will try my very best to arrange transport to SJB for them, but will need to ask you to arrange for a lift back to St Hugh's for them with another parent. If this is problematic in any way, please talk to me and I'll do whatever I can to find a solution.
- We will still be collecting for our nominated charity, the Bee-lieve Foundation, a children's mental health charity, who have provided our staff and children with some fabulous training and support over the last year. There will be collection boxes by the door, or you can donate using a QR code.



The Reindeer Run – don't forget your antlers!

Our sports coaches are helping the children with their sponsored reindeer run for the Woking and Sam Beare hospice in PE lessons next week. Please remember to send your child into school with their antlers on Monday next week.

Christmas lunch - 15th December

We are planning to have our school Christmas lunch next Wednesday. If you know your child would like to have a Christmas lunch, it would be really helpful if you could book it on Scopay over the weekend so Mrs Small knows how much extra food she needs to order early next week.

Magic show, parties and mufti – 15th December

These are still going ahead as planned and we hope that all the children will have a brilliant time! Your child can come to school on 15th dressed in their own clothes – I look forward to seeing all the Christmas jumpers and mad hair!

KS2 Playtimes

A quick reminder that it is year 6's turn to play on the field next week. If your child would like to do that (weather permitting), please send them to school with a spare pair of shoes or wellies in a named carrier bag. No studded boots please.

Wet feet and PE

We always try to go outside and get some exercise in the fresh air for our PE lessons. If it's a bit drizzly we still go out but ask the children to wear a coat (if it's raining really heavily we stay indoors). This means that some of the children can get wet feet. If it is forecast to rain on a Monday or Thursday, you are very welcome to send some spare shoes and socks in with your child in case they get wet. If you would like to do that, please make sure the shoes are named and send them into school in a named carrier bag.

Classroom temperatures

Last week, our CO2 monitors arrived and have been set up in the classrooms. As it gets colder, we will keep the doors and windows shut as much as possible and will use the monitors to tell us when to open them. Unfortunately, our experience so far is that we need to re-open the windows after a very short time once all the children are in the class. We will endeavour to keep the classrooms as warm as possible while balancing this with the guidelines about ventilation. The children have been told that they can wear coats in class if it keeps them more comfortable.

Closing date for Reception place applications for Sept 2022 – 15th January 2022

Surrey have asked us to remind parents of the deadline to apply for a Reception class place for September 2022. They have asked us to convey this message:

We strongly encourage online applications

via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Parents can apply online from a smartphone or tablet as well as a laptop. If parents are unable to apply online, they will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (to our Quadrant Court address) by 15 January, so parents must allow time for the post to reach us. If parents need to apply on paper, we recommend that they send applications by recorded post.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

Applications received after the closing date without an exceptional reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

In addition to the online application, St Hugh's has a supplementary application form that can be found on our website and is submitted directly to the school office.

Last day of term arrangements

School will finish at 1pm on Friday 17th December (children will still have their lunch at school). Breakfast club will be running that morning, but there will be no after school club that afternoon. The first day back after the holidays is Tuesday 4th January.

Well Being

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or would like any help managing your child's emotions at home. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Pickard/ Miss Lyde our Mental Health Leads for support and advice.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless, Mrs Harper