



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter

2nd February 2024

Dates for the diary

Month

9th February – Break up for Half Term 3.15pm finish

19th February – Return to school

1st March – Y1 Class Liturgy 9.00am

7th March – World Book Day

14th March – Choral Day for year 4 with other schools at St Dunstan's Church and concert in the church for parents 3.45pm-4.15pm approx.

19th March – Parents Evenings on School Cloud 3.30pm – 6.15pm

21st March – Parents evening on School Cloud 3.30pm -6.15pm

22nd March EYFS Learn and Share for parents in the school hall at 2.45pm. Parents may take their children straight from the hall afterwards due to club session.

28th March – Break up for Easter

Mrs Grace

Dear parents and carers,

Mark 1:21-28

In our gospel this week, we saw Jesus getting things done, teaching and curing, to great effect. Those present were astonished by what they witnessed and could see that He clearly went about His business with real authority.

Reflecting on the 'author' in authority, might help us focus on how to gain God-given authority. God is the author of all that is good. Basing everything we do in faith and love is the best way of ensuring that we demonstrate authentic authority. At our school, this is how we, the adults, all strive to act as we believe that people who act in this way are the ones who will make the most positive and long-lasting impact on the children.

This spirit of positivity was never more present than during our Maths Workshop for parents on Wednesday evening. Miss Scott and Mr Davies delivered a fantastic workshop on multiplication and division incorporating the use of concrete manipulatives for problem solving with explanations of how we teach different calculation strategies. My thanks go to them for their dedication and passion for teaching Maths and their commitment to the children. I do hope that more parents may be able to join us at the next workshop we run as they are always a great way to gain an insight into how you can help your children at home and we love to welcome you into school.

Enjoy this week's newsletter. The children continue to excel in their learning, attitude and behaviour and they make every day at St Hugh's extra special.

Have a great weekend God bless!

Mrs Grace



News at St Hughs

Reindeer Run – Woking & Sam Beare Hospice & Wellbeing Care

We wanted to share the lovely message we received from Woking & Sam Beare Hospice this week:

'On behalf of everyone at Woking & Sam Beare Hospice & Wellbeing Care, I would like to thank the St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School's teachers, staff, pupils and their families for the amazing donation of **£1,589.47** raised through sponsorship of your Reindeer Run 2023, with an additional **£209.75** in gift aid contributions.

I do hope that everyone that took part had fun and are extremely proud of how much they have raised for the Hospice. Each person, group or organisation fundraising for us makes a difference to our patients with advance life-limiting conditions and their families. Like many charities we rely heavily on voluntary income such as this, helping us raise the £10 million needed to provide our services to the community.

Your donation will be used to help our patients and their families through difficult times and I cannot thank you enough. Please pass our thanks to everyone involved in making this donation happen. Thank you for continuing to support the Hospice.'



Competition Time

Next week, is children's mental health week. The mental health champions are organising a competition entitled 'This is me'. Children can submit a self-portrait or artwork on something they are proud of which they would be happy to share.

Entries need to be submitted by Thursday 8th February.

We are looking forward to seeing some amazing artwork

World Book Day

With just over a month to go until World Book Day we wanted to share this year's creative competition with you all. We would love the children to turn a hat into their favourite book, author or character. Prizes will be awarded for the most exciting creations. There will be a prize per class and one for the overall whole school winner. Please support the children to make their own creation at home. The children's creations can be brought into school on Thursday 7th March.

Book Sale

There will be an Usborne Book Sale from 3:15- 4:30pm in the school hall on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March. The children will be able to use their £1 World Book Day Book Tokens.



WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

Can you turn a hat into your favourite book, author or character for World Book Day 2024?



On Thursday 7th March we will have a hat parade on the playground.

News at St Hughs

Curriculum Team

The curriculum team have now decided that Geography and History are areas they feel they could help with in the school after their great success with Science. They are going to conduct a survey to gauge opinions of year groups 1-6 about their Geography and History learning. This is obtaining 'pupil voice'. Pupil voice in schools means a whole-school commitment to listening to the views, wishes and experiences of all children and young people. They have planned to ask the children what they like about these areas of learning and what we could do to improve them even more. We look forward to the next update when we will find out about what they will do next. Great work Curriculum Team!



Reception – Saint Bernadette

Reception have been using the story of *Oliver's Vegetables* as a platform for exploring healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet. Perhaps they could try eating a new fruit or vegetable at home like Oliver! Additionally, we have been exploring how to look after our teeth. The children understand that too much sugar can be harmful to our teeth. They have enjoyed applying what they have learnt about how to brush their teeth properly remembering to use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste, brushing in small circular motions on all surfaces of all teeth for 2 minutes. Remember to always brush your teeth before bed and at 1 other time every day!



Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Blending Books Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Rqnv4INs/mhKOKa1I>

Ditty Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/eyoH5RE9/H5p6BlcK>

Red Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fkCrXAMS/5DqbXh0T>



Year 1 – Saint George

This week in Science we have been investigating objects that float and sink. We carried about an investigation to check if our predictions were correct or not. We learnt that not all heavy items sink due to buoyancy. If an item is more dense than water it will sink or if it is less dense than water it will float.

This week in Geography we have been looking closely at the continent of Africa. We used the atlas' to help us understand where Africa is and what the temperature is like. Our key vocabulary for this week was using the word 'equator'.



Read Write Inc. Phonics

Phonics:

Pink Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/H4svyWY1/ShvjAwjE>

Yellow Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HQxQI6Iz/8ARTKIWG>

Blue Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/niFAvfXr/CPQXkaoR>



Year 2 – Saint Francis

This week we have been very busy in Year 2! We have been writing a letter to our main character (the fox) persuading him to not give up in his journey, in maths we finished our unit about money and now we started a new learning about multiplication. In Science we have been testing different objects and analysing which materials are squashy, in Geography we looked into detail the food journey of milk from the farm to our shops and in RE we were learned about the different types of books we use in mass. Our art lessons have been the highlight of our week: we made patterned paper that showed the texture of grass, sky, rocky mountains and brick house in order to create our collages based on a landscape. Then we assembled the pieces of texture paper and magazine paper into our collages. It required a lot of patience to cut such tiny pieces and stick them next to and overlapping each other without leaving any gaps, but we are really proud of resilience and how it they are all looking! Next week we will finish our art collages. They are going to look incredible!



Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Mrs Avery's group:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qgltDtUI/yLJgkCNe>

Read Write Inc.
Spelling

This week's spelling rule: The j sound is often spelt with the letter g before e, i or y.
Examples: **gentle**, **giraffe**, **energy**.

Orange/red words: **be**, **should**, **do**, **no**, **once**, **here**.



Year 3 – Saint Veronica

We have had a lovely week in Year 3. Father Nick came to join us for a RE lesson which felt very special. We were learning about Our Lady and the Rosary, he helped us answer a lot of questions. Then he blessed our rosaries and led us in praying a decade of the Rosary. Then, in DT the moment we have been waiting for, time to programme our microbits and complete our road safety pouches. It was tricky but we became expert programmers, creating our own flashing light loops. Mrs Willmott and Mrs Kelly were so impressed and proud of you all. Some of the children enjoyed it so much they want to get their own microbit, so they can program at home.



Read Write Inc.
Spelling

Our spelling rule this week is words is still adding the prefixes **dis** and **in**: We do not have to change the root word and both prefixes mean not or opposite eg incomplete, independent, dishonest, disapprove

Our orange words are still: **caught, child, children, continue, decide, describe**

Year 4 – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

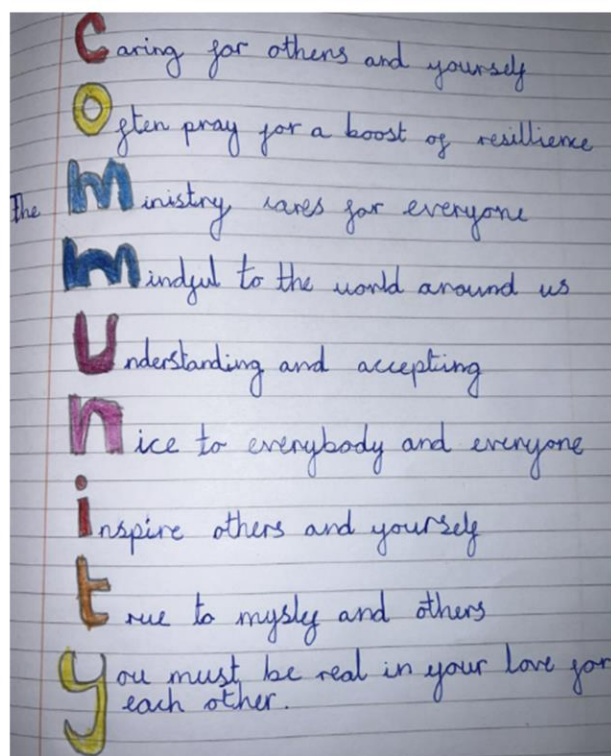
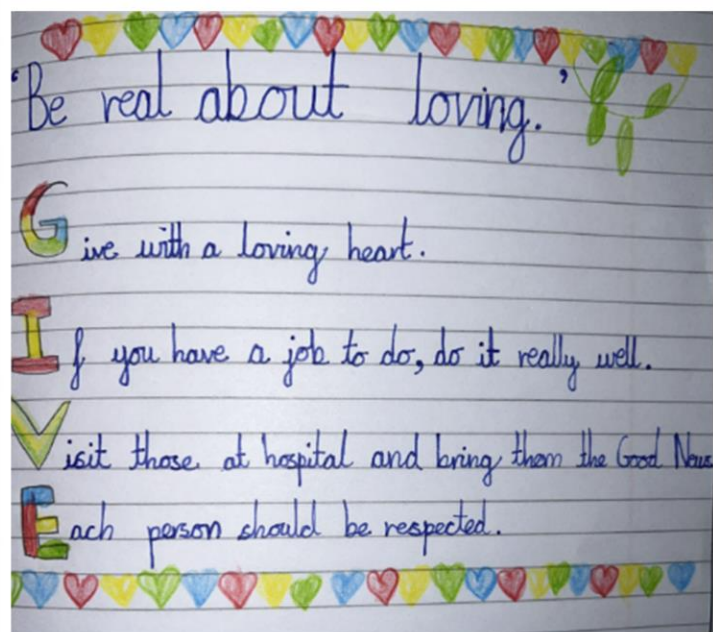
This week in Religious Education, the Year 4 children carried on learning more about their current topic 'Community'. Children made links between St Paul's advice and the actions of parish ministries and were able to show their understanding of how St Paul's advice can be lived out in the Parish Community. Children were asked to write a poem on how to follow St Paul's advice 'be real about loving'.



Our spelling rule this week is: **adding -ation to verbs to form nouns.**
e.g. **preparation, information.**

Read Write Inc.
Spelling

Orange words: **various, strength, weight, thought, certain, decide.**



Year 5 – Saint Raphael

We had a very successful Science week! The children learned what dissolving meant by and experimented with different solids to see if they will dissolve in water. ! We had an interesting discussion about coffee and tea leaves and whether they were dissolvable or not. We found that tea leaves do not dissolve but coffee granules does.

We also had an experiment with filter paper in our filtration experiment to see if sand and water can be filtered. They noticed that the water that was filtered through the filter paper is slightly cleaner than what it was before filtering, but still not drinkable.



Our spelling rule this week is: words ending in *shus* spelt *tious*

Read Write Inc.
Spelling

Our 6 orange words are: individual, criticise, dictionary, equipment, frequently, familiar



Year 6 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe

The year 6 children had a great time this week as they completed some Geography Fieldwork relating to eco-sustainability evident within local area. As they walked a set route, they looked for things like solar technology, evidence of recycling and litter. This related to their unit of work 'Protecting the Environment'. Once back in the classroom, the children wrote a letter in their Geography books to the local council to advise them what could be done to ensure the local area was more eco-sustainable. Miss Wisdom was very impressed with some of the great ideas the children had as to how this could be achieved. Many suggested a government initiative to make it more possible for homeowners to afford to put solar panels on their houses. They also suggested more charging points for cars to make this a more feasible mode of transport for more people. The behaviour of the children on this trip was exemplary, great work year 6!



Information Board

Safeguarding

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace, Mrs Pickard or Mr Davies or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.



Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Wraparound – Afterschool Care

Following the success of activity Fridays, we have decided to continue offering shorter sessions on Fridays. The session will run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm and will be available for the price of £7.00. This price includes the usual afterschool snack and lots of fun.

Bookings can be made the usual way through Scopay. Please select the required Friday and use the code H. This code is not valid for any other day but Friday. If you are new to our Afterschool Club, please contact the office for a Registration Form.



Friends News

A big thank you to **Year 3** for another successful cake sale, raising a total of **£101.59**.

Thank you as well to everyone for supporting the Bears at Bedtime events which have raised **£480** - and a giant thank you to Mrs Barker for running such successful evenings.

HIGHLIGHTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- **1st March:** Mothering Day Pop up shop (tickets will be on sale soon, on Classlist)

- **3rd March:** 3- 6pm

KS1 and SEND: 3-4pm Disco in the Parish Hall with lower light and sound.

KS2 4:30-6pm



We are looking for volunteers to help on the next friends meeting. To be held in the church hall with crafts and film for the children. Please let Anna Larkham, Ingrid Stevens or Gosia Milbank know if you would be willing to support us.

Did you know you can raise money for St Hugh's while booking your holiday? [Easy Fundraising](#) and [Give as you Live](#) are two sites where you can earn a percentage donation to St Hugh's when you book your holiday. Below are just some of the holiday companies where you can earn cash back for the school – please do sign up before you book. Search for **the Friends of St Hugh's** on both sites to sign up and start earning.

