



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



## Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

It's been absolutely brilliant to welcome you all into school this week and lovely to see so many of you enjoying sharing your children's wonderful work during our book looks each day. It was also a great pleasure to host our second Class Mass of the year for our Year 4 children and their parents. Unfortunately, I could not be on site for that lovely celebration because I had to attend an important Head Teachers' briefing at the diocese with our Chair of Governors. However, I did see Y4's rehearsal for Mass and I hear from Mr Davies and Mrs Rose how reverently they conducted themselves. Thank you parents for joining the children and for your lovely feedback. Well done to children and thank you to Father for leading the celebration.

In the Gospel this week, we learnt about how Jesus was transfigured and became even more beautiful to the disciples looking on. We heard in the Gospel passage that Jesus' face "shone like the sun"; when we see the faces of our lovely St Hugh's children, shining like this then we know that we and particularly you are doing God's own good work.

Enjoy this week's newsletter and have a great weekend everyone!

God Bless!

Mrs Grace

Head of School



## World book day winners

Congratulations to our World Book Day Winners and Runners Up and well done to everyone for participating in our fantastic creative challenge.



## Reception

This week, Reception have been learning about the weather in the UK. They have been checking the weather forecast every day so they were very surprised to wake up to snow on Wednesday! The snow provided an opportunity for so much rich learning. The children developed their gross motor skills by collecting snow and rolling giant snowballs to play basketball with and to build snow creatures! They explored how the steepness of ramps affected how fast and how far the snowballs would roll. They measured their footprints in the snow to find who had the biggest feet and they explored melting by pouring warm water on the snow and by putting a jar of snow on the radiator. So much fun and so much learning!

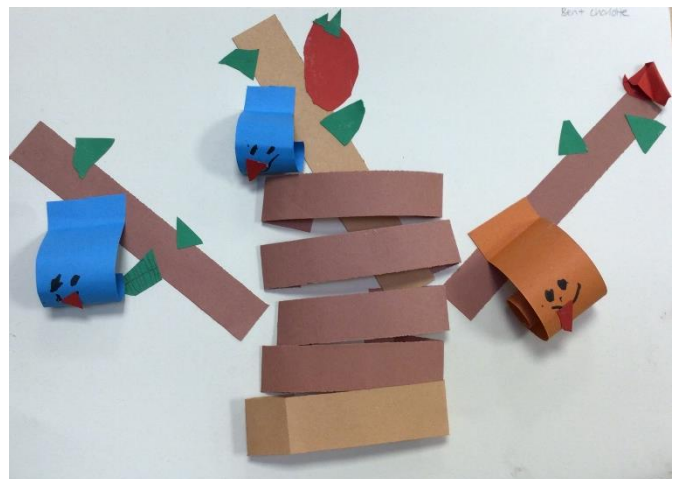




## Year 1

On Friday last week, we learnt all about the celebration of Japanese Girls' Day also known as the Doll's Festival and how Japanese people pray for the health and happiness of young girls.

This week, we have furthered our programming learning, we know that a robot will follow a clear command in a precise and repeatable way. We have been programming the BeeBots to move forwards and backwards. During RE the children asked our Year 4 friends some questions about receiving the host for the first time. Our questions included: what does the bread taste like? How did you feel? Were you happy when you had your First Holy Communion? Finally, within Art we have studied the 'Tree of life' sculpture in Milan, designed by Marco Balich and the children were fascinated that the sculpture is 35 metres high and people can climb up inside it. The children have created their own 3D 'Tree of life' by rolling, folding, scrunching and cutting paper.



## Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been planting sunflowers and beans as part of our Growing Plants topic. The children were finding out and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. First of all they had to use the skill of predicting to make a good guess at what might happen to their plant as it grows. They learnt new scientific vocabulary such as nutrition, temperature and germination. Hopefully our plants will start to grow before the Easter holidays!



## Year 3

In Computing we have started exploring a new programming environment, Scratch. We have learnt that objects in Scratch have attributes, exploring movement and sound commands. Next lesson we will be learning how to add a series of movement commands. Scratch is available on the internet and free, over the next few weeks please do get your child to log on with you and show you some of the things they have learnt.





In RE this half term, in Year 3, we are deepening our understanding of the different parts of the mass. We focused on the Liturgy of the Word and how God speaks to us through the scriptures. We looked at art work and then created our own piece of art work to represent the Liturgy of the word.





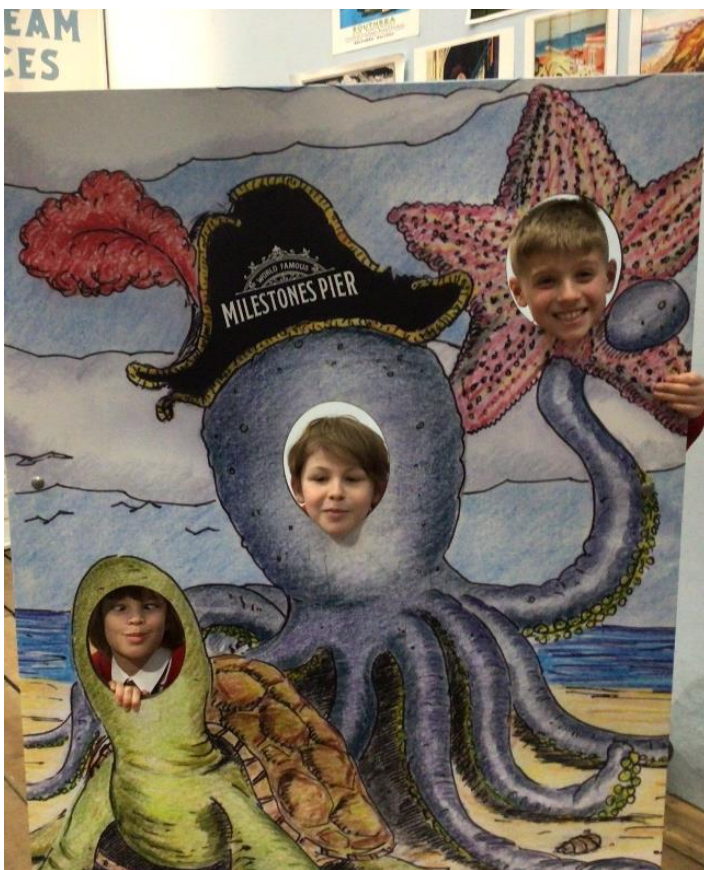
## Year 4

The year 4 children have been having fun this week within their DT lesson designing car chassis for their slingshot cars. They needed to consider what type of chassis they were going to create according to their design brief. The cars needed to be able to travel fast, so needed to consider aerodynamics as well as ensuring it would fit securely to the base. It was lovely to see many of the creative and colourful designs that met the design brief which stated it needed to be aesthetically pleasing. They are now looking forward to making their chassis from card, then attaching the wheels. Great work year 4!



## Year 5

On Tuesday, year 5 visited the Milestones museum as part of our History and English topic. When we arrived, we split off into groups and explored the Victorian town with shops, railway stations and bakeries. One section had an old fashioned arcade and the pupils were given pennies that Victorian children would have used to play the games. Once the adults managed to peel them away from the arcade machines, we joined a workshop which explained what happened during the industrial revolution and how the landscape and life in general changed. Finally, the children took part in becoming Victorian children in a classroom which they were highly anticipating. They changed into pinafores and waistcoats and were taught the three R's. The experience was very different to how school is now but they enjoyed it a lot and it was very amusing to watch! Year 5 represented St Hugh brilliantly - well done!



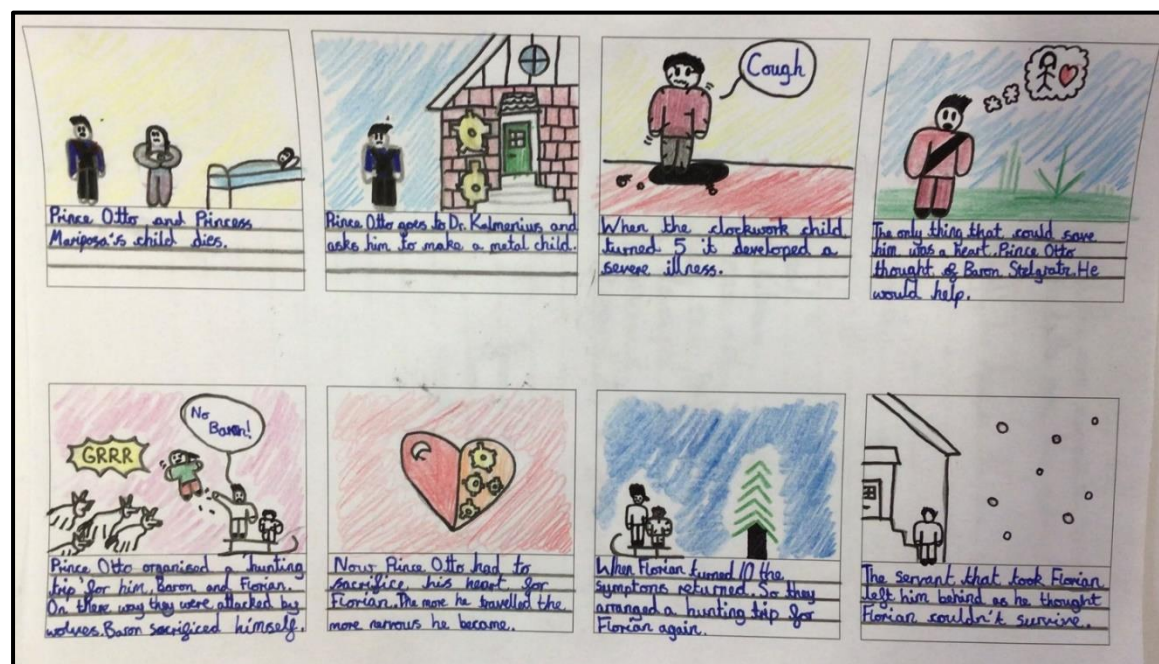
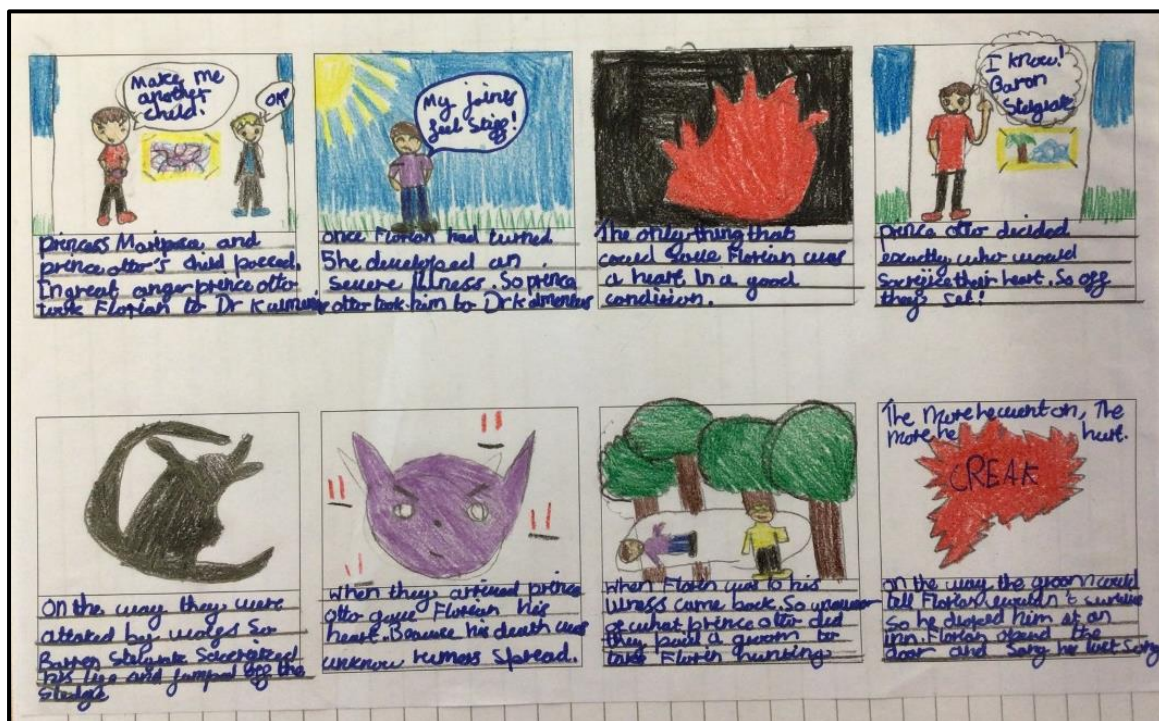
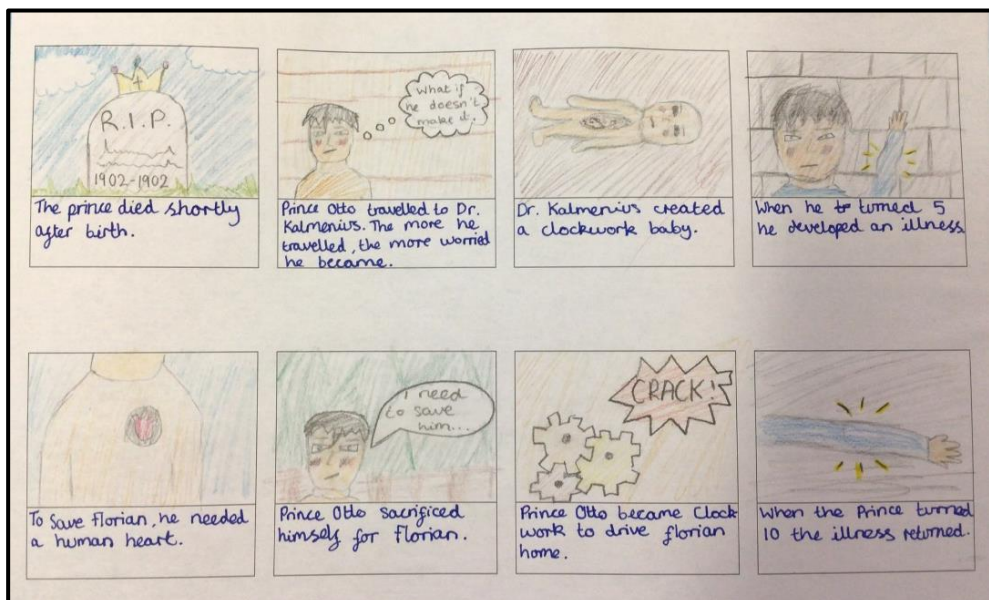




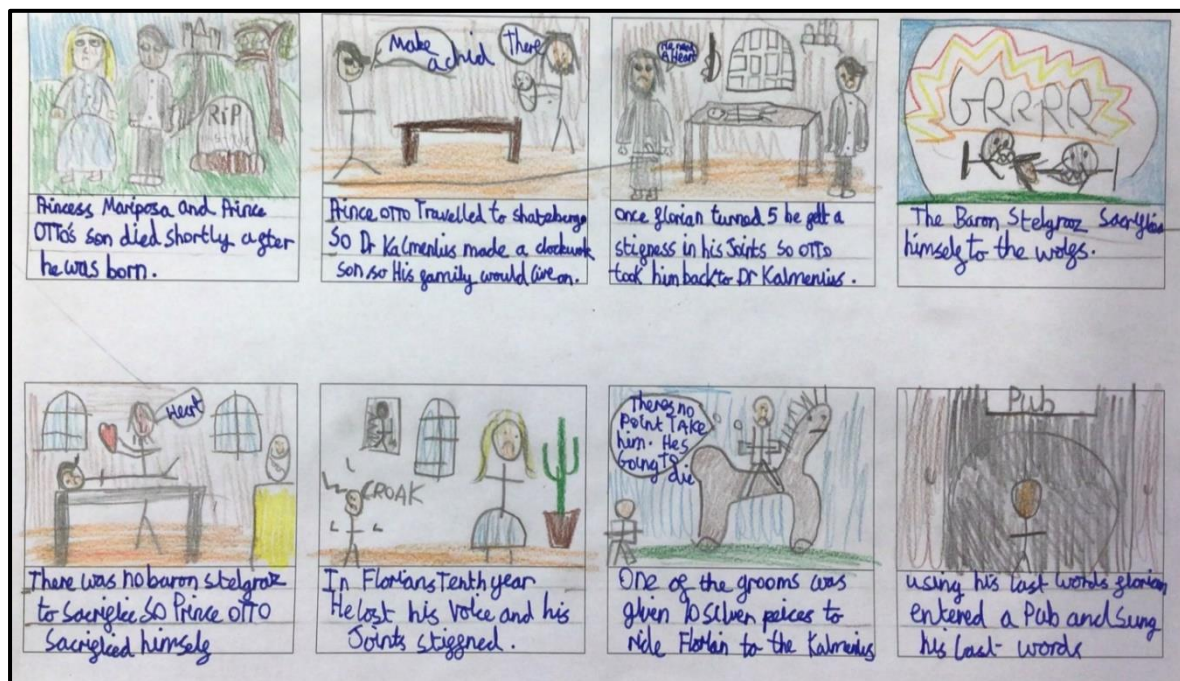
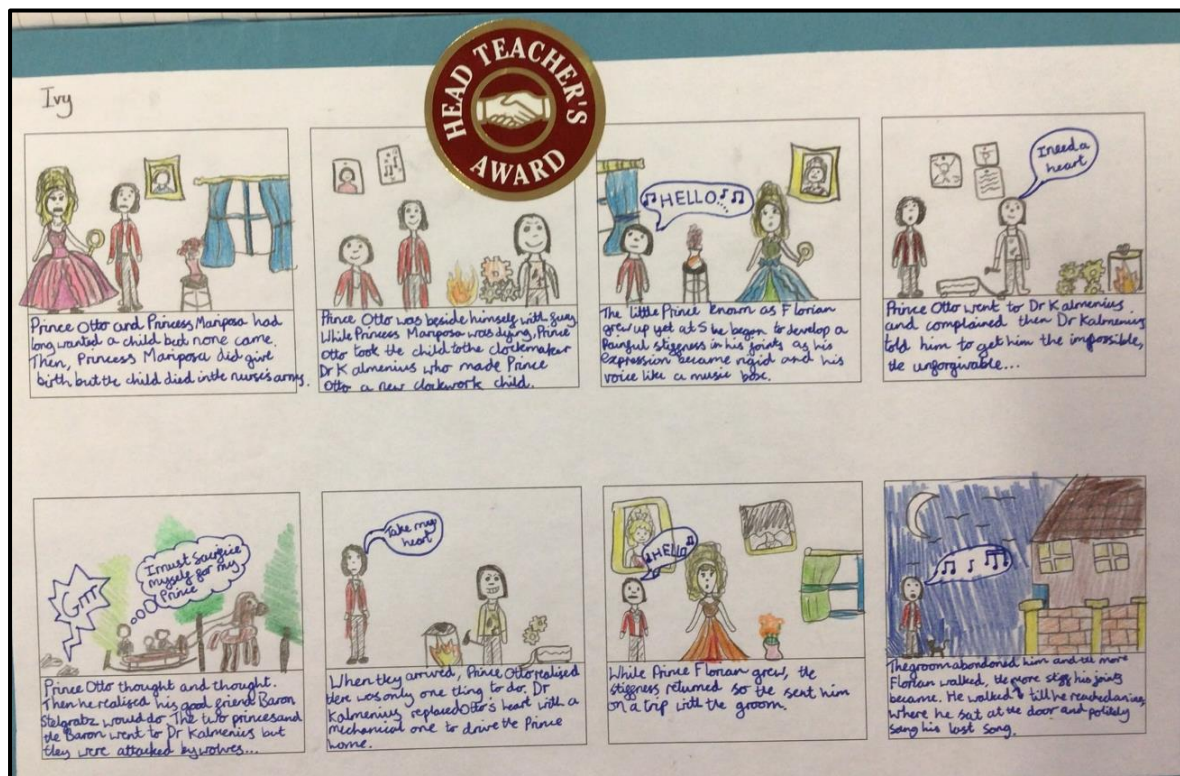


## Year 6

This week in English writing, we have been looking at different, creative ways to entertain. We created comic strips of part of the story in our book *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman.







## Science Fair

We're very excited to announce that entries are coming in for the Science Fair. There's still time to send yours in but the deadline for bringing them into school is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We can't wait to see them all and learn all about what you have been investigating.

Here's the link to our website for more details about the science Fair from our Curriculum Team.

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Team&pid=148>



## **Sports News**

### **Year 5 and 6 Cross Country at Hoebridge School**

On Tuesday, some of the year 5 and 6s took part in the cross country tournament, competing against 16 other schools. First were the girls (Olivia, Chloe, Sophia, Ivy and Nettie) who all paced themselves well and were able to complete the whole 2.6km course in amazing times. A special mention to Nettie who came first and executed the race superbly. They were all so supportive of each other and it was wonderful to see them enjoy competing against the other schools. The boys (Joe, Hugh, Armando, Jack and James) went next. They also paced themselves really well and kept going even though there was some tough competition. They were extremely supportive of each other, too, and kept themselves motivated throughout a difficult course. All ten of them, represented the school wonderfully and they should be very proud of themselves.

### **Planet Soccer Link for bookings**

Planet Soccer will be running a multisport camp for the INSET Day on 15<sup>th</sup> March and during the Easter holidays. Please see the links below.

INSET day 15<sup>th</sup> March - <https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps94>

Easter holidays - <https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps94>

## **Developing Language and Communication Workshop**

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2. 30 pm**

Good language and communication skills are essential to develop your child's learning.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2. 30 pm, we are running a workshop on how to develop your child's language and understanding. We will look at questions you could ask when hearing your child read and how to encourage and extend your child's vocabulary. All welcome and refreshments are provided. Please ask Mrs Pickard for more information.

## **Fundraising**

This week we received a thank you letter from Woking and Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care to say thank you for everyone's generosity and donations towards the Reindeer Run. As a school we raised a total of £1516.56. Thank you to everyone.



## For Home Learning Phonics/Early Reading Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films

Please see below the links for each phonics group to complete at home. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch the film with your child at least three times a week. Please find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet. Please praise your child as he/she joins in with the lesson.

Reception- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WpMs1J6J/luUYEa8j> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/a5YmHoDY/AGhdJPDM>

Reception Ditty Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BjVUw1X5/XHVxRSyv>

Reception Red Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xfkCQbMA/qx2as2Cl>

Pink Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/42GW9BHv/iL6fODi6>

Orange Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ou8pK8NV/e1PQyYpn>

Yellow Group (Mrs Dhina)- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/N4Tx2XfN/KG2E0arJ>

Yellow Group (Mrs Iles)- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pWtx8uzB/yMwyNANk>

Grey

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/mL2dJc1y/HzNf1ycV> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VAWo5fSE/4VG2Gy7c>

## Transitioning to Secondary school

Here is a link to a parent webinar which offers advice and support on how to help your child with their transition to secondary school. We think you will find the webinar really helpful and hope you can attend.

**Who is Eikon?** Eikon is an award-winning charity that has been working in local Surrey communities for over two decades. We provide long-term support to some of the county's most vulnerable young people. Our vision is to develop happy, thriving, and resilient young adults who make a positive contribution to society.

### [Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 19.00-20.00** [register here](#)

- Focusing on resilience
- The resilience framework
- Growth mindset
- Friendship worries
- Organisation
- Helping your child know their strengths



## **The Friends – Mothering Sunday**

This year, again, following the success of last year's event, we want to honour all our “Mothers”, those who gave us birth but also those who “act” as a mother to us, be they a grandmother, an aunt, a cousin or simply a friend; hence the choice of the word “Mothering”, as opposed to the American commercial celebration: Mothers’ day.

On Friday 17th March, the Friends will hold a Mothering Day shop at school. All sorts of gifts will be available, including some for our beloved Nans.

Children will have a chance to visit the shop, on Friday 17th, during the day to buy a present for a lady they want to honour on Sunday the 19th. All presents are £2.50. If you wish your child to participate, please buy your tickets on Classlist

<https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/969790679>

PRE-SOLD TICKETS ONLY: in order to avoid disappointment and help the sale run smoothly, please note that we can only accept pre-paid tickets. If you cannot pay online, please let us know by emailing [friendsofsthughspta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsthughspta@gmail.com).

We will need volunteers on the day, from 1pm to 3:15pm. Each parent volunteering will be gifted a free gift. Please add this free ticket to your order if you can volunteer on the day. Only one free ticket per volunteer.

## Dates for your Diary

### March

**15<sup>th</sup> March** –Inset day

**17<sup>th</sup> March** – Mothering Celebration Shop in School (**Friends' event**)

**21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Parent Consultation Meetings – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

**Year 5 Parent Consultations 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March** – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – End of Spring Term MUFTI day in support of our Lenten charity– The Catholic Children's Society. Early finish 1.00pm

**Reception Learn and Share sessions:** Please arrive at 2.45 via the main entrance (by the office) where you can collect your child from their YR classroom to share their learning with you in the school hall. The session will finish by 3.15.

The next session will be on Friday 26th May 2023

**25<sup>th</sup> April** – Friends Meeting at the School

### Class Masses

We are delighted to announce that Class Masses are well underway this term. They will be celebrated by either Fr Rob or Fr Nick and parents of the children in the class are invited to attend. Here are the dates:

Y5 Mass Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am in hall – **new date**

Y3 Mass Thurs 23rd Mar @9.00am in hall

Y2 Liturgy Thurs 27th Apr @9.00am in hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

### Safeguarding contact reminder

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](mailto:dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as possible the same day.

