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Dear Parents,

Happy St Hugh of Lincoln Feast Day. St Hugh is a great example to us all of doing God's will, even when that is sometimes challenging. He is an example of loyalty, faith and perseverance. Let his example inspire us today and always.

Year 3 enjoyed an educational visit to Butser Ancient Farm on Monday. This visit formed part of the class' History curriculum. It was a cold but thoroughly inspiring day. Thank you to Mrs Edwards for organising this visit.

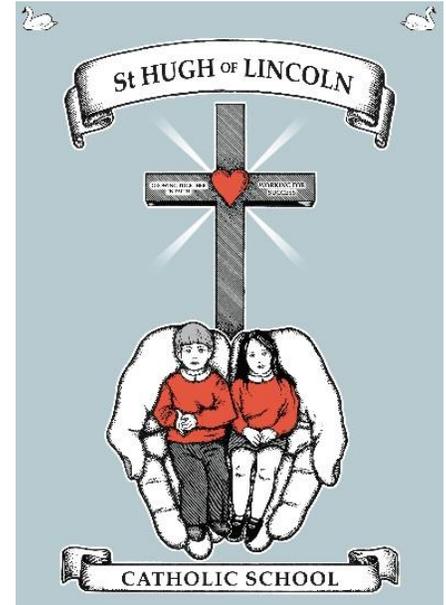
Thank you for supporting our two muffin-days in connection with the Christmas Bazaar, which will take place on 25 November. A lot of work is going into planning and preparing for the Bazaar and I know that this will be well supported by the school and parish community too.

We have waiting lists of applications for all of our classes. It is the school policy that parents of children on the waiting lists must advise the school by the end of each term if they wish their child to remain on the waiting list. Any parents with a child on a waiting list for a place at the school must confirm with Mrs Copeman by 21 December if they wish their child to remain on the waiting list for next term. Thank you.

Children have started practising for the Advent Reflection / Christmas nativity play this week. I will set out all the Christmas dates and times in next week's newsletter.

Finally, the School Council met on Wednesday this week. The minutes of the meeting are on the school website.

God bless, Mr George



School Values

God our Father, help us all to ...

Live like Jesus,
One family, learning together,
Valuing everyone,
Each and every day.

At St Hugh of Lincoln School we are fully committed to safeguarding. Mr George and Mrs Rose are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads: any concerns regarding safeguarding should be raised with either of them. The member of the governing body with nominated responsibility for safeguarding is Mrs Jo Losty.

Mass is celebrated in the school hall at 8.30am each term time Wednesday. All are very welcome.

Forthcoming events:

- 17 November – St Hugh of Lincoln feast day whole school Mass (9.00am)
- 21 November – Online safety presentation for parents (6.30pm)
- 23 November – Open morning for September 2018 admission (9.30am)
- 23 November – Year 5 football match v Sythwood (home)
- 23 November – Netball matches v Pirbright (away)
- 25 November – Christmas Bazaar (Church hall)
- 29 November – KS2 children to church for Advent Reflection practice (am)
- 1 December – INSET day – school closed to pupils
- 5 December – KS2 children to church for Advent Reflection practice (pm)
- 6 December – KS2 Advent Reflection in the church (7.00pm)
- 8 December – Confessions in school for Years 4-6
- 13 December – Christmas lunch

Online safety

Teaching children about being safe when online, and taking necessary precautions to manage risks associated with being online, is an essential joint responsibility of parents and school.

All parents (not children) are invited to an online safety presentation, in the school hall, on Tuesday 21 November, starting at 6.30pm. I will lead the presentation, coming from the perspective of a Headteacher, but also as a parent of two primary-age children of my own.

FROM THE FRIENDS

- **Christmas Cards & Gifts are in!** The beautiful keepsakes that your children have designed are in and will soon be ready for collection, please keep an eye out for collection details coming from Mrs Quinton shortly

- We still have a few tickets available to see this year's Panto, **Robin Hood for the 13th December at 7pm for the discounted sum of £22!** Please see Victoria Page if you would like tickets, or fill out a form and return to the Friends tray, near the office.

- **The Christmas Bazaar** will be on the **25th November 11-3pm** in the church hall. There will be lots of stalls, fun and games for all of the family. Do see your class reps for further information about your class stalls. Please start returning your sold Prize Draw stubs and monies ready for the big day. (If you have any unsold tickets then please do return these next week so they can be sold at the Bazaar, thank you)

- We were jumping ahead of ourselves last week, but the good news is you don't have to wait until April for a good clear out as the next **HAPPY BAG COLLECTION** will be on the **1st February 2018!**

- **Match funding**

Match Funding is very beneficial form of fundraising for the PTA. It allows companies to support local fundraising efforts, and really does help in raising the money for all of our fundraising targets for our children during the year. To learn more about Match Funding, please do see the note attached to newsletter email with a list of known companies that have shown support to various PTAs.

Keep up to date with all things Friends, and events happening around the school on the 'Friends of St Hugh, Knaphill' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/106748326162191/>

Thank you for your continued support,

The Friends

Well done to the children who were recognised in this week's Golden Values Assembly. These are children who have stood out for their helpfulness, kindness and positive attitudes.

Olivia, Ciara, Joseph, Orla, Callum, Ellie, Bethany, Reuben, Noah, Felicity, Alexa, Teddy, Rai, Molly.

During Wednesday's Golden Values assembly we listened to the Gospel reading of the day, in which Jesus reminded us of the importance of saying 'thank you'. Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one stayed to say thank you.

It was lovely to be able to share a 'thank you' card sent to the school by one of the recipients of tins and packets brought in for our recent Harvest celebration. Thank you again for the generosity of parents and children in supporting this, which makes a real difference to people's lives.

Rainbows supports children who have experienced loss through bereavement or separation of any kind. We have spaces in our next Rainbows group, starting after Christmas. Please speak with Mrs Rose or Mr George if you think that your child would benefit.

St John's Knaphill Children's Centre

Our Thursday Little Learners is a group for families in the Children's Centre area. It is a play and learn session for parents with children aged 0-5 years. The session is on from 12.45pm-2.00pm. You can find details of this and all the centre's activities on the website: www.stjohnsknaphillchildrenscentre.co.uk or contact the centre on 01483 476450. Gill, Louisa, Becki and Carol

School office reminders

If your child is absent from school please remember to send in a note or fill in a Reason for Absence form (located in the porch) on their return to school.

Please could all payments for school caps and bags for the Friends be paid with the correct cash, in a sealed envelope.

Reverse Advent Giving – from Mrs Natalie Day

Last year at St Hugh of Lincoln, for the first time, we got involved in what is being called Reverse Advent Giving.

During the school days of Advent we collected for a local homeless charity in Woking called the York Road Project (YRP). The YRP provides emergency and move-on accommodation, for homeless people from all walks of life and is a registered charity. I was humbled last year when delivering the items the school had collected. The appreciation was heartfelt. At Christmas the charity sees a numbers surge and they try to accommodate as many as possible for a Christmas dinner, shower and some clean clothes.

Mr George has agreed that he would like St Hugh's to be involved in this Reverse Advent Giving again this year. So in every classroom and in the staff room we will have large donation boxes. Each day from 4th to 20th December the children can pop something into the box, if you would like them to. It is entirely voluntary.

Suggested items are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, bodywash, handwash, shampoo, combs, deodorant, pens, sugar, coffee, Christmas treats, biscuits, brown sauce, tins of fruit / vegetables, cooking oil, squash, vinegar, peanut butter, marmite, teabags, pasta, rice, or more expensive items: underwear (male and female), sleeping bags, belts, thermal gloves and hats, thermal vests, long-johns.

As each box is filled they will be dropped off to the YRP in time for the increase of clients to the centre – if anyone would like to help, please let Mrs Day know.

Thank you, Natalie Day