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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a particularly busy week at school. Thank you very much to everyone who has supported the school in any way this week. The sense of community is a great strength of our school and this has been evident once again this week.

The Christmas Bazaar on Saturday was a lovely occasion. About £3000 was raised, to be divided equally between the school and the parish. Thank you very much to everyone who attended, and particularly those who ran stalls or who helped in any other way.

All the children have begun working hard to prepare for their Advent Service / Christmas play. The singing is sounding lovely. Please read the information on the next page carefully to ensure you are informed about the arrangements for the different events.

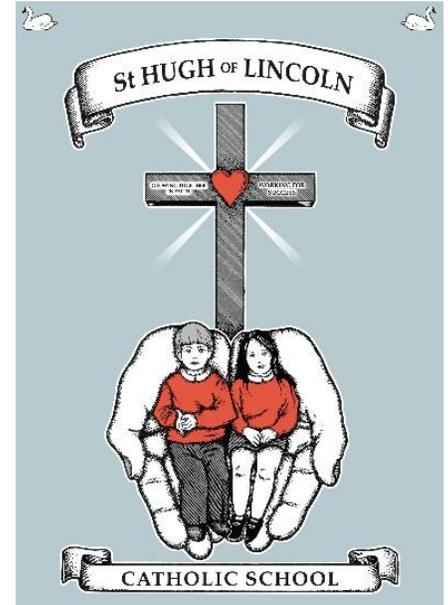
Thank you to the parents / carers who came to the Friends meeting on Thursday evening. There are lots of good events planned over the rest of the year, designed to raise funds for the school and to provide memorable social events. The minutes of the meeting will be on the school website in due course. The next planned significant expenditure by the Friends will be to pay for a shelter to be built in the area outside Year 1's classroom, matching the one over Reception class' sandpit.

Congratulations to Fr Gerard who was installed as our Parish Priest by Bishop Richard on Wednesday evening.

Please remember that school will be closed to pupils on Monday.

Enjoy the weekend.

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.

St Hugh of Lincoln ... pray for us



Forthcoming dates:

3 December – School closed to children (INSET day)

6 December – Year 6 class Mass (9.00am)

12 December – Reception / KS1 nativity for invited guests (1.30pm)

13 December – Year 5 class Mass (9.00am)

13 & 14 December – Reception / KS1 nativity (2.00pm)

18 December – KS2 Advent service in the church (7.00pm)

19 December – Christmas lunch

20 December – Reception Class Mass (9.00am)

20 December – KS2 Advent service in the school hall (9.45am)

21 December – End of Autumn term (1.30pm)

7 January – Start of Spring term

7 & 8 January – Life Bus in school

Last week we had the most fantastic Reception Class 'Learn and Share' session. Every single child in Reception Class had a parent or other family member to share their learning with. It was wonderful to see the engagement of children and parents and to see so much enjoyment in the sharing of what the children have experienced and achieved in their time in school so far.

Fr Gerard celebrated Year 1's class Mass on Thursday. It was lovely to be able to welcome lots of parents from the class. The children participated beautifully, through their singing, reading the bidding prayers, offertory and prayers.

Christmas arrangements

12 December (1.30pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity in the school hall, for invited guests. This performance will be for the Key Stage 2 children to watch, and invited guests who will mostly be from the parish luncheon club.

13 December (2.00pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity in the school hall for parents.

14 December (2.00pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity in the school hall for parents.

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend on **either** 13th or 14th. Please **do not** come on **both** dates as the hall will be very full. Pre-school age children may come, but there will be strictly no pushchairs / prams in the school hall. The nativity is likely to last around 45 minutes. At the end of the nativity, once the children are changed back into uniform, they may be collected, but any Key Stage 2 children will need to remain in class until the normal end of the school day.

18 December (7.00pm) – Key Stage 2 Advent Service in the church. All children in Key Stage 2 will be expected to take part. They will need to arrive at the church at 6.30pm. All Key Stage 2 parents are invited. The church is highly likely to be packed – younger children will have the opportunity to see the Advent Service in school and should not be brought unless absolutely necessary. The Advent Service is likely to last about one hour.

20 December (9.45am) – Key Stage 2 Advent Service in the school hall. This will be a repeat of the Advent Reflection led in the church. All Key Stage 2 parents are invited, to see the Advent Service for the first time if they were not in the church, or to see it again. Pre-school age children may be brought.

Two certificates arrived in the post this week: one from NSPCC following the recent Danceathon, and one from CAFOD following the Harvest sales and donations. Thank you so much for your very generous support.

