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Dear Parents,

Well done to our Key Stage 2 children who led their Advent Reflection in the church on Wednesday evening. They spoke, sang, acted and danced very well in a lovely act of worship. As always it was great to see the church packed. Thank you to parents who were there for the enormous generosity shown in the contributions to the School Council's charity collection in aid of Woking Hospice and the Little Roo Fund at St Peter's Hospital.

On Monday we welcomed Mrs Tommie from Mission Together. She spoke to all the children about the work of Mission Together and their appeal for this year, which is to support needy communities in Sri Lanka. All children will have collection boxes to bring home shortly.

Our assembly on Wednesday morning was led by our friends from the Engage team. The Christmas message of their act of worship was all about Jesus putting himself in our shoes – by being born fully human Jesus experienced challenging times, sadness, pain and so on, all the things that are experienced by the rest of us.

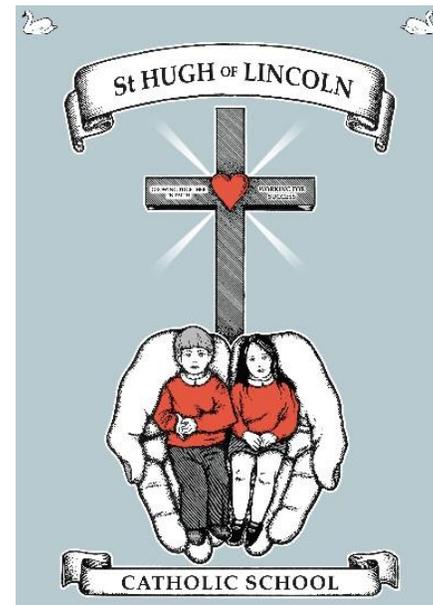
It has been great seeing our new iPads in use in different classes this week. I have been in Years 3, 4 and 6 while iPads have been in use this week and there has been a lot of excitement amongst children as they have been contributing to and enhancing children's learning.

Thank you to Mr McGovern, Mrs Barker and Mrs Merchant for leading our Phonics Evening on Monday. Thank you too to all the parents who were able to come – the turnout was really pleasing. Improving phonics outcomes by the end of Year 1 is a key priority for our school's development and the evening will have provided ideas about how school and parents can continue to work well together to enable this to happen.

God bless,

Mr George

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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:

- 11 December – last swimming lesson for current group
- 21 December – End of Autumn term (1.30pm)
- 8 January – Start of Spring term
- 8&9 January – Life Bus in school
- 8 January – first swimming lesson for new Year 5 group
- 26 January – Year 5 assembly (9.00am)
- 9 February – Year 4 assembly (9.00am)
- 1 March – World Book Day
- 2 March – Year 3 assembly (9.00am)
- 5 March – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
- 5 & 7 March – Parent consultation meetings
- 6 March – Year 6 trip to Houses of Parliament

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor, working 3 days per week (Monday to Wednesday), 11.50am – 1.20pm each day. Working as part of a team the post-holders duties will involve assisting children while eating their lunch and supervising children while playing on the playground. For further information please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Whyman.

Christmas arrangements

11 December (9.30am) – Key Stage 2 Advent Reflection 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 Reflection for the first time if they were not in the church, or to see it again. Pre-school age children may be brought.

15 December (1.30pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity play 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.

18 December (1.45pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity play in the school hall for parents.

19 December (1.45pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity play in the school hall for parents. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend on **either** 18th or 19th. 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 play is likely to last around 45 minutes. At the end of the play, 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.

We will take a charity collection at the end of the two Advent Reflections and the two nativity play performances to which parents are invited.

8 December – Fr Alexander will be in school to offer the sacrament of reconciliation to children in Years 4-6.

11 December – Christmas card post box available. Please do not bring in Christmas cards before this date.

13 December – Christmas lunch day.

20 December – A group of children (to be invited) carol singing at Princess Christian care home.

20 December – Christmas parties in each class. Children may wear their own clothes all day.