

St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Hospitality is essential to being a Catholic school. It has been wonderful over the past few days to have had the opportunity to welcome a number of visitors to our school. Three teachers from other schools in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust came to sit in in a lesson in Year 3 on Thursday morning, and then to meet with Mrs Pickard. They were so impressed by our fantastic children.

On Wednesday our friends from the Engage team came and led an assembly for the whole school. They helped us to reflect on the significance of gifts we receive. We remembered that the most precious gift we can give each other is the gift of ourselves – our time, our understanding and our love.

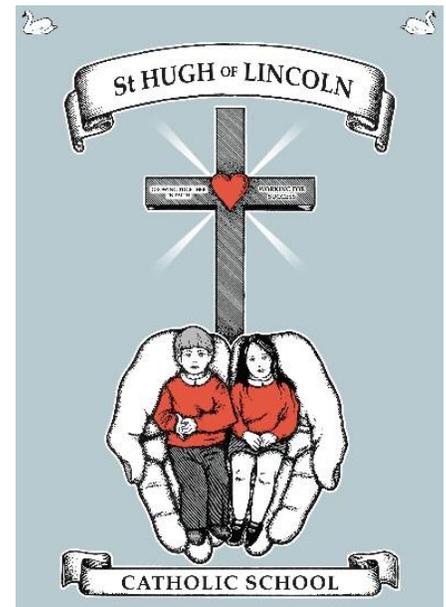
On Monday Mrs Losty, one of our foundation governors, spent the morning in the school and we enjoyed visiting all of the classrooms to share in the children's learning, as well as being in our whole school assembly.

On Monday our Year 3 School Councillors, Grace and Emilia, joined me in walking around the school having a look at the RE displays and prayer tables in each classroom. Also on Monday the Year 2 School Councillors, Eoin and Ilaria, interviewed children from each class to help us capture children's views on the assemblies that we have in school. Thank you to these School Councillors for doing such an important job in helping us evaluate what we do and think of ways we can improve. The full School Council will be meeting on Monday.

We are currently advertising for a classteacher to join us with effect from 1 September. Details are here: <http://bit.ly/2rExFq3> Please draw this to the attention of anyone you know who may be interested in joining our great school.

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 on Wednesdays. All welcome.

Forthcoming events:

- 26 January – Year 5 assembly (9.00am)
- 1 February – Friends Happy Bag collection
- 1 February – Netball match v Hermitage (away)
- 8 February – Netball match v Horsell Junior (away)
- 9 February – Year 4 assembly (9.00am)
- 9 February – Reception Class Learn and Share (2.45pm)
- 12-16 February – half term holiday
- 20&21 February – Parents and children Maths sessions (details to follow) NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
- 22 February – Reception Class visit to Pizza Express
- 1 March – World Book Day

Uniform and personal property

A reminder that children in Key Stage 2 should have a V-necked jumper, a shirt and a tie. Polo shirts are 'Summer' uniform only, and round necked jumpers are for Reception / Key Stage 1.

Since Christmas more children have been wearing watches into school. We discourage children from bringing personal items of value into school. The school cannot be responsible for any damage to or loss of such items if brought into school.

Some children in Years 5 and 6 who walk home, or walk to the end of Five Oaks Close on their own, have mobile phones, which they are welcome to bring into school. These must be given to a member of office staff in the morning, and then collected from the office at the end of the day. They must not be in bags / pockets / lockers during the school day.

The newsletter is distributed by email and is published on the school website each week. Any parent who requires any school communications provided in a different format – eg. printed / large print / translation should speak with a member of the school office staff.

St Hugh's Baby and Toddler Group: Friday mornings at 10am in the Parish Hall. Only £1 per child. Toys, Games, Crafts and Snack.

World Book Day – 1 March

We would like to invite all children to dress up as a favourite book character on 1 March. We will have a special assembly on that day when we can admire everyone's costumes, and share some work about favourite books that children will do in class in the week leading up to 1 March.

Parent Volunteers

Are there any more parents or grandparents who would like to volunteer to help in our school? Mrs Barker in particular would really welcome one or two hours per week of voluntary help in Reception Class. All volunteers are required to meet with me for some training on safeguarding, health and safety and our volunteer code of conduct, and all are required to consent to a DBS check. Please do let me, or Mrs Copeman or Mrs McGrail in the school office know if you are interested in finding out more.

Knaphill St John's Children's Centre

Our Wednesday Play and Learn is a group for all families in the Children's Centre area. A play and learn session for parents with children 0-5 years. This session is on 10.00am - 11.15am.

You can also find details of this and all the centre's activities on the website www.stjohnsknaphillchildrenscentre.co.uk or contact the centre on 01483 476450.

Louisa, Lucie and Carol