

## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We are now at the half-way point of the school year. It is lovely to be able to look through children's books and see just how much learning has taken place since September. Parents will have the opportunity to do this yourselves shortly – Reception parents this Friday during their 'Learn and Share' session, and then all other parents at the parent consultation meetings coming up soon after half-term.

Reception Class have been doing some great learning this week based on different fruits. They have tasted, touched, described and drawn lots of different fruits. A quick poll showed that pineapple was the class favourite. In Circle Time on Tuesday Reception Class were talking about how we can show that we are good listeners – I was so impressed by the way that the children modelled what they were talking about, showing respect to one another and excellent listening skills.

Thank you to those who have offered their time and their talents as volunteers in the school. I met with another two parents this week, and we are increasing the number of people who come in to support and enhance our children's learning. If you are able to offer an hour or more a week and would like to volunteer in our school please do speak to me, or to Mrs Copeman or Mrs McGrail in the school office.

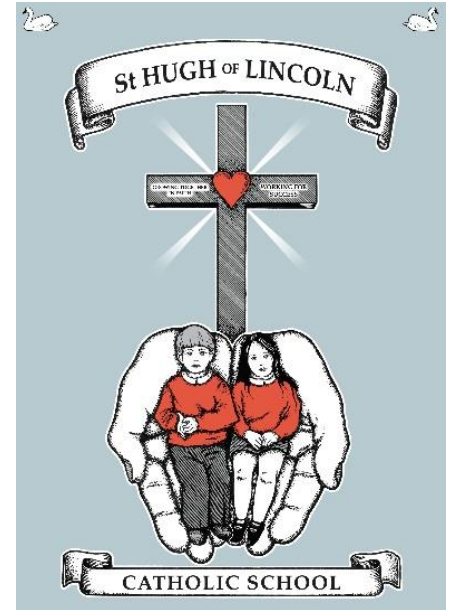
Well done to Year 1, the first winners of our class Athletics trophy. Year 1 have been earning more Athletics points than anyone else ... I wonder who it will be next time the trophy is presented.

Enjoy the half-term holiday.

God bless,

Mr George

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### School Values

#### God our Father, help us all to ...

**L**ive like Jesus,  
**O**ne family, learning together,  
**V**aluing everyone,  
**E**ach 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:

- 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
- 20 February – QuickSticks hockey tournament
- 22 February – Netball match v West Byfleet Junior (home)
- 28 February – Year 4 trip to Fishbourne Palace
- 28 February – Year 5 football match v New Haw Junior (away)
- 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
- 7 March – KS1 choral festival (Year 2) (St Andrew's School)

Our Reception children had a great visit to Pizza Express in Guildford on Thursday. The children had a great time learning how pizzas are made, and then making their own. Thank you very much to Mrs Barker for organising this activity and to all the parents who helped transport the children. Thank you too to the Pizza Express staff who were so welcoming, helpful, and good with the children.

Well played to our netball team – last week they played against our neighbours The Hermitage and won 14-0; this week they played against Horsell Junior and despite playing very well were beaten 16-8. For the past few years Horsell and St Hugh's have been very consistent as the strongest two netball teams in Woking. Perhaps we will get to play against each other again at the rally after half-term.

Thank you very much to St George's College, Weybridge, who are sending a 'Groundforce' of 10 workers for a day next week to do some work for us on our school grounds.

## Our Golden Children

**Year 1:** Harrison – for great listening and progress in reading and writing; Sydney – for including vocabulary to make writing more and more interesting for the reader; Chloe – for progress in reading, including responding to punctuation and including expression when reading aloud. **Year 2:** Aoife and Arianne – for demonstrating understanding of multiplying using arrays and for showing that they are not afraid to make mistakes; Adam – for amazing answers to questions during English lessons, particularly when learning new things in grammar and punctuation. **Year 3:** Eli – for taking real responsibility for his learning and for applying his mathematical knowledge well to solve tricky problems; Ayeisha – for work of a consistently high standard and for explaining reasoning in mathematics really well. **Year 4:** Eva – for being a fantastic role model to other children and for producing work of a consistently high standard; Evan – for being ready to challenge himself to ensure that his writing is the best standard it possibly can be. **Year 5:** Orla – for a focused and mature attitude towards her learning; Aaron – for working conscientiously, including writing a super haiku in English. **Year 6:** Emmeline – for working very hard and achieving great progress, especially in maths; Louise – for ensuring that all work is a pleasure to mark, particularly in RE; Samuel – for great effort in all areas of the curriculum, rewarded with super progress.

*Thank you God for our gifts and talents.*



### Fairtrade Hampers/smaller pack raffle

In order to raise awareness in school of 'Fairtrade', the school's Fairtrade Group suggested creating two hampers of Fairtrade goods and a number of smaller Fairtrade raffle packs, which will be displayed in school and raffled during 'Fairtrade Fortnight', with money being donated to the Fairtrade Foundation. We did this last year and it was a great success and would like to do it again this year. Therefore we are asking everyone in school to please make a contribution of a 'Fairtrade' food item (no perishable food please) if possible. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully appreciated. All items must have the 'Fairtrade' logo on them.

Items can be brought into school as soon as possible, and once we have enough items to display, we will begin to sell the raffle tickets. They will be on sale before and after school and will be 50p per ticket. I may need to ask parent volunteers to help with this – especially the end of the day when I have children to dismiss.

Please let me know if you would be able to help.

**Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Many thanks**

**Mrs. Merchant and the St. Hugh's Fairtrade Group.**

During the half term holiday please take the opportunity to check that school uniform and footwear still fits and is clearly name labelled, and please also check pencil cases to ensure that children have all the equipment that they need for school.

Thank you to Miss Bye, who is training to be a teacher at St Mary's University, who has been working with us for the past four weeks on a university placement, and will be returning to university and then onto another school placement after half-term. She has made a real difference in every class in which she has worked.

Our class patron saints:

Reception: St Bernadette

Year 1: St George

Year 2: St Francis of Assisi

Year 3: St Joan of Arc

Year 4: St Patrick

Year 5: St Raphael

Year 6: St Maximilian Kolbe

Pray for us.

Lent will start with Ash Wednesday, next Wednesday.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel we will listen to Mark's account of Jesus being approached by a leper, who asked Jesus to heal him, if Jesus wanted to. 'Of course I want to,' was Jesus' reply. Jesus only wants the best for us, but we can only achieve the best by putting our trust in Jesus and allowing Him to help us. 'Of course I want to,' said Jesus ... let us remember those words as we begin Lent next week – Jesus wants to ease our burdens, to heal wounds, to guide paths ... we just have to ask with a sincere spirit, and then be receptive to the answer.

The newsletter is published on the school website each week, and is emailed to parents. Any parents requiring the newsletter or any other communication from the school in any alternative format should please speak to the school office.