

## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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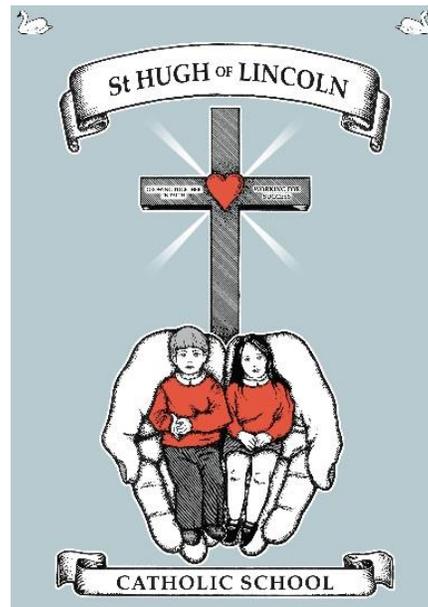
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are just about at the end of a busy and successful school year. Our end of year was marked with a special whole school Mass on Wednesday, celebrated by Fr Alexander. After Mass we spent some time reflecting on all that our Year 6 children have contributed to the school. Miss Baker spoke individually about each child, and we celebrated having had the privilege of knowing them all. They have been a real credit to themselves, their families and our school, and without exception will go on to great things in the future.

It is always the case that when we say farewell to a class of children, we also bid farewell to families. Some families leaving the school this week have been part of our school family for many years. I hope that they will always remember their time as part of our family with fondness, and wish them every happiness in the future: the families Mueller-Doblies, Welch, Adams, Ayres, Nicholl, Lucas, McGrail, Copeman, Peeris, Hennessy-Gibbs, Macco, Zhang, Evenden, Castiglione, Merkelovas, O'Sullivan, Stanley and Terry.

Fr Alexander announced to the parish last weekend that he will be moving on to a new appointment in September. For the last six years Fr Alexander has been a tremendous support to our school. Fr Alexander celebrates Mass in school every week, and confers the sacrament of reconciliation in school during each Advent and Lent. On top of this Fr Alexander is in school at least once every week, visiting the classrooms, the lunch hall and the playgrounds. We will miss him greatly. We will have an opportunity to thank Fr Alexander properly as he will be celebrating a whole school Mass (children in Years 1-6) on 6 September (9.00am), to mark the start of the new school year. Parents will be very welcome – please put the date in your diaries now.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for all your support this year. Enjoy the Summer holidays. 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.

Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful Egyptian Day on Tuesday. The children (and staff) looked brilliant in their costumes. Thank you to the parents who helped prepare the children, and to Mrs Edwards for organising the day.

Forthcoming events:

20 July – End of the Summer term (1.30pm)

3 September – INSET day – school closed to pupils

4 September – INSET day – school closed to pupils

5 September – Start of Autumn term for pupils

6 September – Start of term Mass (and farewell to Fr Alexander) (9.00am)

10-14 September – Year 6 at PGL

17 September – Meet the Teacher meetings (3.20pm / 3.50pm)

27 September – Individual photographs

5 October – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

22-26 October – Half term holiday

1 November – All Saints Day – whole school Mass (9.00am)

Last Saturday saw a first for the school – Mr Creaven has written the following:

Last weekend, Saturday 14th July, the inaugural Friends of St Hugh Camp Out was held on the school field, attended by just under 50 people consisting of pupils and their families.

There was a lovely community spirit with all getting involved and enjoying a number of activities whilst also having time to relax in the very hot sun and with a lovely BBQ in the evening.

On a beautifully sunny Sunday morning we also enjoyed breakfast (and a lot of coffee) together before packing up and going home.

Thank you to all who attended and helped organise and hopefully we shall see you all and many more next year!

Thank you and well done to those who organised the camp out, and to those who took part. I have had some lovely feedback from those who were there, as well as from Five Oaks Close neighbours who found no inconvenience or disturbance to their weekend.

For a number of years we have run Rainbows groups at school, supporting children who have experienced loss through bereavement or separation or emotional trauma for any other reason. We will be running groups again in the new school year. If you would like to find out more, or think that your child would benefit from being part of a group, please speak with Mrs Rose.

Sign up for the 2018/19 First Holy Communion Programme is now open. Please visit [www.sthughfhc.org.uk](http://www.sthughfhc.org.uk) to register. Registration is open to all children who will be in Year 3 and above in September 2018 and who live in St Hugh's parish or attend St Hugh's school. The programme runs from October to June with monthly sessions on Tuesday nights from 6:30 – 8pm. First Holy Communion dates will be in June and will be booked online once registration closes in mid-September. Please contact Catherine Burnham [catherine@sthughfhc.org.uk](mailto:catherine@sthughfhc.org.uk) for further information.

#### St John's Knaphill Children's Centre News

To all our families, have a great summer and hopefully see you during the summer at our sessions. Our Summer activities must be booked in advance so please call the centre and speak to a member of staff on 01483 476450-4.

The Children's Centre will remain open over the Summer holidays Monday to Friday 9 – 3.30 for any Advice & Information. You can find details of all the centre's activities on the website [www.stjohnsknaphillchildrenscentre.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsknaphillchildrenscentre.co.uk) and Facebook page or contact the centre on 01483 474450.

Louisa, Lucie, Claire and Carol

As parents and carers know we have some teachers who are leaving the school at the end of this term.

Miss Baker originally came to the school as a teaching student, where she worked alongside the teacher in Year 4. Miss Baker was subsequently appointed to the staff as a newly qualified teacher and has been with us for a few years now, teaching Year 5 initially and most recently Year 6.

It is thanks to Miss Baker that children in Year 6 have enjoyed residential trips to PGL over the past few years, but also that they have had opportunities children in the school had not had before: an annual trip to the Houses of Parliament for example, and inspiring trips to The University of Surrey. Children have learned academically but also about being responsible citizens, through Year 6's engagement with the Junior Citizen programme, Speedwatch, Bikeability, and the Guildford Flames Drug Freeze programme. These things do happen in Year 6s in lots of schools, but only where there is someone who values their importance sufficiently and will put in the time to organising them for the benefit of the children they teach. Miss Baker has been that person for us.

Children taught by Miss Baker will know that she expects high standards, and that she will dedicate herself to bringing the best out of children. This is evident through the way she marks work, and through her dedication to early morning starts, having Year 6 children in at 8.00am for most of this school year to help them with their progress. The children's SATs results (this year's were in last week's newsletter) are a significant measure of the success the children have experienced under Miss Baker's tuition.

Miss Baker will be moving to further her career in an independent school and on behalf of the whole school community I wish her every success.

Mr Martin has been with us for two years, teaching Year 5. We will remember the recent 'French Day' Mr Martin organised, as well as Mr Martin's contributions to school sport, ensuring that we have fulfilled football fixtures this year, and taken part in cross-country, athletics, netball, rounders, hockey and cricket. I am particularly pleased that through Mr Martin's work we have established a good programme of friendly inter-school competitions with our deanery friends, and that the range of sports in which we have competed has grown. Year 5 have been to Hampton Court Palace, and to Royal Grammar School, as part of their Tudor learning. Mr Martin will be leaving to pursue part time career opportunities in education.

Mr Butler has been with us since January, teaching Year 4 two days a week. On his very first afternoon I watched Mr Butler teach a PE lesson, and was immediately struck by how he already seemed to know all the children's names. Mr Butler led Year 4 on their trip to Fishbourne Palace, and I have always been struck by how creative and engaging his teaching is. Mr Butler will be moving to another school, still teaching a Year 4 class two days per week. Again I wish him every success.

Mrs Osborn has been 'on loan' to us for the past term, teaching two days a week in Reception Class. In September she will be returning full-time to our friends Holy Family Catholic Primary School. We have been very fortunate to have had Mrs Osborn working with us – the children have enjoyed being taught by her and have learned a lot, and we have enjoyed working with her.

In September we will be welcoming Miss Scott, Miss Bye and Miss Libby, as well as welcoming back Mr Giannotta following his secondment to Salesian School.