

## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Fr Alexander celebrated a whole school Mass on Wednesday, the feast of All Saints. It was lovely to welcome so many parents, younger brothers and sisters, grandparents and parishioners to celebrate Mass with us. It is only two weeks until our next whole school Mass, which will be on 17 November, our patronal feast day.

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended Monday's Friends meeting. Keep an eye on our new website for the minutes of the meeting which will be published shortly. Thank you too to those who organised and supported the Bingo and Games evening held on the Friday of half-term. There were some great prizes and a nice atmosphere. I enjoyed the experience of being a bingo caller for the first time, but won't be giving up the day job just yet.

I have said before that school is rarely a quiet place, even during the holidays. During the half-term holiday we had our hall lighting replaced. As a result the lighting is now much better quality, brighter, and more energy-efficient. We have also had some electrical work done in the ICT suite which will enable us to increase the number of PCs we have.

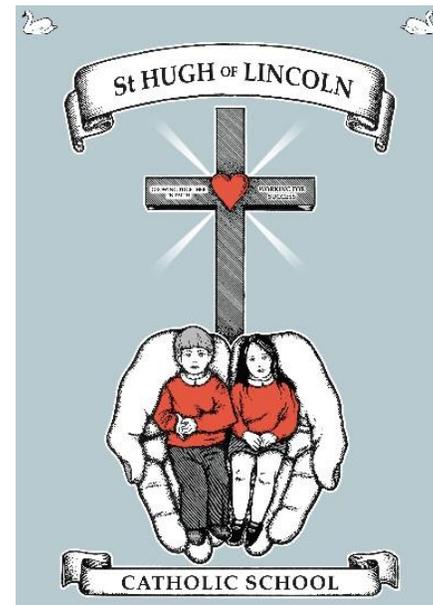
A big thank you to Anne Rushton who spent a lot of time in school over half term gardening. A number of children have commented to me this week on how tidy the planting boxes are as just one example of her work.

Poppies and other Royal British Legion items have been available on the playground before and after school this week and will be again next week (unless we run out). I always value the opportunity for the school to support the Poppy Appeal. Children are invited to wear poppies, snapbands etc. in school up until and including Friday 10 November.

Just before the Summer holidays I wrote to parents regarding before- and after-school care. Provision is dependent upon being able to improve facilities in our library and group room, including by building a toilet block. Work regarding funding for this is continuing with our multi-academy trust and I hope to be able to update parents again soon.

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 each term time Wednesday. All are very welcome.

Forthcoming events:

- 6 November – Year 6 football match v Sythwood (away)
- 7 November – Meeting for new and prospective volunteers (9.00am)
- 8 November – Open afternoon for September 2018 admission (1.45pm)
- 10 November – Year 6 class assembly (9.00am)
- 10 November – Mufti day for Christmas wrapping paper, cards etc
- 13 November – Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- 16 November – **Green** Mufti day for Christmas fayre bottle tombola
- 17 November – St Hugh of Lincoln feast day whole school Mass (9.00am)
- 21 November – Online safety presentation for parents (6.30pm)
- 23 November – Open morning for September 2018 admission (9.30am)
- 23 November – Year 5 football match v Sythwood (home)
- 25 November – Christmas Bazaar (Church hall)
- 1 December – INSET day – school closed to pupils
- 6 December – KS2 Advent Reflection in the church (7.00pm)
- 8 December – Confessions in school for Years 4-6
- 11 December – KS2 Advent Reflection in school (9.15am)
- 15 December – Year R / KS1 nativity play for invited guests
- 18&19 December – Year R / KS1 nativity play (2.00pm)
- 21 December – End of Autumn term (1.30pm)

**Online safety**

Teaching children about being safe when online, and taking necessary precautions to manage risks associated with being online, is an essential joint responsibility of parents and school.

All parents are invited to an online safety presentation, in the school hall, on Tuesday 21 November, starting at 6.30pm. I will lead the presentation, coming from the perspective of a Headteacher, but also as a parent of two primary-age children of my own.

The presentation will not be appropriate for children to attend.

Please do try to come if you can – it is a very important subject matter.

We enjoy celebrating children's birthdays with them in school. It is kind when children want to bring in sweets or cakes to share out with classmates at the end of the day. Although it is kind, we don't allow children to do this, in part because we are a 'healthy school' but more importantly because there are children in our school who suffer from medical conditions meaning that an allergic reaction to a sweet or cake ingredient could be extremely serious. We have a duty to do everything we can to protect our children, and as part of this have this rule about not sharing birthday treats in school.

Hair adornments – there is quite a range of hair bands, clips, hair ties etc. being worn at school. All hair adornments need to be plain, soft, and in keeping with school uniform colours (ie. red or white). Thank you.

Mufti day next Friday – children may wear their 'own clothes' but please ensure that they are suitable for all normal school activities. In exchange for wearing own clothes children are asked to bring in some Christmas wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Christmas napkins etc. for a stall at the Christmas bazaar. Thank you for your support.

From our friends at St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Chertsey:

St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Chertsey is looking for an experienced, self-motivated, practical and flexible caretaker to join the hardworking and dedicated team of staff serving this two form entry primary school. The school is a central part of its community in bright, modern buildings and part of the Xavier Catholic Education Trust of 10 schools in the local area.

The role will include site maintenance, cleaning, security and safeguarding and portering. We are flexible on hours and will consider applications for anything between 24-36 hours per week and between 44-52 weeks per year. The FTE salary range is between £18,594 - £23,906 (depending on experience). Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS and satisfactory references.

Please email the School Business Manager at [SBM@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:SBM@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk) for an application form and job description.

#### Golden Assembly (extra-curricular awards)

We had an amazing number of great achievements to celebrate in our Golden Assembly this week. Very well done to Eoin, Lucas, Christian, Phoebe, Orla, Sean, Jesse, Denver, Jessica, Jessica, Orla, Grace, Eva, Jarod, Isla, Jacob and Dominic, all of whom shared with this medals, certificates or trophies they had been presented with. Achievements included in dance, football, tennis, French, maths and swimming. Well done all of them.

A group of 6 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a maths enrichment day at Woking Football Club on Thursday. They got to apply their mathematical knowledge in all parts of the Football Club – in the changing rooms, in the stands, in the boardroom etc. Thank you to Woking FC for hosting the event, to the Maths Hub at SJB for organising it, and to Mrs Hermon for accompanying the children.

PGL for next year's Year 6 has been booked for 10-14 September 2018. Information for current Year 5 parents will follow shortly.

Would you like to volunteer to help in school (eg. reading with children?) If you can commit to an hour or more a week please do come and talk to me. I will meet with any new volunteers at 9.00am on Tuesday 7 November.

**We have been without a School Crossing Patrol Officer for a long time. We have advertised through the school and parish newsletters on many occasions, and a parent kindly organised a large-scale leaflet drop in the local area, with no response. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please do encourage them to make contact as detailed below.**

#### **School Crossing Patrol Officer**

Surrey County Council are looking for a crossing patrol officer to help our children and parents cross Hermitage Road safely at the beginning and end of each school day.

This is a paid position. Job share is possible. Training and uniform are provided.

***For more information, please contact***

***Rebecca Harrison at Surrey County Council***

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