



## Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear parents and carers,

As we draw towards the end of our first half term under the, “new normal,” I just wanted to thank you for trusting us with the care of your children. While some of you may have been anxious about your children returning to school at the beginning of September, I am delighted that all of the children have returned and that attendance figures are high.

Thank you too for bearing with us as we seek to redesign everything from morning drop offs to book changes; from providing hot take away lunches to homework. I’m sure you can appreciate that the work behind the scenes has been huge and your messages of support for the school and the staff mean so much to us. I never cease to be grateful for how willing you’ve all been going the extra mile for our school community whether that be responding to our plea for soap, donating food for our harvest festival or sending in bulbs for our prayer garden.

We don’t know what impact Covid may have on our school in the coming months, but rest assured that everything we do is always guided by our desire to serve the children you have trusted to our care.

### Year 6 commissioning assembly

We had a very special assembly with the Year 6 children on Wednesday this week where they were given their certificates or badges for taking on a special area of responsibility within in the school. These roles included prefects, peer mentors, reading ambassadors and eco warriors and I’m sure year 6 will do a great job fulfilling their new roles. They were also incredibly excited to receive their year 6 leavers hoodies – thank you to Mrs Quinton for organising these for the children. Mr Bott has shared photographs of the assembly on the year 6 Teams classroom so parents can see them.

### Year 1 parents evening

The year 1 virtual parents evening is going ahead next week from 3.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October. All year 1 parents should have received an email inviting them to make an appointment on our new School Cloud parents evening system. Most parents have already logged in and booked appointments, but any of you who still need to book, the system closes for bookings on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 23.55pm.

The appointments will take place online as a video call and all you need to do is login a few minutes before your scheduled appointment time. Each appointment is ten minutes long and you will be able to see a countdown timer when you are on the call. At the end of the ten minutes the call will automatically end and the next appointment will begin. This will mean that if the technology works, all of the appointments will start at the correct time and no one will need to run late.

We have decided to try the new system out with year 1 first (thank you Miss Bye and year 1 parents!) so we can iron out any issues before rolling it out to the wider school. Our plan is for parents’ evenings for the remainder of the school to go ahead on Tuesday 3 November and Monday 9 November. We will write to you soon letting you know how to book your appointment.

### Hand washing and sore hands

I'm very aware that some of the children are getting very sore hands with the amount of hand washing we have been advised to do by the government. We are using different kinds of soap at school, some of which we are buying and some which has been kindly donated by parents so I'm not able to guarantee that we're always using a particular type of soap. If you think your child is having a reaction to the soap, please feel free to send them to school with some soap that you know won't cause an issue for them. If you'd like to do this, please could you name it and make sure it's in a zip-lock plastic bag that will fit in their tray. Some parents are sending hand cream in with their children which is also fine provided that the children are happy to use it themselves and it's named and in a sealed bag which can be kept in their tray.

### Covid 19 protocol reminder

I hope we never need it, but could remind everyone of the [email address for reporting any positive Covid-19 cases](#) to school:

[covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk)

This is monitored over the weekend so if you are in the unfortunate position of receiving a positive test for a member of your household, please don't wait until Monday morning to let us know. It is imperative that if any member of your household is showing symptoms that the whole household self-isolates and your children do not come to school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless,

Mrs Harper