

## Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear parents and carers,

It was so nice this week to have some respite from the heavy rain of last weekend and great that the children have been able to get outside at playtime. It's been another busy week at school and it has been lovely to see just how enthusiastically the children are getting back to work.

### **Covid positive test notification email address**

We have set up a special email address at school purely for the purposes of notifying us of positive Covid 19 test results. **If a member of your household receives a positive test result, please could you send an email to [covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as you receive notification.** This email address is monitored over the weekend so that we can initiate the necessary procedures with the public health authorities without delay. Please don't use this email address for anything other than notification of positive results; all other email should be addressed to the [info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk).

### **Harvest festival**

Many thanks for all of your donations to our harvest festival this week. All of the generous donations of food have been given to the church to distribute among those most in need in our community. Although not able to have a whole school celebration in the hall, all of our children took part in a special virtual harvest festival celebration led by Cafod.



### **St Hugh of Lincoln Feast Day celebrations**

St Hugh of Lincoln feast day is on 17<sup>th</sup> November and we've started to plan some special events at school to celebrate. We'll let you know more details nearer the time, but one of the things we'd like to do is to work with the children to spruce up our neglected prayer garden by letting them plant some spring woodland bulbs. It would be fantastic if you were able to support us by making a donation of bulbs that the children could plant to make our woodland prayer garden look really special. If you are able to help, please send your child to school with

some bulbs for their teacher to collect any time during October. Here are some “before” photos so you can see the site. Hopefully I can send you a beautiful “after” photograph in the spring when the bulbs are in flower!



### **NSPCC – Parents in sport campaign**

Please find a link to a campaign the NSPCC are running to encourage parents to become more aware of how sports clubs are keeping children safe during Covid. Many of our children at St Hugh are involved in organised sport out of school and so I would encourage you to take a look at the NSPCC’s sports parents promise.

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents/sports-parents-promise/>

### **Does anyone know whose bike this is?**

Does anyone know whose bike this is? It has been locked to the bike stands at the back of the school since the spring term last year. If we haven’t found the owner by the time we break up for half term we will donate it to a charity shop so please come forward and claim it if it is yours!



### **Prospective parents open evening**

The prospective parents’ evenings for new reception class of September 2021 will now take place via Zoom at 5.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> November. If you know of anyone who might be interested please encourage them to book onto an event through Eventbrite and we can send them the meeting code:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-evening-for-prospective-parents-september-2021-tickets-122045713013>

### **School office vacancy**

I’m really sorry to say that after 5 brilliant years’ service to the school, Mrs McGrail has decided to leave her job in the school office. Mrs McGrail will be with us until the half term holiday and

I'm delighted to say that that she will still play a part in the life of the school as a volunteer so we don't lose her brilliant artistic ability, photography skills and great sense of humour. Her departure means that we have a vacancy for an administrator 2 days a week (Wednesday and Friday) reporting to our office manager, Mrs Higgins. If you are interested, the job is being advertised on Eteach on the link below:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/office-assistant-1116345>

### **Playworker vacancy**

Our playworker vacancy is also still open for our after school club. We need a playworker 5 days a week, but we would consider a job share if you wanted to work part time. Here's the link to the Eteach advert if you're interested:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/playworker---after-school-club-1115103>

### **Caretaker's bungalow is available to rent**

Our current tenant is moving out of the caretaker's bungalow at the end of the month and we are looking for someone new to rent it. The bungalow has 3 bedrooms and is on the market for £1,300 per month. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office for further details and we can arrange a visit.

### **The new library**

A little while ago, I promised you a photograph of our new school library. The library is now located in the old ICT suite and thanks to your support, the Friends have been able to fund an annual subscription to the Hampshire school library service which ensures that our library stock is refreshed twice a year so there are always brilliant new books for the children to read. The Friends were also very generous in funding the new library software, some new furniture and some "book trees" which are now around the school. It has been wonderful seeing the library come to life and even better to see children enjoying the space and borrowing books. Thank you so much for making this possible – we hope the books the children bring home are giving them many hours of pleasure.



Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless,  
Mrs Harper