



St Hugh of Lincoln
Catholic Primary School
In faith and love, we learn and grow



Newsletter 8th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of a rather warm school year! The children all seemed to have a spring in their step as they entered the school on Wednesday and they all looked incredibly smart. It never fails to amaze me just how much children seem to grow over the holidays and it's been wonderful to see their smiling faces happy to be here again.

Thank you all so much for your kind messages, gifts and generosity at the end of last term. Your appreciation makes such a difference to every member of the school staff who work incredibly hard to try and make your child's time at school really special.

We were absolutely delighted to welcome our new Reception class to our school this week, who have settled in beautifully. Their transition into our setting has been absolutely seamless. It was also lovely to welcome all the new parents into our St Hugh community.

God bless and have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Grace
Head of School

Gardening Club



Curiosity Corner



Art Club



Notices and announcements

Education Sunday

This Sunday is education Sunday. If your child would like to write a prayer to read out at Mass please take it along to Mass with you on Sunday.

Uniform - reminder

Earrings may not be worn for health and safety reasons and attachments to book bags or messenger bags are not permitted. Many children have lost these attachments or had them broken this year which has caused much distress. They are not part of the school uniform.

Equipment

Year 1 – Year 6. Please can you supply your child with a clear pencil case filled with:
A glue stick, Handwriting pen x 2, pencil, sharpener, whiteboard pen, ruler and a selection of coloured pencils.



An earlier start to the school day from September 2023

As part of the government's 'levelling Up Strategy' they are asking schools to increase the length of the school day. A white paper entitled 'Opportunity for all – strong schools with great teachers for your child,' states:

We will deliver a richer, longer average school week

58. We also want to address the discrepancy of teaching time in schools. It is unfair that a child who receives 20 minutes per day less of teaching time loses out on around 2 weeks of schooling a year.

59. We will therefore introduce a minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours (the current average) for all mainstream state-funded schools. We will expect all mainstream state-funded schools to work towards meeting this expectation as soon as possible and by September 2023 at the latest.


This link will give you further information about the strategy in general;

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063602/Opportunity for all strong schools with great teachers for your child print version .pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063602/Opportunity_for_all_strong_schools_with_great_teachers_for_your_child_print_version_.pdf)

Therefore to comply with government expectations, from September our school day will start 5 minutes earlier at 8.45am and end at 3.15pm.

Spanish Club has started!

We are delighted to announce that Spanish Club has started on Friday lunchtimes. It will be run by Spanish Amigos, who also work in other neighbouring schools. Please use the links below to book you child's place directly with them.



FUN SPANISH

Boost your child's confidence
Increase their ability to learn a language
while they are young

Why Spanish and why learn at an early age?

"Early exposure to a second language helps children score well in other areas of study, such as maths and verbal grammar"
"Spanish is a fun easy to learn language with our tuition and will give your child confidence in their ability to learn and to communicate giving them essential self-confidence at an early age."
"Children who receive even a small amount of second-language instruction are more creative and better at solving complex problems" *"Spanish is the most important international language, after English, with around 400 million native speakers."*

Autumn Term: Friday 8th Sept. Lunchtime (10 weeks)

Spanish Amigos programmes follow the National Curriculum guidelines

- Games, music, activity sheets, acting, competitions, visual aids, etc.
- Lots and lots of fun!
- Small groups with personal attention for all ages and all levels.

.We are committed to teaching small groups and often demand exceeds group sizes so be sure to secure your child's place by booking early.

EXISTING return students


- For the Autumn Term (10 weeks) – only £80

FIRST TIME students

- For the Autumn Term (10 weeks) including membership pack Book and CD – only £96.99

BOOK NOW @ <https://spanishamigos.co.uk/book-a-class/>

Parents: If you speak Spanish, French or mandarin and would like to train as a club teacher, please apply on the website www.spanishamigos.co.uk



Celebrating other Cultures

We would like to dedicate a section of our school library to the different languages which are spoken by our St Hugh community.

If you have any picture books which are written in different languages, please could you donate them to our school library, so that the children can share the languages which they speak at home with their peers at school.



Can you help our school

We have a vacancy for a part-time Caretaker

We are looking for someone seeking a part time role - 20 hours per week – 7.30am to 11.30am with flexibility during school holidays.

No specific experience required as training will be provided, but a willingness to contribute to all areas of busy school life is a must. The role would equally suit someone looking for a part time role in a step towards retirement or someone looking to gain experience of premises management.

Key accountabilities:

- Oversee schedules and routine maintenance liaising with contractors and suppliers as necessary.
- Undertake regular health and safety checks of buildings, grounds, fixtures and fittings in accordance with schedules and keep records of checks.
- Undertake regular maintenance of the grounds and building surrounds, including removal of leaves and debris. During icy conditions treated accordingly to ensure the safety of staff and pupils.
- Provide a portering and furniture moving service to ensure supplies are in place and school activities can proceed.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced check via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

We would love to hear from anyone who is interested – please give us a call on 01483 480441 or email us on info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk for an application form.

Dates for your Diary

September

12th September – ‘Meet the Teacher’ in your child’s classroom – you can attend either session in children’s year group

Session 1: 3.30-3.50

Session 2: 3.50-4.10

22nd Commissioning service – 9am parents of those children being commissioned into roles of responsibility are welcome to attend.

October

6th October – INSET Day

13th October Year 6 Class Mass in school hall – 9am Year 6 parents welcome

3rd November Year 5 Class Mass in school hall – 9am Year 5 parents welcome

