

St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter

17th November 2023

Dates for the diary

November

Year 5 Class date changed to November 24th Mass 9am in school Y5 parents welcome

22nd November – 9am Termly Class Reps Meeting with Mrs Grace 24th November -Y5 Class Mass 25th November -11-2pm Christmas Bazaar

<u>December</u>

1st December - Year 4 Class Mass - 9am Year 4 parents welcome 4th December – School Closure 6th December – KS2 Advent Reflections at SJB 7th December – Reindeer Run 12th December – Nativity performance 1 for parents of YR and half of the Year 1 class. The show will commence at 2:15pm. 13th December – Nativity performance 2 for parents of Y2 and half of the Year 1 class. The show will commence at 2:15pm. 19th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties in afternoon – Children to wear Christmas jumpers/outfits 21st December – End of term early finish 1pm



Mrs Grace

Dear parents and carers,

On Friday we had a wonderful celebration for our patron saint on his feast day. Father Nick celebrated a lovely Mass with us. During the afternoon the children enjoyed creating artwork around the life of Saint Hugh and our School Mission statement.

We started this week hearing how Jesus told the disciples a parable about a group of bridesmaids, of whom, some were well prepared for the celebration of the wedding, and some were not. Those who weren't prepared, missed out when the time came.

The bridesmaids that weren't prepared had run out of oil for their lamps, perhaps because they had been wasting it on the wrong things. We are all blessed with God-given gifts that enable us to shine and to do good work in our world for others. If we waste this potential by focusing our talents and energies on the wrong things, we may end up missing out on becoming the best version of ourselves, the version that God has intended.

Our children are so talented and every day they show us the very best version of themselves and that's what you will see in this week's newsletter.

God Bless Mrs Grace



Thank you for remembering us on our feast day Bishop Richard!



The feast of Saint Hugh of Lincoln Friday 17th November 2023



St. Hugh was a monk and a bishop. He showed great courage in difficult times and put all his trust in God. He said his prayers, listening to God and talking to God. He allowed God to guide him and knew that God had special work for him to do.

God also calls us to do special things. We are all called to do Christs work on earth. We are called to be Christ's hands, Christ's ears and Christ's eyes. Let us listen carefully during our Mass today, and may we be inspired by the example of our patron, St. Hugh.



News at St Hughs

Follow us on Twitter Our school Twitter page is updated daily. Follow us here: <u>https://twitter.com/StHughSchool</u>



Curriculum Team

The curriculum team were hard at work again this week with their Science Experiment workshop becoming increasingly popular during lunchtimes. This week the team let the children experiment with a non-Newtonian liquid and ponder the question: is it a solid or a liquid? The children were mesmerised by the cornflower and water mix, with many enjoying the weird feeling they experienced when they ran their finger through the mixture. The team did a fantastic job of explaining the science behind the mixture relating to the starch particles in the liquid.

Great work Curriculum team!





News at St Hughs

Our fundraiser for the Feast of St Hugh is for CAFOD who are raising money for the Pakistan Flood Appeal and the Israeli-Palestine Crisis Appeal– please donate, if you can! Your child will bring home a 'Brighton Bus' with a QR code for donations.

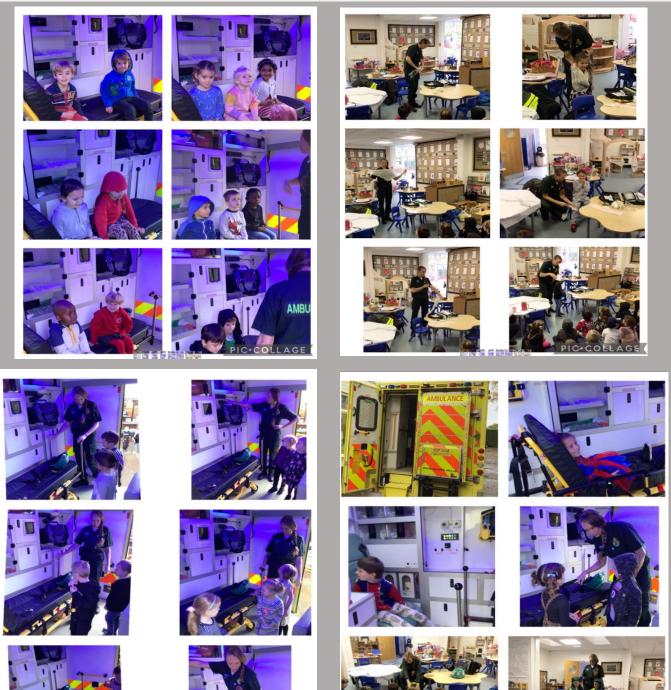


Reception – Saint Bernadette

This week, Reception have been so excited as they had the experience of seeing a 'Real Superhero!' We had a visit form a paramedic and learnt so much. Did you know why a Paramedic is called a paramedic? Para means parallel and a paramedic is a medic that runs parallel to other medics. We all had the chance to go inside the ambulance and see where all the equipment was kept. We worked out why everything is locked in boxes. When the ambulance is travelling fast to help someone then it keeps all the equipment in its place. Big thanks to Julia Grant for sharing in your expertise and thank you for all you do for the people you help.

Phonics: https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3n9tXQxT/cDCm6VQP









Year I – Saint George

We have become Meteorologists!

In Science, we watched a clip of a weather forecast and then we made our own weather station comprising of a rain gauge, thermometer and wind indicator. Over the week, we have been reading the temperature on our class thermometer, measuring the rainfall and we have used our hand-held wind toys to test the difference between a still day and a windy day.

Phonics:

Purple Group: <u>https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/AY7Cna1F/CTBVH7CZ</u> Pink Group: <u>https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/0r9Lgh7K/ZFgWSuvo</u> Orange Group: <u>https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zqtp0ehV/fnw3ITZ4</u>





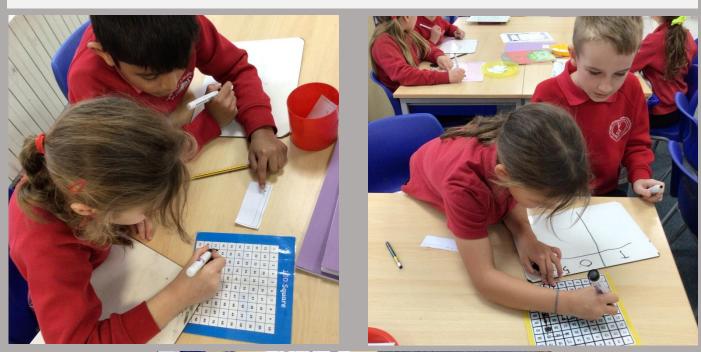
Year 2 – Saint Francis

What a fun, busy week we had in Year 2!

One of the highlights of our week was the Maths Challenge Competition we did on Thursday. After quite a few lessons practising adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers using different strategies, on Thursday we put our skills to the test in a competition! With our partner, we had to work out some challenging subtraction sums using the strategy that works best for out tea,. The end goal was solving 12 sums back to back within 20 minutes! Everybody tried incredibly hard and we were very proud of our reliance and team work.

Phonics Mrs Avery's Group: https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Vj4NLxZ9/uVc3NIXy







Year 3 – Saint Veronica

This week Year 3 have been learning about our muscles and bones. We learned about the three main functions of the skeleton, and how it works with our muscles to allow us to move.

We looked at X-rays, and learned the names of some of our bones. We even sung our own bone version of heads shoulders, knees and toes (skull, scapula, patella and phalanges)

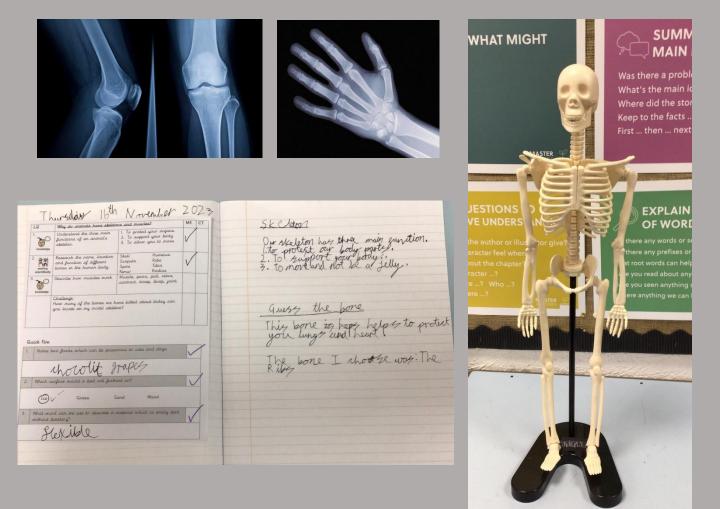
The children named and located different bones we had learned about on our friendly classroom skeleton, and wrote their own clues to play our "Guess the bone' game.

Here is Ethan's clue. I wonder if you can guess it correctly!

Clue: It is a small bone. It is between the femur and the tibia.



Answer: It is the patella



Year 4 – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The year 4 children have had a fabulous week of learning this week. All of the children have worked extremely hard across all their learning and have shown great resilience, displaying their 'growth mindset' when finding learning tricky. Miss Russell and other staff members have been extremely impressed; keep it up!

In RE this week the year 4 children learnt all about Sean Devereux's life and understood how his religious belief shaped his life. Children were asked to design a logo that would best represent Sean Devereux with his love and dedication to helping people.



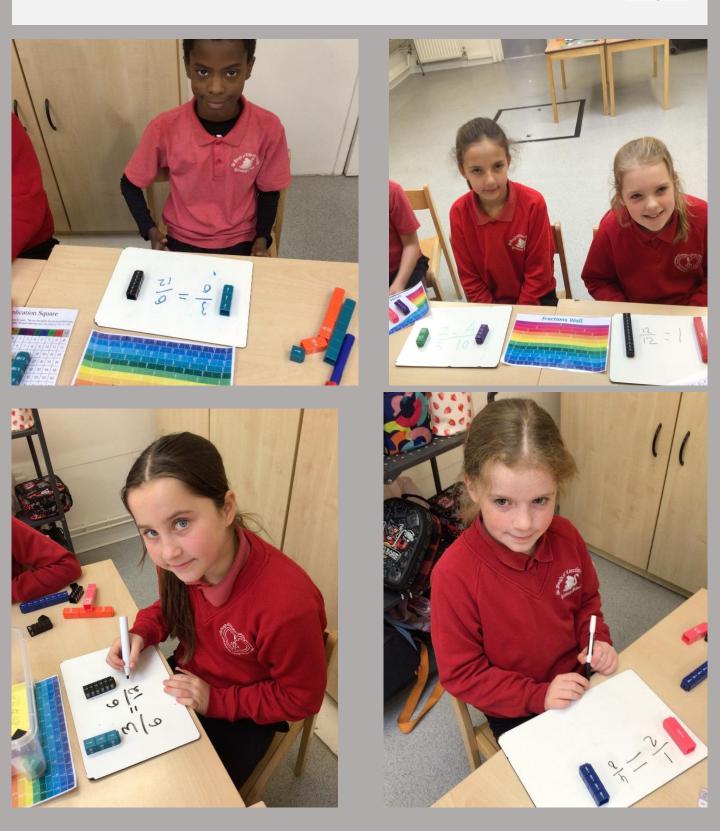
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Year 5 – Saint Raphael

Year 5 have been working really hard this week on their maths lessons using manipulatives to help solve problems when finding equivalent fractions. They worked together in small groups and have proven how resilient they are! I am super proud of the whole class for how hard they have worked the entire week. Keep doing what you are doing Year 5, all your hard work is paying off!



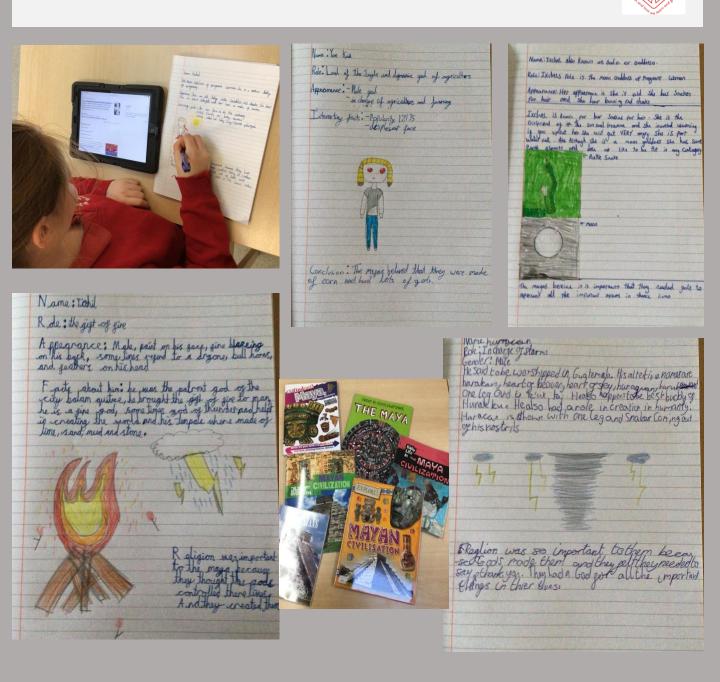


Year 6 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe

This week Year 6 have been delving deeper into the history of the Maya, researching their religious beliefs and practises.

We learned about the importance of religion to the Maya, and discovered that they have many gods, each one to represent and help them in a different area of their lives.

We each chose and researched a god, creating fact files to explain our findings.



Reindeer Run 2023 – Woking & Sam Beare Hospice & Wellbeing Care

We are delighted to once again be taking part in the Reindeer Run in support of Woking & Sam Beare Hospice. It is once again time for the children to get creating their antlers ready to showcase during their run. A template of the antlers will be parent mailed but if you do not have a printer then please do come to the office for a copy of the template. There will be prizes for the best designed antlers in KS1 and KS2 together with a prize for the child who raises the most money in KS1 and KS2.

Weather permitting the Reindeer Run will take place on Thursday 7th December December. In case of bad weather the reserve date is Monday 11th December. You will also receive an electronic and paper copy of the sponsorship form so please get collecting for this worthwhile cause. It would be great to beat last year's total!







Information Board



Child Health Drop-in and Breastfeeding Support



Eastwood Leisure Centre Albert Drive, Sheerwater, GU21 5RF

Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

Advice line: 01883 340922 Mon-Fri 8-5pm Website: childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk

Mental Health Talk

Would you like to find out about how we support your child's Mental Health? Would you like to find out how to support your child's Well-being at home?

On Tuesday 5th December at 6pm, Mrs Pickard, our Mental Health Lead and Mrs Trundle and Mrs Sole our school ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) will be talking to parents about Mental Health and Wellbeing.

We hope you can attend.



Coffee shop Health Visitors (birth-5 years) School Nurses (5-19 years) Referral support, advice and signposting as well as:

Come and meet the team

Soft play area

Self-weigh option Early years support Health reviews Health promotion Breastfeeding Behaviour Eating disorders

Dental care Sleep Toileting Healthy eating Heights & Weights Mental health



Internet Safety

It has been brought to our attention that a few of our Year 6 children are using apps such as Discord and WhatsApp. The NSPCC strongly recommends that primary school age children do not have access to these apps.

<u>WhatsApp</u>

You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp. WhatsApp is a messaging app that allows you to send messages and videos.

Online Bullying

WhatsApp has been used in instances of online bullying, for example sending nasty messages or sharing images of other children without their permission to embarrass them. It is important to have regular chats with your child about their online life and that they understand that they must talk to you or another trusted adult if they are being bullied.

Discord

Discord is a social networking app that is used by gamers to chat to each other. The minimum age to access Discord is 13.

What do I need to be aware of?

We always encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use different apps/websites and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. Discord is used by many users, so adult content can be found on Discord and inappropriate language.

Journey in Love

RSE – Journey in Love



As part of our commitment to work in partnership with parents, we always write to you to let you know when we have a lesson coming up from the Journey in Love (RSE) scheme of work.

In the autumn term, the children learn the, "Social and Emotional," in the spring term children are taught the "Spiritual" and in the summer term the "Physical lessons".

The learning intention for each year group is:

Reception class: To recognise the joy in being a special person in my family.

Year 1: To recognise signs how I am loved and cared for in my family.

Year 2: To recognise the joy and friendship of belonging to a diverse community.

Year 3: To describe and give reasons how friendships make us feel happy and safe.

Year 4:.To describe how we all should be accepted and respected.

Year 5: To show knowledge and understanding of emotional relationship changes as we grow and develop.

Year 6: To develop a secure understanding that stable and caring relationships which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families.

If you would like any further information about the lessons please ask your child's class teacher.



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School Closure 4th December

The school will be closed on Monday 4th December, Planet Soccer will be running a multi sports day. If you would like to book your child on please follow the link: <u>https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps60</u>

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Activity Fridays are Back!

From the 17th December activity Fridays are back. Mrs Small and the team will be doing a fun Christmas craft in the afterschool club. The session will run until 4.30pm and will cost £7.



Friends News

HIGHLIGHTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: our next PTA meeting (Monday 20th November) will now be ONLINE on Teams at 7pm. Please join here: https://bit.ly/StHughPTAmeeting1123 or Meeting ID: 378 173 612 476 and Passcode: Luc9AL or QR code.....

We are still collecting - Christmas Jumpers (box outside office) ready to buy second hand at Christmas Bazaar for the school Christmas jumper/party day. Also collection of soft toys/games unwanted gifts sweets. Thank you.

25th Nov - Christmas Bazaar 11am-2pm in the parish hall. - Sign-up sheet for the Christmas Bazaar stalls is open! We are still in need of volunteers, especially in year 5 and 6. It's one of our biggest fundraisers, let's make it count!

1st Dec - Pop up Christmas shop. Tickets are now on sale in classlist. Please bu children, so they can come and choose a Christmas gift for their loved ones. P Quick link: <u>https://bit.ly/sthughxmas23</u> or QR code.

 8Th Dec – Y2 Bake sale
19th Dec- Christmas Party funded by the friends don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumper

Did you know...... that we are registered **to Easyfundraising and GiveAsYouLive**? These are 2 fundraising platforms that give money to the charity when you shop online, at no cost to you! All you have to do is.....

- register
- accept the donation reminder
- choose "The Friends of St Hugh's School" as a cause.

- Each time you visit an online shop, your PTA will get some money! With the donation reminder, you don't even need to go through their website it will automatically detect which sites will get you a donation! JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING! Ask one of the committee if you need help. We are pleased to share a full calendar of events for the whole year, please see below link: https://www.sthugh-of-

lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/_site/data/files/files/documents/0382DC6D7D218EB1EED41E3122A91860.pdf

We are looking for volunteers for the following positions.

If you think you could help please ask one of the committee.

Second hand Uniform Manager

Meeting Volunteer to oversee the children (different volunteer every meet is fine) Management of the communications calendar and work with Emma, who makes the posters for us.







Friends News

The Friends of St Hugh NOVEMBER SAVE THE DATE(S)

Friday 3rd November - YEAR 1 BAKE SALE (After school)

Friday 10th November - WHOLE SCHOOL MUFTI DAY , In exchange for Bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre , bring at morning drop off

Thursday 16th November - Bring in donations of Christmas wrapping paper / Tags / Crackers

25th Nov- Christmas Bazaar,Parish Hall 11am -2pm

Plus don't forget to order your PANTO tickets on Classlist, we have secured the front 5 rows for just £22 a ticket (RRP £43)