

# St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter

25th October 2024

### Dates for the diary

#### **November**

**8**<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tombola donation day **11**<sup>th</sup> Liturgy Leaders from Y6 to attend the remembrance service in Knaphill

**12th** Evening choir Competition at Woking High school – see separate letter sent to choir families.

**15**<sup>th</sup> Mufti (non-uniform day) for St Hugh's Feast Day. Bottle donation **22**<sup>nd</sup> Y5 Class Mass 9am

**23**<sup>rd</sup> St Hugh of Lincoln Christmas Bazaar

**24**<sup>th</sup> St Hugh Choristers singing at Mass at St Hugh of Lincoln Parish Church

29th Y4 Class Mass 9am

#### **December**

**2**<sup>nd</sup> School closure day **3**<sup>rd</sup> KS2 Advent reflections Rehearsal at St Hugh of Lincoln church parents to collect children from church at 3.15pm

6<sup>th</sup> KS2 Advent Reflection performance at church 9.15 am 11<sup>th</sup> Nativity 2.30pm for YR parents plus half of Y1 parents 12<sup>th</sup> Nativity 2.30pm for Y2 parents and the other half of Y1 parents 13<sup>th</sup> Elfridges Christmas Shop, tickets on sale soon.

**20**<sup>th</sup> End of Autumn Term 1pm finish

### <u>January</u>

**24th** KS1 Bears at Bedtime **31st** KS2 Bears at Bedtime.

### **Mrs Grace**

Dear parents and carers,

In Mark's Gospel this week, Jesus talked about humble service. At first, James and John did not seem to understand this. Those destined for greatness, are the ones who lead by example, working tirelessly, putting the needs of others ahead of their own, volunteering for the difficult jobs and avoiding opportunities to be praised publicly. This week we said goodbye to a very special member of our school staff, a person who embodies all of the above. Mrs Coe has worked at St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School for almost 30 years. She has always put the needs of the children first and has always encouraged them to have a go and believe that they can do it. I would like to thank Mrs Coe personally for everything she has done for the school, for her loyalty and dedicated service. We all hope that retirement will bring her many blessings and much happiness.

In school, as usual, we have all been busy. Here are a few highlight but read the newsletter to find out more. On Wednesday, two of our KS1 children led an assembly all about Diwali. Year 6 enjoyed Bikeability all week and Mr Dan Newman, Head of Lifestyle First at the Xavier trust paid a visit to Year 5 to talk about smart phones and their impact on our well-being.

Many children have shared their excellent work with me this week.

Members of Year 1 are pictured below proudly showing off their Art learning. Wishing you a wonderful half term break

God bless, Mrs Grace





### News at St Hughs

### Developing Prayer and Family life

Katherine Bergin, who works with families across the diocese of Brighton and Arundel, is delivering a workshop on Monday 18th November at 3.20pm about sustaining prayer at home and how to develop the spiritual life of your children. She will give your ideas on how to find time to pray together during Advent and will help you to create a space where you can build Church at home. Children and Siblings welcome



#### Car Park / Children Collection

To ensure the safety of the children and to maintain the good relationships we have with our neighbours we ask that parents and carers <u>do not</u> drive up to the school to pick up their children when collecting from any afterschool clubs. Please park in the Surrey pub or surrounding areas and walk up to the school.

The only exception to this is our wraparound breakfast and afterschool club.

We will be utilising the car park barrier at club pick up times.

Thank you for your support.

### Safeguarding

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.



## Reception - Saint Bernadette

Reception have learned so many sounds in their phonics lessons this half term and we are so proud of them! They are continuing to practise oral blending with 'Fred Talk' games and are starting to use the sounds they have learnt to build words and practise blending the sounds together in order to read. When your child knows all the sounds on the sound cards sent home, and can orally blend by putting the sounds they hear together to make a word e.g. "s-a-d sad" then you can use the sound cards sent home to build simple 2 and 3 letter words to sound out using 'Fred Talk,' blend and read together e.g. at, it, am, cat, dog, mop, ten etc.

The children have been great at practising using a correct pencil grip when they have been having a go at forming letters correctly using the Read Write Inc. letter formation phrases. 'd' is a challenging letter to write but the children have been thinking carefully about the phrase, "Round the dinosaur's bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet" to help them start in the correct place and move in the right direction to form the letter. These phrases are on the sound cards sent home so please do use them to practise forming letters at home! Well done children!



### Read Write Inc.

Fred Talk: https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vCNI9xxF/qp7gPlJk

Sounds we have learnt: <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SjwQpzxt/HAS99TF7">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SjwQpzxt/HAS99TF7</a>

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### Year I - Saint George

This week, Year 1 have been studying the artist Alma Thomas. Alma Thomas was a teacher and artist who developed a powerful form of abstract painting late in life. From the mid-1960s, she produced brilliantly coloured and richly patterned works intimately connected to the natural world. The children used water colours and oil pastels to create their interpretations of her famous artwork the 'eclipse'. We focused on the fact that different colours make us feel different emotions.

On Wednesday, we said goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Coe. Mrs Coe very kindly donated a wind decoration for the Creation Garden. We planted this together as a class.



## Read Write Inc.

Green Group: <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NiPMJbsN/bt1H5rmb">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NiPMJbsN/bt1H5rmb</a>
Pink Group: <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CPo5v8zu/fmjajdN5">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CPo5v8zu/fmjajdN5</a>
Orange Group: <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zFMb3dCf/ScnaywrZ">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zFMb3dCf/ScnaywrZ</a>







### Year 2 - Saint Francis

Happy last week of half term! In our Master Reader lessons we read a book about dogs being a bit not polite to each other, it was such a funny story, we loved it! In English we focused on grammar this week, learning about verbs in present tense and past tense. In maths finished our unit of adding one digit numbers and we started a new unit about two-digit numbers. In RE we learned about Baptism and we shared our baptism photos. It was so amazing so identify the baptism symbols in them, such as the baptismal candle and the holy water. The highlight of our week was Art were we learned about an African-American artist called Alma Thomas and, inspired by her, we created concentric colourful circles that showed different emotions We are great artists!

Have a wonderful half term!



### Read Write Inc.

**Phonics** 

Blue Group: https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7PcqYGdO/6l9puflK



This week's spelling rule: Adding the suffix y (Part 1)

If a word ends in a short vowel (a, e, I, o, u) and a consonant, we need to double the consonant before adding -y. Examples: chat  $\rightarrow$  cha**tt**y, fun  $\rightarrow$  fu**nn**y

Red words: should, everybody, people, child, any, walk.



### Year 3 - Saint Veronica

This week, Year 3 have continued with exploring forces and magnets. The children carried out a fair test to discover different magnetic and non-magnetic objects. They were amazed to find out that not all coins are magnetic. Later on in the week, the children reflected on all of our learning in Science this half term and created fantastic double page spreads. We were so impressed with the efforts everyone put into their work. What fantastic scientists we have! We wish the children a lovely and relaxing break.





Our spelling rule this week is: Words ending in -le

For example: rattle, simple, triangle, purple

Orange words: possible, bicycle, circle, eighth, length, strength

### Year 4 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

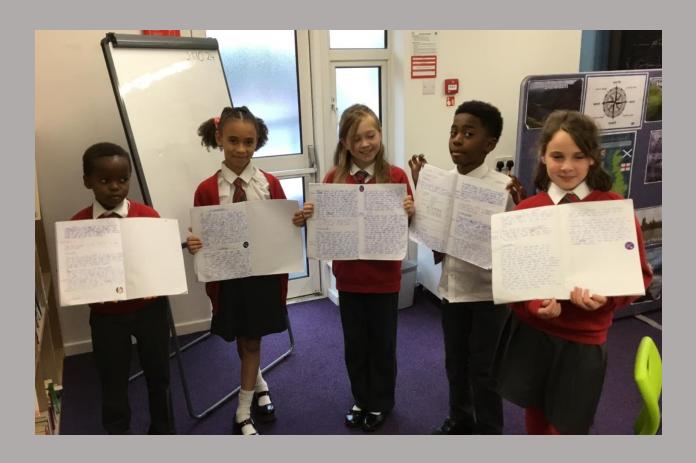
This week, the Year 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed focusing on Black History Month in English. They explored the lives of two inspiring athletes, learning about their childhoods, celebrating their incredible achievements, and discovering how, alongside reaching the top of their sports, they used their platform to help support others in need. The children wrote about the challenges these athletes faced and how they overcame them to reach greatness in both their sport and in helping their communities. In their own words, the children shared what the success of these athletes meant to them. Every child expressed how inspired they were by the athletes' resilience and determination to achieve their dreams. Many said they felt encouraged to follow in their footsteps and pursue their goals with the same passion and dedication.

Our spelling rule this week is: the short sound 'u' sound spelt 'ou'

For example: enough, toughest, young, trouble.



Orange words: thought, promise, enough, forwards, potatoes, calendar.



## Year 5 - Saint Raphael

This week for Black History Month, we celebrated Yinka Shonibare, who is a British-Nigerian artist and lives and works in the UK. He was born in London in 1962. Yinka makes art using a variety of materials and methods including painting, sculpture, photography, installation art and film. Shonibare makes work inspired by his own life and the experiences he has had. He also uses his art as a way to tell stories about the history between Africa and Europe. Yinka's art invites us to ask questions so that we can learn more about the way history is taught to us and find hidden stories and truths. The children had to create art pieces of their own inspired by African patterns and produced some beautiful artwork.



Our spelling rule this week is: words ending in zhuh spelt –sure For example: pleasure, treasure, measure, leisure.

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Spelling

Our 6 orange words are: muscle, convenience, excellent, achieve, desperate, government

















### Year 6 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe

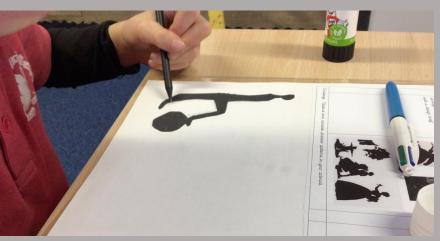
This week, our students celebrated Black History Month by creating artwork inspired by contemporary artist Kara Walker, known for her striking silhouettes exploring race, history, and identity. The children learned how Walker uses black-and-white imagery to tell powerful stories, sparking meaningful discussions on history and empathy.

In their art lesson, children created their own silhouette pieces, choosing themes from Black history or personal experiences. Some depicted historical figures like sporting hero's, while others focused on symbols of hope and unity. The results were not only visually stunning but also thought-provoking, demonstrating the children's creativity and deepened understanding of history.

Our 6 orange words are: attempts, carriages, stripes, structures, visitors Engines, castles

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Spelling





#### Friends News

### **Friends Activity Survey**

To help The Friends Committee to ensure we are focusing on what is best for our community, please can you spare a few minutes to complete this very short survey to share your

thoughts: <a href="https://s.surveyplanet.com/l76jf5lo">https://s.surveyplanet.com/l76jf5lo</a>

As a thank you for your time, everyone who requests to be entered will go into a draw to win family festival tickets to ShyneFest in Merrist Wood for 30-31 May.

Thank you, your feedback is valuable.



# Sleeping Beauty Pantomime - Tickets selling fast!

Tickets are £22 each, discounted from the standard price of £39-59. We have tickets in the stalls rows B to D for performances on:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – good availability

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7pm SOLD OUT
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1pm – last few remaining!
Tickets are on sale in the "What's On" section of Classlist

### Christmas dates for the diary

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – collection of donations for the Christmas Tombola at the gate at morning drop off. Please donate any unused Christmas cards, wrapping paper, crackers, labels, bows or ribbons

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Mufti (non-uniform day) for St Hugh's Feast Day. Please bring donations of bottles (wines, beers, spirits, soft drinks) for the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair at the gate at morning drop off.

Saturday 23rd November - St Hugh of Lincoln Christmas Bazaar

Friday 13th December – Elfridges Christmas Shop, tickets on sale soon.

Coming up soon..... Bears at Bedtime. Save the date. Films TBC KS1 24<sup>th</sup> Jan KS2 31<sup>st</sup> Jan



#### Friends News

### Current ASDA Cashpot total... £120.20!

Don't forget, for each person who downloads the Asda Rewards app and chooses St Hugh of Lincoln in the Cashpot for schools Asda will donate £1 – without needing to shop at Asda. The scheme runs until 2<sup>nd</sup> November – how much can we raise?



The money raised through Friends fundraising goes toward projects to support the school. Currently we are fundraising for all weather surfacing under the KS2 gym equipment and table tennis tables – our target is £20.000!

