



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



Newsletter – Welcome back! 10 September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of another school year! 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 at school again. I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and managed to find some time to recharge your batteries and spend some time together.

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 you child's time at school really special.

It's great to be able to relax some of the Covid restrictions we were living with last year. We're still maintaining the hand washing, cleaning and ventilation measures we had in place, but we've been able to get children back in the hall to eat lunch and they are able to play in the playground with each other again. We've also been able to restart assemblies in the hall (with singing!) which we are truly grateful for. Let's pray that things continue this way and we don't end up with the restrictions we lived with last year.

Welcome to our new Reception class

Say hello to our lovely new reception class! It's great to finally have you at school. You've all settled in really well and we love having you around. Here's a picture of you on your first day together so you can remember it in years to come.



Play time fun

Now we're all back together in the playground, we've made some changes to try and introduce a bigger and better range of things for the children to do. We've opened up the wraparound care room at break time so children have the opportunity to go to a quiet space to read, play board games or lego. We've also introduced games like boules and king square in KS2 and every Friday there will be a "curiosity corner" with a mystery toy to play with. We had our first curiosity corner today and set up a box puppets in the KS1 playground and put some big tyres in KS2 - the children absolutely loved it! Many thanks to Mrs Trundle and Mrs Pickard for all the effort they put into making playtimes amazing. The sports coaches are also running bigger team games during break and lunch on Monday and Thursdays to get the children active and having fun.





Latin lessons have started

Salvete! Our new Latin lessons have started and they are going down a storm. Some of you may have learned Latin at school or have visions of boring lessons conjugating lists of verbs, but our new Latin curriculum has been introduced in partnership with Classics for All and is a cartoon based scheme of work targeted to give Primary school an engaging and fun insight into the origins of our English language and life in ancient Rome. I participated in a year 5 lesson this week which was fantastic and here's a picture of Year 3 with their new, "Minimus" books. If you have a child in KS2, why don't you try asking them to say hello and goodbye in Latin and see if they can remember? Valete!



Reward systems

Our behaviour management strategy at St Hugh's is to "catch children being good" and recognising their great behaviour. With this in mind, we've reintroduced our over and above postcards. Each class teacher will nominate two children every week who have gone over and above our expectations with their effort and they will receive a special postcard through their letter box. We've also introduced some new rewards to recognise the values in our mission statement: faith, love, learn and grow. If your child comes home with one of these stickers on their jumper or tell you they've found one in their book, encourage them to tell you how they earned it and celebrate their achievement with them. We are also bringing back the golden pencil award for beautiful presentation which will be given out each half term.

Meet the teacher meetings reminder

A quick reminder that we have our meet the teacher Teams meetings next week. I understand that not all of you may be able to join us at the allotted time, so each meeting will be recorded and the PowerPoint presentation will be saved on the Teams classroom too. If you're not able to join your session and you have any questions which haven't been answered, please email the info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk account and we'll get in touch to help. Reception parents will receive their child's login details next week.

Monday 13th September:

Year 4 – 4pm

Year 2 – 4pm

Year 1 – 4.30pm

Wednesday 15th September:

Year 5 – 4pm

Reception – 4.30pm

Thursday 16th September:

Year 3 – 4pm

Year 6 – 4.30pm

Wickes car parking

We've had a message from Wickes this week apologising to parents for the inconvenience while their car park has been out of action. I'm glad to say Wickes are happy for you to park there again, but have asked that you only park on the left hand side of the building (The Surrey pub side) leaving the front free for their customers. They have also asked that children are supervised as they have lots of heavy goods vehicles moving through the car park and that you use the paths rather than cut across the grass banks as they've just planted lots of spring bulbs.

School Crossing Patrol

Mr Di Stefano is unfortunately not going to be with us this term and Surrey are trying to recruit a temporary crossing patrol person. These roles are very difficult to fill and so if you know of anyone who may be interested please contact the school office. Meanwhile, we'll talk to all the children about taking extra care crossing the road and it would be great if you could reinforce this message with them at home too, especially if they walk home independently.

Autumn Fair - 18th September 12pm – 3pm

Finally, a reminder about our Autumn Fair which is taking place on the school field on Saturday 18th September between 12pm and 3pm. Please sign up on Classlist to volunteer if you can, and do come along to help us raise some much needed funds for the school. The Friends are looking for donations of cakes on the day and are asking for bottles to be donated on Monday 13th at drop off.

God bless, Mrs Harper