



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



Newsletter 21 May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

A couple of weeks ago I wrote to you with a picture of year 2 with some balloons tied to a bench to remember their friend Daniel. At the time, I said that Daniel's mum had ordered a new bench for the KS1 playground and I'm really glad to be able to show you a photograph of it. The bench arrived this week and I'm sure you'll agree that it's absolutely beautiful and a lovely way to remember Daniel.

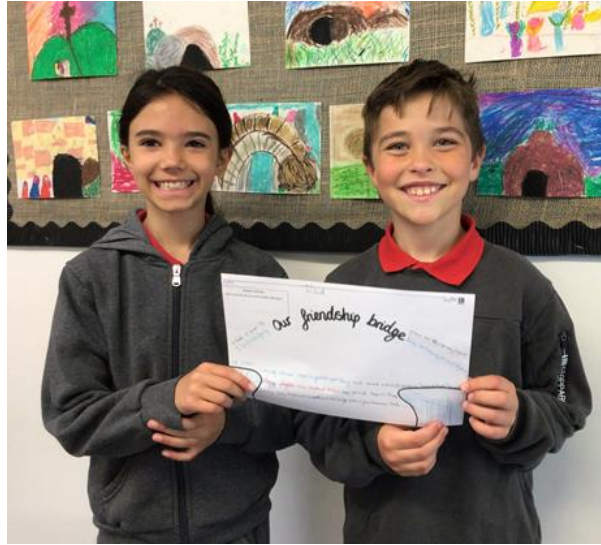


Father Gerard visits Year 3

It was lovely to be able to welcome Fr Gerard into school yesterday. He was able to spend some time with the children in year 3 talking to them about their First Holy Communion. The children were really excited and loved having the opportunity to talk to him about all of their questions.

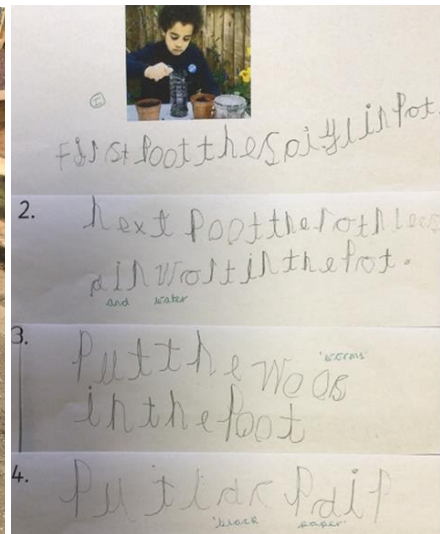
Understanding friendship in Year 4

In Year 4, the children started their new RE Topic about building bridges and how this links to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They discussed the aspects of good friendship such as support, honesty and understanding before using these words to create a strong friendship bridge. They each started writing on their own side of the bridge before meeting in the middle. This is because they know that bridges need to be built and maintained from both sides. For our deeper learning question, they then thought about how and why we build a bridge with God and added that to their work. The children loved creating these friendship bridges together and can't wait to see what the rest of their topic brings!



Wormery building in Yr R

Reception have been reading the book, *Yucky Worms!* The children have been exploring earthworms and even made their own wormeries so that they could study them before releasing them safely! Then the children wrote their own instructions for how to make a wormery. They have learnt that earthworms are actually amazing and are not yucky at all! They keep the earth in great condition so that plants can grow well. Thank you worms and great writing Thomas!



New sensory prayer garden update



We're starting to make progress with our new sensory prayer garden at the back of the school building. A few weeks ago, I showed you a photograph of the old garden being cleared. Since then our brilliant caretaker, Mr Hannon, has been busy building raised planters and the children's design is starting to take shape. The next steps are sourcing some plants, so if any of you have any contacts in the

horticultural trade who may be willing to help us with either donations or discounts it would be lovely to hear from you! I'll keep you posted as we continue to make progress to build a beautiful new garden for the children.

24/7 mental health crisis line for children, young people, and families

Surrey have asked us to share this with our families:

A new 24/7 mental health crisis line for children, young people and their families and carers in Surrey has launched. The freephone number - 0800 9154644 – is available for children and young people up to the age of 18, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The new crisis line provides emotional wellbeing support, advice, and signposting to a range of community services for children, young people and their families and carers who are in a mental health crisis. The number is available to those who are already receiving mental health services, and also for those who are not. No referral is needed.

The crisis line is staffed by a team of experienced, trained call handlers and mental health nurses. A key aim of the crisis line is to help support young people, carers and families within their own homes and in the community and, whenever possible, help avoid the need for children and young people to go to hospital in a crisis.

[Get help in a mental health crisis : Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(sabp.nhs.uk\)](https://www.sabp.nhs.uk)

Thank you for returning library books

I need to say a huge thank you for responding so well to the missing library book slips that we sent out last week. Lots of our missing books have now been located and are now available for other children to borrow. Thank you again for your help with this.

How to contact teachers

We're really lucky at St Hugh to have a hugely dedicated, and highly skilled group of teachers and I'm very mindful of looking after their workload and wellbeing. As part of that, could I ask that if you need to contact your child's teacher, you should do this by either calling the office, or emailing info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk. By doing this, office staff are often able to deal directly with your query or are able to direct and prioritise your message to make sure we help you as quickly as possible.

Please help me to look after our teachers by not emailing them directly. Teachers are unable to check emails during the school day and should not be receiving parent emails during their evenings or weekends.

Myself and/or a member of the leadership team are always on the gate at the beginning or end of the day and are also happy to talk, pass on messages or answer any queries you might have then. Thank you so much for helping me to look after our teachers – I really appreciate your support and understanding.

One space left in Year R for September 2021!

I'm really pleased to say that we've now only got one space left in our Reception class for September 2021. Most of the new parents who have come through the door have talked about knowing existing parents who have said lovely things about our school and how happy their children are at St Hugh so thank you so much! It's been a real community effort which is paying off. If you do know of anyone else who might want that last space it would be great to encourage them to contact the office as soon as possible before it goes.

Job Vacancy – Kickstart scheme

We are looking for a Learning and Support Assistant and Play Worker. The role will involve supporting teachers in supervising pupils during lunchtime and in our wrap around care provision. Applicants should be responsible, enthusiastic and suitable to help teachers with the organisation and delivery of engaging activities for the pupils. Applicant must hold a minimum of a grade C in their GCSE maths and English and as this job is part of the government's Kickstart scheme, aimed at creating entry level/trainee opportunities for under 25s, applicants must be aged 16-25 and on Universal Credit. The successful candidate will receive guidance from teachers, safeguarding training, and a full DBS check.

Apply here: https://www.thinkteaching.co.uk/job/trainee-learning-support-assistant-and-play-worker-job-at-st-hugh-of-lincoln-catholic-primary-school-woking-zr_327_job/

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless,
Mrs Harper