



Newsletter

3 December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Covid has created some challenges at school this week but we've introduced some additional measures to try to keep everyone as safe as possible. The measures include things such as restricting the use of the shared cloakroom, zoning the playground and managing the numbers in dining hall. Thank you for all your kind messages of support and understanding as we work hard to balance safety with keeping everything as normal as possible for the children

I'm pleased to say that we've risk assessed the nativity play and are hopeful that we can go ahead next week by separating classes in the hall and limiting visitor numbers. I have written more about the logistics further on in the newsletter. Unfortunately, it goes without saying that we are reviewing the situation on a daily basis and plans may have to be changed at short notice if case numbers grow.

Meanwhile, Advent celebrations are underway and our beautiful crib has arrived in the school hall. Children from Year 2 enjoyed positioning all the figures in the stable.



Year 2 have also been learning about Advent and they had fun making Advent cards to show that they are waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus.



Year 4 have created an advent calendar as part of our RE topic gifts – we thought about how during Advent we are preparing to receive God’s gift of love and friendship. Each envelope has a prayer or our ideas on how we can show the gift of love and friendship.





Football success!

It was a great day for our under 11 football team last week who came back to school winners of the Greenfield School football tournament! The year 6 football team were fantastic and won all 3 of their group games, beating The Marist 2-1 on penalties to get to the final against Greenfield who they beat 1-0. It is great to have a new trophy in our cabinet! Well done boys and thanks to Mr Davey for giving up his time to drive them there. Thanks also to Miss Bye for organising and Mrs Jones for coaching and looking after the boys when they were there. It is great to have a new cup for the trophy cabinet!



Learning in year 3 this week



In music, year three are learning to play the Glockenspiel, which they are really enjoying! They worked together in pairs to practice notes D and E and then performed to the class.

While in science, year 3 were learning all about light and exploring opaque, translucent and transparent materials in order to learn which materials make the best shadows. They also learned how to think like a scientist so they could design their experiment to make it a fair test.



The Nativity Play

As I said earlier, I am cautiously optimistic that the Nativity play will go ahead next week. This is subject to a daily review of case numbers and discussions with our governors and the MAT, but we are working on the basis that we can go ahead. Please help us make the event as safe as possible by sticking to your class performance and making sure only one family member attends. I would also ask that anyone who attends wears a mask and does a lateral flow test before coming. If you are symptomatic, please do not attend. The windows in the hall will be kept open so please wear something warm. Here is a reminder of the performance schedule:

Tuesday 7th December 2.15pm : Yr R family member invited

Wednesday 8th December 2.15pm: Yr 1 family member invited

Thursday 9th December 2.15pm : Yr 2 family member invited

Let's pray that we don't need to change our plan!

I will make a decision about the Advent Reflection at the end of next week.

Rainbows

We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing our Rainbows program after Christmas for children whose parents feel that they would benefit from participating in weekly support groups. These groups are for children who are undergoing change, loss or separation in their lives. The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton recommend the programme as an effective programme in schools. These support groups meet during the school day.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or other loss issues appear to be only grown-up problems, they have a profound effect on the children who are touched by such experiences. If a close adult dies or a divorce happens or a painful loss occurs, not only do the parents grieve, but the children also. Children may find it extremely difficult to verbalise their feelings of grief because of their age and inexperience.

We have very sensitive, caring and trained adults who have said "yes" to help these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family. These adults are not counsellors nor therapists but what they do, and the programme followed, is therapeutic for those involved. The programme is suitable for all the primary age group but the sessions and groups are age appropriate.

If you consider that your child would benefit from this programme then please email Mrs. Rose through our info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk address. Once you have expressed an interest, your child will receive their own letter and registration form.

Should you have any queries then please contact Mrs Rose who will be co-ordinating the programme.

The Reindeer Run

We have been talking to the children all about the sponsored reindeer run to raise money for Woking and Sam Beare hospice. Hopefully, they should all be busy making their antlers and raising sponsorship ready for the week of 13th December. An electronic copy of the sponsorship form was sent with the original email, but a few children have not known where to find it so we have sent a paper copy home in their book bag last week. Please support us to raise money for this very worthy cause.

Collections after the nativity (and hopefully Advent Reflection!) performances



The other charity we would like to support this Christmas is the Bee-lieve foundation. Their mission is to help as many young people and their families to deal positively with the challenges and trauma caused by mental health issues. Far too many members of our society currently have their lives turned upside down by anxiety, attachment disorders, stress, low self-esteem or depression. Bee-lieve want to change that.

Bee-lieve Foundation aims to support our community by providing specific training for teachers, Learning Support Assistants, parents and carers. This will facilitate intervention programmes in schools to

directly support young people struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

As a school, we have received some wonderful resources and training from Bee-lieve that have had a direct positive impact on our children so it would be great to be able to give something back. We will have a collection at the end of every performance so please help us by making a donation.

Christmas cards

If your child would like to give their friends in class a Christmas card, please ask them to bring them in any time from next week and put them in the box at the back of their classroom. Please make sure all cards are in by Friday 10th December so we can quarantine them before giving them out in the last week of term.

KS2 Playtimes

Following a survey completed by the children about playtimes, we would like the children to be able to use the field more, so they all have more room to play. We are hoping to give one class each week the opportunity to play on the field, but it is currently very muddy. If you would like your child to be able to play on the field, please could you send into school a spare pair of trainers or wellingtons, in a named bag on their allocated week? If your child does not have a change of shoes unfortunately, they will not be able to go on the field.

We are going to rotate the use of the field by class every week.

Week Beginning 6th December Year 5
Week Beginning 13th December Year 6

Spring Term

Week Beginning 4th January Year 3
Week Beginning 10th January Year 4

Well Being

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or would like any help managing your child's emotions at home. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Pickard/ Miss Lyde our Mental Health Leads for support and advice.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless, Mrs Harper

