



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow



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Dear parents and carers,

I'm really looking forward to welcoming Year 6 back to school this afternoon and hearing all about their adventures. I've been in contact with them during the week and following their posts on Twitter and know they've had a fabulous time. We decided to change the venue and provider for our residential this year from Windmill Hill (PGL) to Calshot (run by Hampshire County Council) and I have to say the facilities and activities available to the children have been superb.

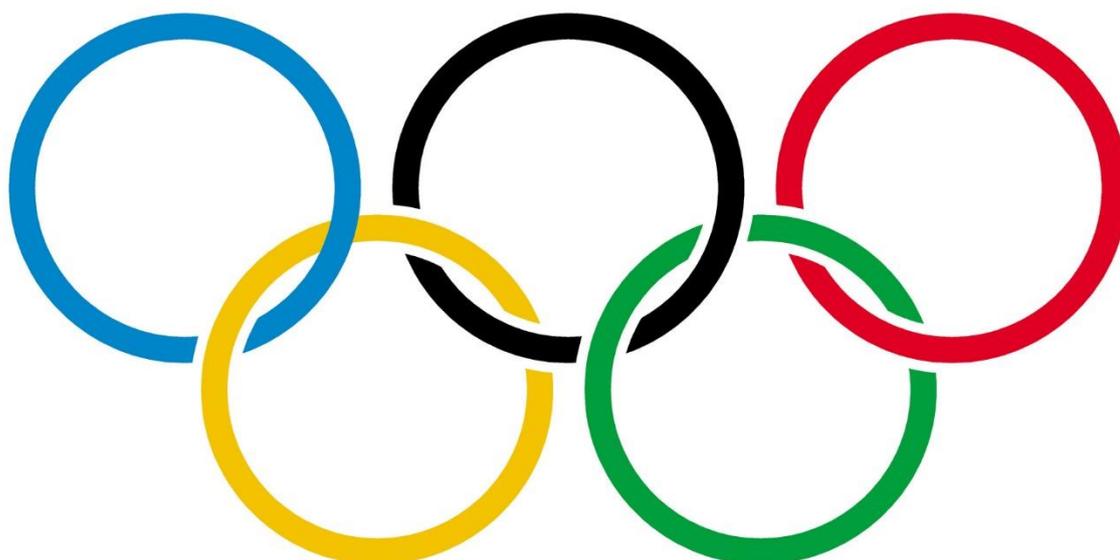
The trip has made me realise how great it has been to have photos and posts on Twitter and so we are going to try to get better sharing more pictures of what goes on at school with you on our school Twitter account after the holiday.



Who needs Tokyo, when we've got the St Hugh Olympics?

Covid has had a huge impact on the way we are allowed to come together as a community at school and we have been thinking of ways we can reconnect while we're still in a position of having to adhere to the bubble rules. After half term we are planning to resurrect the old "house" system and have some whole school challenges and competitions we're going to call, "The St Hugh Olympics." The idea there will be separate challenge for each of the Olympic rings and these will be a mixture of different skills and values including:

- A sporting challenge
- An eco-themed challenge
- A design technology challenge
- A kindness challenge
- A charity challenge



We're planning an exciting launch of the St Hugh Olympics with the children after half term and we're really hoping that it will be a fun and rewarding way to help bring everyone together so that we can end the school year on a real high! Look out for more news coming your way soon.....

Ideas for half term fun

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us all next week and we can get outside and enjoy some time together. When my own two children were younger I always found it a challenge to keep thinking of things to do that didn't cost too much, so here are some ideas to help. I'm sure many of you are aware of the National Trust's 50 things challenge, but if not, there are lots of ideas here to give you some inspiration next week:

50 things to do before you're **11³/₄**

How many have you done?

We've been working closely with kids just like you to put together this list of the best things to do before you're 11³/₄. (Although lots of them are still great fun even when you're 81³/₄.) You'll find fun things to do for every kind of outside place, from mountains to sea, forests to fields. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and see how many you can do!

1. Get to know a tree
2. Roll down a really big hill
3. Camp outdoors
4. Build a den
5. Skim a stone
6. Go welly wandering
7. Fly a kite
8. Spot a fish
9. Eat a picnic in the wild
10. Play conkers
11. Explore on wheels
12. Have fun with sticks
13. Make a mud creation
14. Dam a stream
15. Go on a wintry adventure
16. Wear a wild crown
17. Set up a snail race
18. Create some wild art
19. Play pool sticks
20. Go paddling
21. Forage for wild food
22. Find some funky fungi
23. Get up for the sunrise
24. Go barefoot
25. Join nature's band
26. Hunt for fossils and bones
27. Go stargazing
28. Climb a huge hill
29. Explore a cave
30. Go on a scavenger hunt
31. Make friends with a bug
32. Float in a boat
33. Go cloud watching
34. Discover wild animal clues
35. Discover what's in a pond
36. Make a home for wildlife
37. Explore the wonders of a rock pool
38. Bring up a butterfly
39. Catch a crab
40. Go on a nature walk at night
41. Help a plant grow
42. Go swimming in the sea
43. Help a wild animal
44. Watch a bird
45. Find your way with a map
46. Clamber over rocks
47. Cook on a camp fire
48. Keep a nature diary
49. Watch the sunset
50. Take a friend on a nature adventure

Wonderful work in year 1

As I've been walking around this week, I've seen some incredible work, especially from year 1. Here's a little look at what they've been doing:





This term in their English lessons, year 1 have been reading the story 'Ossiri and the Bala Mengro'. They took inspiration from their class text and made musical instruments as well as designing their own Bala Mengro (a Bala Mengro is an ogre!) The children worked extremely hard to plan, draft and edit their own stories and they made some fabulous junk modelling instruments. Well done Year 1!



Summer holiday planning and quarantine

I appreciate that many of you are thinking about planning a very well deserved holiday this summer. For those of you who may be thinking of traveling abroad, could I please ask you to factor in enough time to be able to comply with any relevant quarantine rules whilst ensuring that your children are back in school for their first day on Tuesday 7th September. Unfortunately, I am not able to authorise any absence if you haven't returned to the UK in time to comply with quarantine regulations.

INSET reminder

Finally a reminder that we have a whole school INSET day on Monday 21 June.

Have a lovely half term holiday everyone.

God bless,
Mrs Harper