



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



## Newsletter 12 February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe it's half term next week - hopefully the weather will be kind to us and you will find the opportunity to enjoy some screen-free time outdoors, having fun. I know how difficult home learning has been for many of you. I know from my own children who are both learning from home how difficult it is to keep motivated and find purpose, so I'd like to acknowledge the amazing effort both you and your children have put into the learning. I'd also like to acknowledge our wonderful team of teachers and learning support staff here at St Hugh. They have worked incredibly hard upskilling themselves to deliver the best home learning they can for our children. We really are blessed to have such a great team.

I've also started to reflect on Lent this week and came across the words of Pope Francis when he talked about fasting (Ash Wednesday 2017):

Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

During the pandemic it's easy to feel many of the negative things Pope Francis asks us to "fast from". What a wonderful opportunity Lent gives us to fill our lives with positive, affirming things like gratitude, patience, hope and joy when we choose to fast from negative emotions and behaviours. I hope you have a wonderful start to Lent next week and this period of reflection brings you great joy.

### **INSET day moved from 15<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Just another reminder that our INSET day has been moved back to 5<sup>th</sup> March so as not to fall after 8<sup>th</sup> March when we hope all children will be back with us in school.

## Celebrating Lent – a message from Mrs Rose

On Wednesday 17th February the Church enters into her great retreat time called Lent. It is a time to reflect on how we are with God, with our neighbour and with ourselves and to make some changes in our attitudes or speech or actions if we need to. During the six weeks of Lent we are asked to pray, fast and give alms. To help you pray at home with your children, home learning resources have been added to Teams e.g. praying the Rosary and Stations of the Cross. The children will also have the opportunity of saying the Rosary with their class at the daily Registrations. To help with almsgiving, please encourage your children to have some fun and take part in the Mission Together 'flipping the pancake' challenge during half term. Many thanks for all your support. Mrs. Rose



God asks us to pray and share so that everyone, everywhere knows they are loved and have what they **need** to live well. This Lent you can help by getting involved in Mission Together's,



### Flipping Fantastic Lent Fundraiser!

- 1 Fill your details in the **Flipping Fantastic Sponsor Sheet**.
- 2 Get as many people as possible to sponsor you for every pancake flip you do.
- 3 Practise! You don't have to make real pancakes to practise. You could cut out a cloth or felt pancake shape.
- 4 **With a grown-up**, make your pancakes and ask someone to film you as evidence of your flipping fantastic pancake skills.
- 5 Share your filmed flips with your school and @MissioUK. Then collect and send your sponsorship to Mission Together!

## Play-worker vacancy

We are looking for another part time play-worker to help with our after school club when we're able to open again. The position is part time working 3pm – 6pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday during term time. Here's a link to the advert of Eteach.

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/st-hugh-of-lincoln-catholic-primary-school-jobs-13881/?oo=ag>

Stay safe everyone and have a lovely half term holiday.  
God bless,  
Mrs Harper