



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



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Dear parents and carers,

Remembrance

The children have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day during a special whole school assembly this week. They were beautifully behaved and very respectful during our silence – a real credit to you all. In addition to our service at school, six children from year six represented the school with me at the Knaphill Armistice Day Act of Remembrance at the war memorial. The children read prayers of peace to conclude the service and were wonderful ambassadors for our school at this very special occasion.





The planetarium

We were very excited this week to be able welcome Mr Hume and the inflatable planetarium back to our school! It's difficult to capture the magic of the experience in a photo, but the children absolutely loved learning about the solar system in such an exciting way. We look forward to inviting him back again next year.



U9s Football Tournament

On Monday, the U9s football team played in a tournament at St Andrew's in Horsell with many other local schools. Unfortunately, we didn't make it into the finals but the boys played incredibly well and it was a pleasure to watch them represent the school in their first tournament.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Audit

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete our mental health and wellbeing questionnaire. Your responses are incredibly helpful to enable us to shape and assess the effectiveness of our provision. Here's the link to the survey again and we'll keep it open until the end of the day on 19th November. If you could spare a few minutes to give us some feedback I'd be very grateful.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F8P5238>

Parent Governor Vacancy – Ballot Process

The ballot papers for the parent governor vacancy went out in your child's book bag on Monday. There is a ballot box in the porch area outside the office for your voting slips. These need to be returned by the end of the school day on Tuesday 16th November. Thank you to those of you who have already voted.

Friday 19th November – Individual school photographs

Just a quick reminder that we will be taking individual school photos on Friday next week.

Monday 29th November – Xavier school closure day

All of the primary and secondary schools in the Xavier trust are closed on Monday 29th November. Planet Soccer are able to run a multi-sports camp. Here are the details:



The poster features a collage of sports activities at the top: a boy playing hockey, a boy playing basketball, and a girl performing a handstand. Below the images is the Planet Soccer logo (EST. 1999) and the 'SPORTS 7' logo. The main text reads: 'Multisports Camp', 'Monday 29th November', '8:30am - 4:30pm', and '£25.00'. The location is 'St Hugh Of Lincoln Primary School, Five Oaks Close, Woking, GU21 8TU'. A link for more information is provided: <https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps>. At the bottom, the website www.planet-soccer.info and social media handles for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are listed.

Christmas and Advent Celebration Dates

Christmas time at primary school is always such a special time of a child's life and over the last few years the traditional performances and celebrations that are so magical for both parents and children have had to be cancelled. This year, we're hoping to be able to invite parents to the reception and KS1 nativity play and to the KS2 Advent reflection although we need to make a few changes to guest numbers to try and make the events as Covid secure as we possibly can. Unfortunately, it also goes without saying that these plans are subject to constant review and if the Covid risk is deemed too high we may have to make changes at short notice. For all events whether at the school or church we would ask you to wear a mask and not attend if you have any Covid symptoms.

The Nativity Play (yr R, 1 and 2)

We are planning 3 performances so that we can control capacity in the hall. Each child will be allowed a maximum of two guests at the nativity play and we are asking you to book your places on Scopay. Booking is now open. In the comments box, please let us know if you will require one or two 'tickets'.

Tuesday 7th December 2.15pm – performance for the parents and carers of reception class children

Wednesday 8th December 2.15pm – performance for the parents and carers of year 1 children

Thursday 9th December 2.15pm – performance for the parents and carers of year 2 children

Unless there are any safeguarding issues that arise between now and then, parents will be allowed to take photographs but we ask that these are not shared on social media and are kept for personal use only. The Friends are going to be filming the performance and will sell the DVD to raise money for the school.

Advent Reflection (yr 3, 4, 5, 6)

We are going to do 2 performances of the Advent Reflection, one at church and one at school.

The church performance is scheduled to take place at 6pm on Tuesday 30th November. This performance is far more challenging to manage in a Covid-safe way due to the numbers of children, parents and the capacity of the church. In order to comply with the capacity limits, we are going to live stream the performance and invite one guest for each year 5 and 6 child. The children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the performance.

We're going to do another performance of the Advent Reflection at 2pm on Wednesday 1st December at school. Again, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are going to participate in the performance and this time we will invite one guest per child from years 3 and 4.

Again, unless there are any safeguarding issues that arise between now and then, parents will be allowed to take photographs but we ask that these are not shared on social media and kept for personal use only. The Friends are going to film the performance and will sell DVDs to raise money for the school.

Sorry we've had to restrict numbers, but hopefully next year we can get back to normal!

You can book your one 'ticket' for the Nativity and Advent Reflection on Scopay. Booking will open on Tuesday 16th November.

Christmas lunch, parties and mufti day

We will be holding our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December. This will be bookable in the usual way on Scopay. After lunch, we will have our Christmas parties and The Friends have kindly organised a magic show and Christmas crafts for the children. This day will be a mufti day and we invite the children to bring a contribution of £1 which will go to The Friends to help with their fundraising for the school.

Reindeer Run

This year we will be taking part in a Reindeer Run in December in aid of Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care. Full information on the event will be sent to you via parentmail. Thank you in advance for your support for this event.

Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day 15th November

Remember to send your child to school in odd socks on 15th November to mark the start of anti-bullying week!

Pedestrian Safety, Autumn 2021 campaign - Drive SMART

St Hugh's are happy to support the following campaign which has been organised by Surrey Safer Roads Partnership. We regularly talk to the children about road safety and will make sure we reinforce the message again during the campaign. We're happy to share the following:

This Autumn Drive SMART, Surrey Safer Roads Partnership will be launching a new campaign to provide education and engagement on the importance of pedestrian safety across the county. Recent data has shown that, in Surrey, pedestrian casualties make up to 9% of all casualties in the county. Although these numbers are lower than those seen in other areas on the country, Drive SMART believe that pedestrians in Surrey require a dedicated campaign, engaging with the most affected age groups and those travelling at "peak" times, to remind them of the safety precautions that can keep themselves and others safer on the road, particularly during the darker evenings.

This campaign will be focused on engagement with pedestrians – raising awareness of their vulnerabilities and ways in which to keep safe on the roads – and drivers, to educate them on their role in keeping these road users safe, in particular around school-zones and residential areas.

This dedicated campaign will run from Monday 1st November to Sunday 19th December, with the desired outcomes being:

- Drivers are more considerate to the dangers posed to pedestrians by unsafe driving practices and are encouraged to improve their driving habits to help this cause in keeping these vulnerable road users safe.
- For pedestrians in Surrey to feel safer using the roads, especially around school-zones and residential areas with the help of reflective devices/clothing, using designated crossings, removing distractions etc. and for this to then be reflected in the data from this Autumn/Winter period.

10–14-year-olds were the highest age band between 2018-20 to be represented in the data. School age pedestrians travelling to and from school is clearly a risk and the overwhelming majority for vehicle type interacting with the pedestrian casualties (79%) is cars. Therefore, tactics deployed throughout this campaign will aim to target drivers, schools, children and parents/guardians with cohesive key-messages and themes represented through radio airtime, bus advertisements and social media posts.

SIMPLE STEPS TO GET THERE SAFELY...

BE BRIGHT!
The brighter the better - bright or florescent colours, reflective wear and torches can help improve your chances of being visible to other road users.

BE SEEN!
Use designated crossings where possible - if there isn't a crossing, find a safe place to cross by moving to a spot where you can be seen clearly and there is space to reach the pavement on the other side.

BE ALERT!
Remove distractions when walking on or beside a road (headphones, mobiles etc.) so you can listen for traffic and always look both ways before crossing.

#WalkSMART

DRIVE SMART



Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless,
Mrs Harper