



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



## **Newsletter** **4 February 2022**

Dear parents and carers,

### **Chinese New Year**

On Tuesday we had a real treat in school when Jacob and Enzo from Year 3 and Charlotte and Scarlet from Reception Class taught us all about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. We learned about why the colour red is lucky, what the 7 lucky foods are and the importance of The Reunion Dinner. We are so grateful to Mrs Tang, who supported the presenters and helped answer many of the excellent questions posed by the children. She also very generously gave each child either a fortune cookie or a mandarin orange and brought many wonderful objects in for the children to look at. A special mention goes to Jacob, who presented to KS1 and KS2 all by himself with confidence and clarity to a captivated audience.





### Chinese New Year in Reception Class

Reception have loved learning about Chinese New Year! They read the story of *The Great Race* to find out about how the years were all named and we enjoyed retelling the story. They hunted for 'Year of the Tiger' gold coins and collected them in our lucky red envelopes. They even made a huge dragon, lanterns and dragon puppets for our own dragon parade! Thank you to Jacob, Enzo, Scarlet and Charlotte for sharing their experiences with us and for sharing fortune cookies and treats - we are so lucky!







### **Design Technology in year 6**

Year 6 have been studying textiles in their DT topic this term and have been busy designing and making waistcoats. They created patterns, cut their fabric and then learned to sew their pieces together to create a finished piece. They have really enjoyed it and have done a wonderful job!





## English and Science in year 1

The children in Year 1 are thoroughly enjoying their new English book 'Wild'. On Tuesday they studied the title page, pretended they were illustrators and described the main character. The children loved using the pastels to draw the character, this enhanced their thought for writing and developed their vocabulary. They have furthered their learning in Science learning by comparing the properties of different slimes! They all observed the four slimes closely and recorded the data in a simple table.



### Green fingers in Year 3

Year Three have been very busy scientists this week, investigating what plants need. They created a 'hydroponics vase' to investigate whether plants need soil to grow. After two days, the onion had already grown some new shoots! They also made observations about different types of planting materials and predicted which they thought would be best for growing radishes. They are looking forward to seeing whether it is sand, stones, compost or garden soil. Their investigation into how much water pansies need to maintain good health is still ongoing too.



### Plea for help - can anyone sponsor some robots for us?

We have been working hard lately on our computing curriculum and have been collaborating with Woking High who are a national Computing Hub working with primary schools to improve their computing and STEM provision. During our INSET day on 16<sup>th</sup> March, all of the teachers are being trained on great ways to teach coding and we are excited about the impact it is going to have on the children's learning. We are thrilled to have managed to secure the funds to invest in 30 new laptops, which will be ready for the children to use in lessons after half term, but we would also love to be able to invest in some programmable robots recommended by the Hub to enhance the children's learning even further. I was wondering if anyone had contacts with a company I could approach to see if they would be interested in sponsoring them for us? In return, we can offer a mention on our website and in the newsletter. The cost of the equipment is approximately £1,000 and would buy a class "crumble" kit and a set of 6 programmable bee-bots. This is what we would love to buy for the children:

<https://www.primaryict.co.uk/pr4230/tts-rechargeable-bee-bot-class-bundle-6x-be-el00396>

<https://www.tts-group.co.uk/crumble-class-kit/1014499.html>

## Parents evening booking link

We will be holding virtual Parents' Evenings next half term. We will holding them on the following days:

Reception, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 and Y6 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Y3 – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Appointments are bookable through Schoolcloud again. Please use the link below for their website. The booking system opens this afternoon at 4pm. Booking system will close again at 4pm on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**<https://sthughoflincolnncps.schoolcloud.co.uk/>**

If you encounter any problems, please contact the school office via [info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk).

## News from the Friends - Smarties Challenge for Twosday!

Twosday is upon us! As you know, this year will be the 22.2.22, widely known as Twosday. To celebrate this rare occurrence, we are organising a Smarties challenge. On Monday the children will receive a tube of Smarties and we will be very grateful if they could fill it (with your help) with 20p coins (or any other denomination that will fit in!). We will be collecting them back on the 22.2.22. The class that raises the most money, both in KS1 and KS2, will earn a prize! Maybe you can encourage your children to do odd jobs in the house for a few coins over half-term?



### Calling all budding bakers in year 5 and 6

We have had a message from the Junior Bake Off television that they are looking for children to participate in the next series of the programme. Could the winner be from St Hugh's? If you have a passion for baking and would like to take part, here are the details!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless, Mrs Harper