



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



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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new half term - I hope you all had a wonderful break. It is lovely to see just how enthusiastically the children come into school in the morning and I can see how hard they are working and how much they are enjoying their learning.

Incredible Pop Art in Year 2

The first thing that stuck me this week was some brilliant artwork in the Year 2 classroom, where the children have been studying the pop artist Roy Lichtenstein. They worked in groups to create some incredible superhero-inspired, mixed media art, which look fantastic hanging in their classroom.



RE in Year 3

In RE, Year 3 have been learning about the Offering of the Gifts part of the Mass. In the pictures you can see members of the class showing different parts of the mass. They went on to learn about what is happening and why it is important to Catholics. They now know the meaning of the Chalice and Paten, what they contain, and how it changes during this part of the mass. With their First Holy Communion coming up, we really enjoyed learning about why this part of the mass is so important.



Playtime Matters - Developing Play at St Hugh.

At St Hugh, we want to really make play a valuable and enriching experience for all our children. High quality play can benefit children's language and social skills, but also promote positive mental well-being.

One way we have been encouraging high quality play is through providing our children with objects that will fuel their imagination and creativity.

This has been piloted by Mrs Trundle who has been adding weekly 'Curiosity Corner' objects to playtime and lunch. These objects were received with enthusiasm by the children and definitely encouraged creativity and more positive interactions.



We now would like to expand these opportunities for children.

Calling all Parents! How you can help?

We will be collecting objects for children's play, as we want to provide children with an imaginative element to explore each playtime. We need a variety of different objects so that each element is exciting for the children.

We need: steering wheels (made safe for children), old keyboards, guttering without sharp edges, heavy duty cardboard tubes/wheels, old suitcases, toy cash registers, dressing up clothes, pegs and nets for den building, old telephones and plastic tubing.

If you have anything that you feel could benefit imaginative play, please contact Mrs Pickard or Mrs Trundle who would love to speak to you. We want to make our playtimes something that the children talk to you about with enthusiasm and excitement.



RE in Year 2

Just before the holiday, Year 2 responded to the words of the Eucharistic prayer that we say at Mass. They used watercolour paints in their drawings to convey the meaning of the words.



In Science this week as part of our growing plants topic, year 2 have been learning to observe, describe and sort seeds into different groups. Afterwards they each chose one of the seeds and predicted how it might look as it grows.



Covid rules at schools

Surrey County Council sent this message to schools this morning and asked us to share it with parents and carers:

As you will be aware, the government has announced their plans for [Living with COVID-19](#), (all of the changes can be found on page 22 of the guidance) and the DfE has emailed schools and settings with an outline of these changes.

The key messages, which you may wish to share with your school/setting community, are:

- Pupils/Students and staff should attend if they are well
- Pupils/Students and staff should stay at home if they are unwell
- Have a PCR test if you have COVID-19 symptoms and stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you test positive for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance (tests will remain available until the end of March 2022)
- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Remind staff and families that they should wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces in the wider community, especially where coming into contact with people they do not usually meet and when rates of transmission are high
- Wash your hands and following advice to “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

God bless, Mrs Harper