

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



# **Newsletter 21st July 2023**

Dear parents and carers,

Congratulations and good luck to all our wonderful Year 6 children who leaving us today to begin the next exciting stage of their education. We are so very proud of them all – each one a shining star. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them well – our loss is SJB's gain!

I am sure all of the staff would like to join me in thanking you all your unwavering support this year, for the kind words you have said and written in the many cards and generous gifts that we have received. It has been an absolute privilege for me to serve as Head of School in this wonderful school with such a fantastic team of staff. But it is your children that make this school so great. We love teaching them and helping them grow into the wonderful young people they are. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on September 6<sup>th.</sup>

Have a wonderful summer everyone!
God Bless
Mrs Grace
Head of School





## Year 1

What an amazing year we have had!

You have worked incredibly hard all year, tried your hardest in every lesson and we feel incredibly proud of you. Good luck in Year 2! Remember to give us a wave as you pass the window in the morning. Have a wonderful summer.

Love from,

Miss Bye and Mrs Coe













# **Goodbye Year 6**























# **Clapping Out**





#### **Notices and announcements**

## An earlier start to the school day from September 2023

As part of the government's 'levelling Up Strategy' they are asking schools to increase the length of the school day. A white paper entitled 'Opportunity for all – strong schools with great teachers for your child,' states:

#### We will deliver a richer, longer average school week

58. We also want to address the discrepancy of teaching time in schools. It is unfair that a child who receives 20 minutes per day less of teaching time loses out on around 2 weeks of schooling a year.

59. We will therefore introduce a minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours (the current average) for all mainstream state-funded schools. We will expect all mainstream state-funded schools to work towards meeting this expectation as soon as possible and by September 2023 at the latest.

This link will give you further information about the strategy in general;

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_d ata/file/1063602/Opportunity\_for\_all\_strong\_schools\_with\_great\_teachers\_for\_your\_child\_print\_version\_.pdf

Therefore to comply with government expectations, from September our school day will start 5 minutes earlier at 8.45am and end at 3.15pm.

#### Equipment

Year 1 – Year 6. Please can you supply your child with a clear pencil case filled with: A glue stick, Handwriting pen x 2, pencil, sharpener, whiteboard pen, ruler and a selection of coloured pencils.



#### Uniform

In September the children will need to wear their winter uniform.

A few weeks ago we let you know that the PE kit would be changing from September. Please check the website for details. Please note no hoodies may be worn for PE.

Earrings may not be worn for health and safety reasons and attachments to book bags or messenger bags are not permitted. Many children have lost these attachments or had them broken this year which has caused much distress. They are not part of the school uniform.

## Keep your child reading over the summer holidays

Summer reading – six weeks to make a difference – please see the document that we are sending out alongside this week's newsletter for children who are learning phonics.

We are still able to provide your children with lots of fantastic books to read during the holiday through our online library. Please log on to The Hampshire School Library e platform Sora. Your children will be able to choose ebooks, audio books and magazines to borrow. To find out more about the service the library service have created a short information video. Log in details can be found in your child's reading diary.

https://sway.office.com/ellfnKE97A5KXoaf?ref=Link

With Sora, you can get free ebooks and audiobooks from your school.

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Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.

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In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.

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Setup code: hampshires/s

Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.



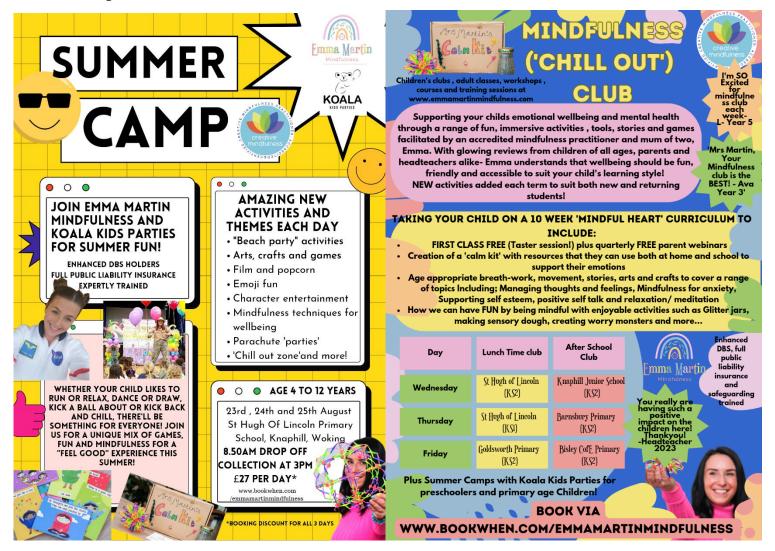
Close the book and go to your **Shelf** to see all your books (including assignments). From there, you can:

- Tap Open Book or Open Audiobook to read or listen to the book.
- Tap Options to renew or return the book, get to your notes and highlights, and more.

#### **Mindfulness Summer Camp**

Mrs Martin will be running a summer camp over the holidays.

Booking link is <u>www.bookwhen.com/emmamartinmindfulness</u>



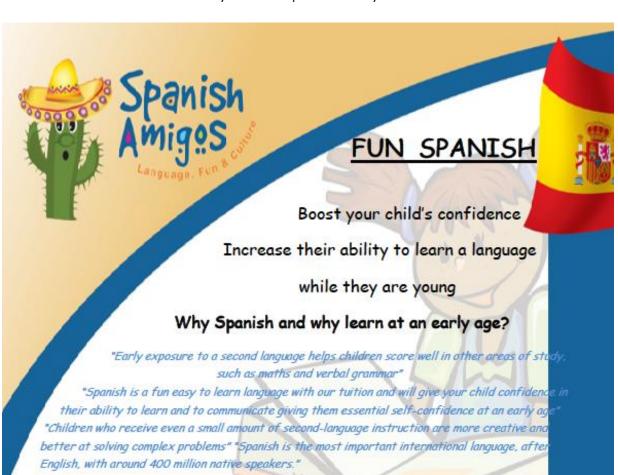
## **Planet Soccer - Summer Camp Booking link**

Planet Soccer are running a summer camp in the summer holidays on the 7th - 11th August.

https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps94#select=ev-sooj-20230807083000

## **Spanish Club**

We are delighted to announce that from September, we will be running a Spanish Club on Friday lunchtimes. It will be run by Spanish Amigos, who also work in other neighbouring schools. Please use the links below to book you child's place directly with them.



Autumn Term: Friday 8th Sept. Lunchtime (10 weeks)

#### Spanish Amigos programmes follow the National Curriculum guidelines

- Games, music, activity sheets, acting, competitions, visual aids, etc.
- Lots and lots of fun!
- Small groups with personal attention for all ages and all levels.

We are committed to teaching small groups and often demand exceeds group sizes so be sure to secure your child's place by booking early.

#### EXISTING return students

For the Autumn Term (10 weeks) – only £80

#### FIRST TIME students

For the Autumn Term (10 weeks) including membership pack Book and CD – only £96.99°

BOOK NOW @ https://spanishamigos.co.uk/book-a-class/

Parents: If you speak Spanish, French or mandarin and would like to train as a club teacher, please apply on the website <a href="https://www.spanishamigos.co.uk">www.spanishamigos.co.uk</a>

## **Celebrating other Cultures**

We would like to dedicate a section of our school library to the different languages which are spoken by our St Hugh community. If you have any picture books which are written in different languages, please could you donate them to our school library, so that the children can share the languages which they speak at home with their peers at school.



#### **Vacancies**



# Can you help our school

# We have a vacancy for a part-time Caretaker

We are looking for someone seeking a part time role - 20 hours per week - 7.30am to 11.30am with flexibility during school holidays.

No specific experience required as training will be provided, but a willingness to contribute to all areas of busy school life is a must. The role would equally suit someone looking for a part time role in a step towards retirement or someone looking to gain experience of premises management.

#### Key accountabilities:

- Oversee schedules and routine maintenance liaising with contractors and suppliers as necessary.
- Undertake regular health and safety checks of buildings, grounds, fixtures and fittings in accordance with schedules and keep records of checks.
- Undertake regular maintenance of the grounds and building surrounds, including removal of leaves and debris. During icy conditions treated accordingly to ensure the safety of staff and pupils.
- Provide a portering and furniture moving service to ensure supplies are in place and school activities can proceed.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced check via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

We would love to hear from anyone who is interested – please give us a call on 01483 480441 or email us on <a href="mailto:info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk">info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk</a> for an application form.

# **Dates for your Diary**

# **September**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September INSET Days

6<sup>th</sup> September Children return to school

12th September – 'Meet the Teacher' in your child's classroom

22<sup>nd</sup> Commissioning service – 9am parents of those children being commissioned into roles of responsibility are welcome to attend.

13<sup>th</sup> October Year 6 Class Mass in school hall – 9am Year 6 parents welcome

3<sup>rd</sup> November Year 5 Class Mass in school hall – 9am Year 5 parents welcome

