



## **Newsletter**

### **11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Dear parents and carers,

In this week's Gospel shared at Monday's Collective Worship we learnt from St Luke that Some Sadducees, who were opposed to Jesus and his teachings, tried to trap him with a theological brain-teaser. Jesus, as ever, responds with grace, wisdom and righteousness. Anyone listening in on this exchange about the fate of those who had died will hopefully have been encouraged by Jesus' response. He tells the Sadducees that, for God, anyone who lives a worthy life will live forever, even if they die.

On Friday 11th November, I accompanied six members of Year 6 to the War Memorial in Knaphill for the Act of Remembrance and I was struck by how exceptional these children were as representatives of our school. They displayed all the values that we hold dear as they respectfully read their prayers of peace in front of the assembled crowd conducting themselves with the utmost dignity throughout the service. Many members of the local community came up to talk to the children to congratulate them on their wonderful reading and commented to me on their excellent behaviour. Thank you children, it was an absolute pleasure to be with you as we all remembered those from our community and throughout the world whose worthy lives have been so sadly cut short.

Back in school, we held a Remembrance Assembly to pay tribute to our fallen soldiers. Mr Davies spoke about the Royal British Legion and their continuing work as a charity to help people who have been affected by war, both past and present. As part of the remembrance, the poem Flanders Field by John Mcrae was read to the children to help them understand the significance the poppy plays as a well-established symbol. During the assembly, we held a two-minute silence to pay respect and remember those soldiers who gave their lives for ours. A huge well done all classes for the respect they demonstrated whilst marking this significant occasion, and thank you to those that have contributed through donations over the past weeks to this worthwhile cause.

Throughout the week in school, the excitement and joy of learning continued. Perform drama visited us and once again the Eco Council have been showing dedication to their cause by helping us to prepare for Switch Off Fortnight.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend  
Mrs Grace  
Head of School







## Perform Drama

The children in Reception class and KS1 enjoyed a fun drama lesson from Perform Drama this week. They were able to use their imaginations to freeze-frame many parts of the stories about Castles, Kings and Dragons.





## Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been developing our art techniques by using colour, line, shape and space, to create an under the sea picture. We studied two pieces of artwork and listened to a piece of music from Claude Debussy called 'La Mer'. The children worked collaboratively on one large piece of art and used a variety of different mediums to make different types of marks. We have also been developing our computing skills by identifying the main parts of a desktop and laptop. Everyone was able to apply their knowledge of dragging and dropping to complete a mouse-based task.



## Year 2

This week the children in Year 2 have been learning about Judaism in their R.E. lessons. They enjoyed learning about how Shabbat is celebrated and why it is celebrated by the Jewish people. They also learned about the preparations that need to be made before the special Shabbat meal.





### Year 3

In Art we have enjoyed learning to see like an artist. We have learnt to use shape and tone to create our work. This week we put our skills to the test and created an abstract piece based on a flower, inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keefe's work. We worked hard to sketch the different shapes we could see and used water colours to add tone.





## Year 5

Year 5 children enjoyed completing some remembrance work for their RE journal.



## The Eco Council

Some of the eco team have been working hard this week as they completed an energy survey prior to the Switch Off Fortnight campaign which is due to be launched from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The campaign will aim to help children and staff remember to switch off any electrical items when they are not being used across the school in order to save energy. The survey will be completed again towards the end of the campaign in order to measure its effectiveness. The year 4 and 6 representatives who undertook the survey graphed the information from the first survey and presented this in the Friday morning assembly to the whole school to create an awareness and to inform children what they need to remember in order to reduce energy wastage. We are proud of their achievements so far and wish the whole team every success in their first campaign.





## Happy Playtime on the gym and den building!





## **Friday 18th November - Individual school photographs**

The school photographer will be coming into school on Friday 18th November to take individual photographs of the children. In addition, we will also ask for photographs of siblings who are already at school to be photographed together. In the pre-covid era, I think the school used to try and offer to take photographs of sibling groups including children who are not yet at school. I'm not sure as yet whether we will be able to do this, but if you are interested in including a younger sibling in a photograph, would you be able to email the office to let them know so that I have an idea of what the demand is before I talk to the photographer. If you could do this by Tuesday 15th November it would be really helpful. Many thanks.

## **Class Masses**

We are delighted to announce that Class Masses will begin again in the Spring Term. They will be celebrated by either Fr Rob or Fr Nick and parents of the children in the class are invited to attend. Here are the dates:

Y6 Mass Thurs 26th Jan @9.00am in hall

Y5 Mass Thurs 9th Feb @9.00am in hall

Y4 Mass Thurs 9th Mar @9.00am in hall

Y3 Mass Thurs 23rd Mar @9.00am in hall

Y2 Liturgy Thurs 27th Apr @9.00am in the hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

## **Father Rob's Induction Mass**

Father Rob will be having an Induction Mass at St Hugh of Lincoln Parish Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. It would be lovely to see you there, if you can make it.

## **Parents' Forum Meeting**

Class reps are warmly invited to come and meet with Mrs Grace for coffee at 9am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any questions that you would like to ask at the meeting, we ask that you send these into [info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) beforehand.

## **Term Time Absences**

From 1 September 2013, a change to government legislation meant that schools are no longer allowed to authorise requests for children to be taken out of school during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. These circumstances will be determined by the child's head teacher, including the number of school days a child can be away from school, if leave is authorised.

Regulations ask that parents allow enough time for the head teacher to consider requests before leave is taken. If the head teacher refuses permission, each parent may be issued with a penalty notice, or prosecuted. Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council's Code of Conduct. The Penalty Notice is £60 per child per parent/carer, if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in parents being served a summons to appear at the Magistrates Court.

For further guidance:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/at-school/attendance-and-absence#parents>

In exceptional circumstances, please complete this form for a request for leave of absence to be considered.

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/site/data/files/files/forms/FAA6E3E1E4E6B343F98146A3F2D74904.pdf>



## Covid Update

We are now treating Covid like any other illness and it will accrue unauthorised absence, if your child is well enough to attend school. There is no requirement to test children however, should a test be done and the result is positive, providing your child is well enough, they should still attend school.

## Friends Christmas Jumper Recycling

The Friends of St Hugh are collecting old Christmas jumpers that they would like to recycle and sell at the Christmas Fayre. Please donate your old and unwanted Christmas jumpers for a good cause by handing in to the school office.



## Online Library Service

We have a new online service library service available to children with Hampshire School Library Service. They can log in from any device (computer, phone, tablet) and enjoy an exciting integrated collection of premium Ebooks, audiobooks, comics, and magazines. This is separate to the reading books they bring home from school. It is intended to encourage a love of books and reading for pleasure. The children will all be issued with an individual password to log in with.

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

1

Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to [soraapp.com](https://soraapp.com).

2

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

3

Setup code: hampshiresls

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

4

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.

## Surrey West Families Magazine

Please see below for a link to the November/December Families Magazine – the issue is all about Christmas with listings of where to see Santa, Christmas Workshops and activities, days out, Christmas light switch ons, pantos and lots more.

Magazine Link: <https://bit.ly/FamiliesMagNovDec22Digital>

## Dates for your diary

Reception Learn and Share sessions: please arrive at 2.45 via the main entrance (by the office) where you can collect your child from their YR classroom to share their learning with you in the school hall. The session will finish by 3.15.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – School Disco run by The Friends of St Hugh – 3-5pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Please bring in any donations of wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Christmas tags, Christmas cracker donations for the Christmas Bazaar you can still bring in bottles as well, if you have any.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – The Friends' of St Hugh AGM 6.15 drinks/nibbles 6.45 Meeting begins

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Father Rob's Induction Mass 7.30pm at St Hugh's Parish Church

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Feast of St Hugh

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – School Photographer

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccination

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – School Closure

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December YR/KS1 Nativity performance 1 – 2.15pm parents from YR and half of Y1 to watch – booking details will follow.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December YR/KS1 Nativity performance 2 – 2.15pm parents from Y2 and other half of Y1 to watch - booking details will follow.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Advent Reflections – 9.30am at SJB. Booking details to follow.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and class parties

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Mass for Y6 and their parents at St Hugh's Parish Church

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – End of Autumn Term

## Safeguarding contact reminder

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace or Mrs Pickard or [dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as possible the same day.

