



Newsletter **20th January 2023**

Dear parent and carers,

John the Baptist is a bold and vocal witness who we hear in this week's Gospel declares that Jesus is the Chosen One of God! Not all of us feel confident enough to speak in such assured tones about our faith; there are however, other ways we can bear witness to the truth of Jesus Christ. Our actions in life often speak louder than words and when we act in a way that enables Gospel values to be lived out, we too are witnessing to our faith.

This week we have been talking about British Values and the children are very familiar with what they are. We understand the importance of upholding the values: Democracy, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty and The Rule of Law and we are all trying to live them every day at school.

This week we have launched new Curriculum letters which we will publish every term to show you what your children are learning in each year group each term. Please follow this link to find out more:

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=38>

Enjoy the newsletter and have a wonderful weekend everyone!

God Bless

Mrs Grace



Reception Class

This week Reception have been reading *The Little Red Hen* and have been exploring farming, in particular, have focused on how the process of growing wheat, harvesting crops and turning the wheat into flour has changed over time compared to the huge machinery and milling factories that are used today. They have learnt about how wind and water mills were used in the past to grind the grains to make flour. They used mortar and pestles to grind grains to make flour - it was hard work but the children persevered so well! They also made their own dough using flour, yeast and water and made a delicious loaf of bread! We hope the children enjoyed tasting their sample at home! On Wednesday, Reception were lucky enough to visit Pizza Express in Woking to make their own pizzas! The children were beautifully behaved and were so proud of the delicious pizzas that they made! Thank you so much to the team of wonderful parents and grandparents who transported the children and supported them during their visit!



Year 1 Geography

During our first Geography lesson of the term, we began our new topic 'People and their communities'. This week, we were discussing which country of the UK we live in, we discussed that our closest town is Woking and we can describe the main characteristics of Woking. We even spotted the Union Jack flag in the atlas!



Year 2

Year 2 children have been continuing their Science investigating this week. They have been identifying common features of materials and predicting which material will be the most and least stretchy. We had a great discussion about which materials would be the most stretchy and why they needed to be stretchy.



Year 3

This week in Latin Year 3 played a game Euge! To recap nouns and adjectives agreeing. It was a bit like pairs or snap.

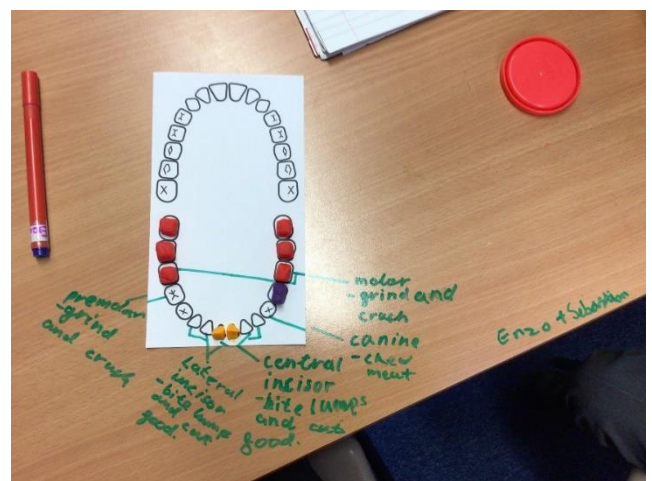
In History we are using sources to find out about the Bronze Age. We worked in groups to see what we could find out about the Amesbury Archer from his grave. Our discoveries helped us build up a picture of what life in the Bronze Age was like.





Year 4

The year 4 children have been learning about the different types of teeth and their functions within their science lesson this week. They used different colour playdough to physically make each type of tooth and labelled it with its name and what it is used for when we eat. The children then looked at comparisons with their teeth and other animals and learnt about how teeth were adapted to the type of diet a creature would typically eat. Many of the children commented on how fun this task was and how making the replica teeth helped them learn the names and function easily. As we continue, we look at how to keep our teeth healthy before looking in more detail at other parts of the digestive system within the unit Human Nutrition.



Year 6

This week in English we have been focusing on drama. We started off the week by looking deeply at the characters and interviewing them in the hot seat. We then analysed the text and thought about the thoughts, feelings, and the tone of voice that characters might be using. On Tuesday, we did some amazing acting in groups to look at the features of a play script. Finally, on Wednesday and Thursday we have been writing our own play script for an extract in our book, *Private Peaceful*.







All schools aspire to safeguard their students. They take seriously how students treat themselves and each other both online and offline. Sharon Girling OBE visits schools to present and offer advice to the staff, students and parents on how the online activities of young people not only affects them today but will impact their future.

Presentation outline

Young people are using the internet on a daily basis. They change where they go online and the games they play and use regularly. It is therefore vitally important that parents are equipped with the knowledge and understanding they need to keep their children safe across these wide range of online environments and situations. In some instances, a young person's online presence will define their offline lives. The choices about the information they share and how they behave online has consequences for their safety, their education, their wellbeing and other life experiences. The sessions delivered to parents will help prepare their children for a safer life online.

The information provided during the parents evening will enable parents continue the learning at home.

Presentation

The information provided during the parents evening will link to the presentation given to their child and will enable parents to continue the learning at home. It will include all or some of the following:

- Online facts identifying young people's vulnerabilities;
- An understanding of what young people do online and the aspects of the activity they enjoy;
- What to look out for as young people engage in online gaming both from a user and parent perspective;
- Explanation of current games and some tips for parents
- An understanding of the basic rules of social networking and how to use it safely;
- An explanation of Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, Twitter; WhatsApp, and other current applications used by our young people;
- How to set up your devices with step-by-step guides;
- Useful resources, solutions and top tips.

The presentation is for a period of 60-75 minutes.

Presenter

Sharon Girling OBE is a former police officer who retired following thirty years' service. She was at the forefront of a national and international response to online child abuse and developed the processes and procedures that led to the creation of Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. Her final role was as an investigator at the CEOP. Sharon is currently delivering training programmes for schools, Premier League Football Clubs, The Scouts Association, law enforcement, charities and businesses both nationally and internationally.

Sharon has been awarded an OBE by Her Majesty The Queen for her services to policing the internet



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A parent mail message has been sent out with details of the workshops that the children and parents will receive. Please book on Scopay.

Strike Action

As Wednesday 1st February is an INSET Day for us, proposed strike action on this day will have no impact on children or parents.

INSET Day – 1st February Planet Soccer Camp

Our friends at Planet Soccer are offering a sports camp day on our INSET day. Please see the link below for the 1st February date.



<https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps#focus=ev-sbqi-20230201083000>

SEND Coffee Morning

Does your child have a Special Educational Need? Do you feel you would like to talk to other parents who are in a similar situation?

Our SENCO, Mrs Pickard, will be hosting a Special Educational Needs coffee afternoon on Thursday 26th January at 2.30pm.

Come and join us for a chat and to meet with other parents in the same situation. Find out what support is available in school and where to look for help.

Everyone welcome.

Year 4 Bake Sale

On Thursday 26th January at 3.15 some of our Y4 children will be running a Bake Sale after school. The girls involved are collecting money for the RSPCA which is a very worthy cause and they will also be hoping to obtain a Brownie Badge for their efforts. Please come to the stall and support this fantastic venture.



For Home Learning Phonics/Early Reading Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films

Please see below the links for each phonics group to complete at home. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch the film with your child at least three times a week. Please find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet. Please praise your child as he/she joins in with the lesson.

Reception- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sLxCL96X/Z25maoUK> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GnTxyWBy/OyuzmDPb>

Reception Mrs Iles' Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kk3hRuQu/8RpexXyo>

Purple Group-<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UsekR0r4/Obc4cHq8>

Pink Group-<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9W6yTumZ/yn2TDG39>

Orange Group-<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hcTMVtgq/mfQYmtVT>

Yellow

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PfV0kBmf/U0FhTBxZ> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SgVCNdC2/eqtd4ujn>

Blue

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/FCXiin0c/msDvn955> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BDVsDHyz/OS19oj7p>

Dates for your Diary

January

26th January Thursday – Y6 Class Mass 9am / SEND Coffee Morning at 2.30pm / Charity Bake Sale 3.15

31st January Tuesday – Internet Safety Workshops – included is a talk for parents in the school hall

February

1st February Wednesday – INSET Day

9th February Thursday – Y5 Class Mass 9am

10th February Friday – Break up for Half term – normal time 3.15pm

March

9th March Thursday - Y4 Class Mass 9.00am

23rd March Thursday – Y3 Class Mass 9.00am

21st and 23rd March - Parent Consultation Meetings – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

Friday 31st March – End of Spring Term – early finish 1.00pm

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 10th February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

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 hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

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 as soon as possible the same day.

