



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



Newsletter 6th October 2022

The newsletter is being published today because tomorrow is an INSET day and the school will be closed.

Dear parents and carers,

How wonderful it was on Monday to have our friends Jenny and Suky from Cafod here to celebrate collective worship with the whole school. They reminded us of the importance to share our rich harvest with those who don't have food to eat or clean water to drink in other countries. They also presented us with a wonderful certificate showing how much money the children raised last year through all their fundraising efforts in support of CAFOD – a whopping £613.55 - well done to everyone!

Thank you for our extremely generous food donations all of which will go to helping others in need, within our own community. The table in the hall was literally groaning under the weight of it all – we are very lucky to have such a kind and supportive parent body.

My thanks also go to Mrs Anne Rushton, from the parish team, who so selflessly gave her time to collect and deliver the items to Woking Food Bank straight after the service. It was great for the children to see the immediate impact of their generosity.





We heard the apostles in this week's Gospel asking Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus lets them know that it's not the size of their faith that's important but the quality of it. Raising children in faith is the best thing we can do to support them to become the best versions of themselves, the people that God intends them to be. Everything we do in our school contributes to building faith and dispersing fear in children, so that they can go out into the world confidently to achieve great things. As you will see, many great things have been achieved this week – well done to all our fabulous children.

Have a wonderful longer weekend everyone and, as always, thank you for all your amazing support.

Mrs Grace
Head of School

Reception

Reception have been practising how to cross the road safely. They have remembered that they need to use crossings where they can and that they should always:

Stop! Look both ways, listen and think before walking across the road. We all agreed that we also feel safest crossing the road when we're holding a grown-ups hand. Please keep practising road safety when you are out and about and talk to your children about what you are doing to ensure that you are crossing roads safely.



Reminds me of a famous album cover?

Year 1

This week, in Design and Technology, we decorated and constructed our windmill structures. Our aim was to make sure all our structures were strong and stable, so next week we will be able to add our turbines. As a class we have been working hard to remember our key vocabulary for this topic.



Year 1 have also been learning how to use and understand a map of a familiar area. We used a map of our playground and navigating cards to create an Alphabet Town.



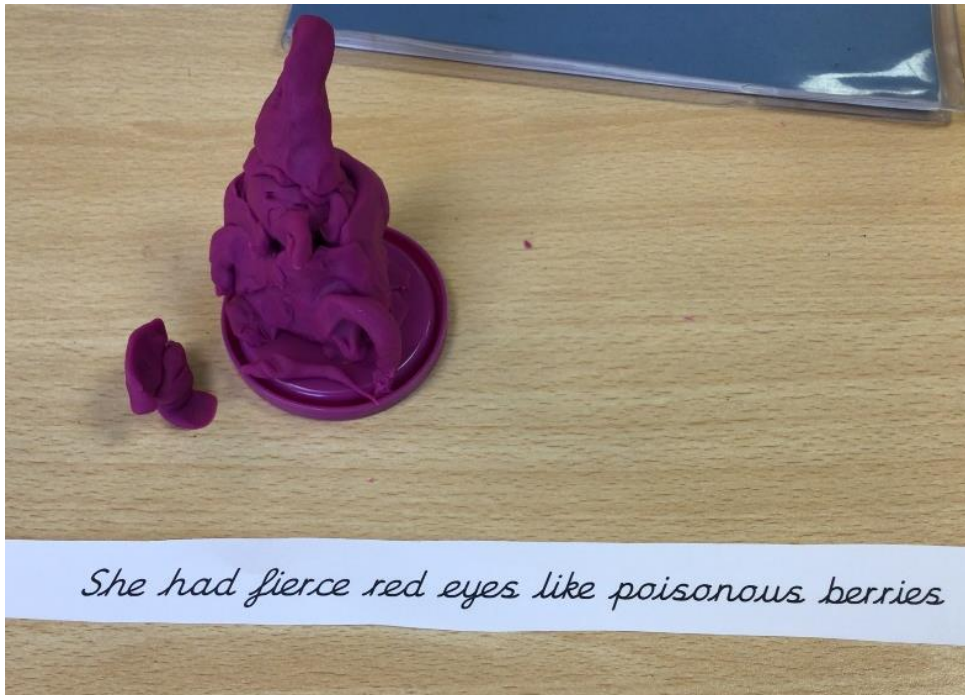
Year 2



The children in Year 2 had great fun learning about the properties of different materials in their Science lesson this week. They were able to explore slime (corn flour and water) in their hands by rolling and pushing it, and they had lots of questions to ask each other about its 'magical' properties. They learnt how the slime behaves like a liquid when it is stirred slowly but a solid if it is stirred quickly. Their new science word of the week was Non-Newtonian.

Year 3

In English we spent time visualising what the old woman in Lost Happy Endings might look like. We looked at the information the author had given us about her and used these descriptions to create a model of her. We will be writing our own character descriptions using expanded noun phrases later in the week.



Year 4 Trip to Haslemere Museum

As a class we visited Haslemere museum to learn about the ancient Egyptian civilisation. During the visit we had fun exploring artefacts and learnt many things about Egyptian rituals relating to the gods worshipped during that period. We completed a practical activity that helped us understand each step of the embalming process, which culminated in us embalming our own soft toys!

The embalming process



Year 4 Art



The year 4 children have had fun within their learning this week as they begin their final compositions within their art unit 'Power Prints'. The unit of work has taken inspiration from many famous artists which include Henri Matisse, Georges Seurat and Edward Ruscha. These artists' work has linked with the different type of media the children have been practising and learning about in the weeks up to creating their final compositions. They have made a wonderful start, and we look forward to the children combining collaging, printing and sketching to produce an excellent piece of artwork for the end of the term.

Year 5

This term in DT, we have been creating Doodlers! These creations made different patterns when turned on and each Doodler created a slightly different design. The doodler worked by connecting a circuit with a buzzer that helped move the cup and the pens around. Year 5 were amazing at working in pairs to create them: there was a lot of problem solving and working with each other to adapt their designs to make them better.



Open mornings for parents joining reception class in September 2023

We are holding tours of the school every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am for parents interested in applying for a space in reception class in September 2023. Please spread the word to any friends or families who you know who might be interested. Anything you can do to spread the word about our wonderful school would be greatly appreciated!

Request for resources for YR

We are still on the look-out for children's story books to put in our new reading cupboard. The specific topics that we are requiring books for are; Art, Construction books (diggers tractors, building etc.), Sand and water related stories, Maths/counting books, Children's recipe books, Music, Our World

Reception would be extremely grateful of any donations of the following clothing items if they have been outgrown by your child/children:

- grey tights 4-6 years
- school skirts/dresses 4-6 years
- grey and white socks boys+girls
- girls knickers 4-6 years
- grey jogging bottoms 4-6 years
- PE shorts 4-6 years
- white/red polo t-shirts 4-6 years
- black plimsolls

Please drop off at the office or pass on to a member of the Reception Team.

Dogs

We all love dogs at St Hugh's and we are always delighted to see them but please refrain from taking them onto the school playground as this is the children's play area. Thank you.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey, it is great to get your feedback to help make our school even better. Please see below some lovely comments we received:

- Committed happy and effective teaching staff.
- Family ethos.
- Love care and kindness to the children, they feel really safe and happy coming to school.
- Sense of community and shared values.
- Willingness to support each and every child and parent.
- Child's happiness.
- Overall we are very satisfied with the school and the experience my child is having.

Dates for your diary

INSET Day Friday 7th October

Upcoming Sporting Fixtures – parents of children who are attending have been informed.

Monday 10th October: Event: Year 4 High 5 netball tournament

Venue: St Andrews School

Friday 14th October: Event: Year 5/6 Wasps Football Tournament

Venue: Woking College

Parents' opportunity to look at your child's books in the hall.

Monday 10 th Oct 2.45	Y1 and Y6
Tuesday 11 th Oct 2.45	Y2
Wednesday 12 th Oct 2.45	Y3
Thursday 13 th Oct 2.45	Y4
Friday 14 th Oct 2.45	Y5

Parents' Evenings – 18th and 20th October on School Cloud– booking links have been sent out by Parent Mail.

End of Half term – 21st October. School pick up is at the normal time of 3.15pm. Return to School is on Monday 31st October

Reception Learn and Share sessions:

Reception parents and carers are invited into school for your children to share their learning with you on the dates below. If you are able to attend, 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 finished by 3.15.

Friday 18th November 2022

Friday 10th February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Monday 14th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 17th November – Feast of St Hugh

Friday 18th November – School Photographer

Friday 25th November – Flu Vaccination

Monday 28th November – School Closure

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

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

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

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Lunch and class parties

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Mass with Y6 at Church

Wednesday 21st 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 as soon as possible the same day.

