



# St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Dates for the diary

### Month

**19<sup>th</sup> February** – Return to school

**23<sup>rd</sup> February** – School Council Cake Sale - fundraiser for the garden project

**1<sup>st</sup> March** – Y1 Class Liturgy 9.00am

**W/C 4<sup>th</sup> March** Parent Book looks:

**Mon 4/3** 2.45pm Y5 in hall Y6 in wraparound room

**Tues 5/3** 2.45pm Y3 in hall

**Wed 6/3** 2.45pm Y1 in hall

**Thurs 7/3** 2.45pm Y2 in hall

**Friday 8/3** 2.45pm Y4 in hall

**7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**14<sup>th</sup> March** – Choral Day for year 4 with other schools at St Dunstan's Church and concert in the church for parents 3.45pm-4.15pm approx.

**19<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evenings on School Cloud 3.30pm – 6.15pm

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Parents evening on School Cloud 3.30pm - 6.15pm

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Break up for Easter

## Mrs Grace

Dear parents and carers,  
Mark 1:29-39

In Mark's Gospel this week, we learned that Jesus was, amongst other things, a teacher and His teachings, sometimes exemplified with miracles, attracted thousands of people during the relatively short years of His ministry. Many of those who were fortunate enough to be in His presence during this time, were genuinely transformed by the experience.

I sometimes think that the staff at St Hugh's are miracle workers. Their expertise, creativity and warmth make our school a truly exceptional place to be in. The standard of the work the children produce in every classroom is testament to this.

I have been delighted to hear our children telling me this week how much they have enjoyed their writing lessons and the enormous pride they have taken in redrafting their work into their new publishing books has been outstanding.

It was really uplifting to watch the well-being champions leading Collective Worship for Children's Mental health Week, on Monday, with tips on how to use breathing and calming strategies effectively. Thank you to them and Mrs Pickard and well done to all the children who entered the drawing competition showing what they are most proud of. Thank you for your ongoing support for all we do at St Hugh's. Enjoy this week's newsletter and have a restful half term break. God bless.

Mrs Grace

Judging in  
process -  
The  
Well-being  
Champions



## News at St Hughs

I'm so pleased to let you know that our School Council and the wonderful Mr Scalzo are making great progress on getting us all into gardening! This was something the children asked for when we did the cultural capital survey some time ago. Mr Scalzo has drawn up the plan so that each class can have a raised bed each and during half term he will build them with some help from Gary our gardener.

The 'allotment!!!' will be situated by the 'Friends' container by the KS2 playground and in a few weeks' time, we hope to put a trellis fence in front of it to protect plants.

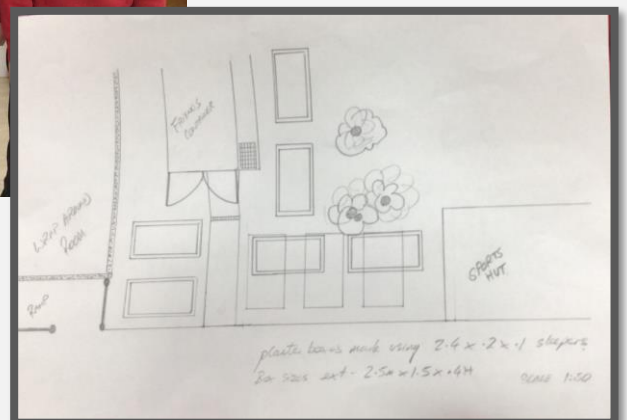
Mr Scalzo is also suggesting that he will get some nets to cover the growing plants and name plaques for each year group's bed. Our wonderful governors are helping with funding but we also need to raise some more money for this project so the School Council have decided to hold a cake sale on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please can you help them by baking some cakes to sell. Another way to help is by donating to our Governor Fund – your money comes straight back to the children!

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24548#!/DonationDetails>

Also, if the children would like a little half term project - could they research what would be good to plant in March? Well done School Council and Mr Scalzo



QR Code to donate to  
the Governor Fund



## News at St Hughs

### Happy Chinese New Year

Thank you so much to Ms Lee and Mrs Chan for helping us to celebrate Chinese New Year. We learned so much about how it is celebrated and really loved the traditional dress and decorations.

Thank you so much for all your hard work and giving up your time to talk to us. We really enjoyed it.



The children learned about the Chinese Dragon Parade during the Chinese New Year assembly today and many were keen to see one. Woking town centre will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Saturday 17th February cumulating with a traditional parade.

17th Feb 2024 Saturday

IN WOKING

## Chinese New Year

歡慶2024年春節 | 2月17日星期六

Stalls in  
Mercia Walk  
小商品和書法攤位

from 10am - 4pm  
上午10時 - 下午4時

Festive Parades  
& performances  
in Jubilee Square  
遊行及文化演出  
including lion dance, martial  
arts, Chinese songs, and  
Chinese dance show  
包括舞獅、武術、唱歌和中國舞表演  
First show: 12pm - 1:25pm  
第一場 中午12時 - 下午1時25分  
Second show: 2pm - 3:15pm  
第二場 下午2時 - 下午3時15分

Talk on Chinese  
Traditional  
Festivals  
了解中國傳統節日  
at Woking Library  
和景圖書館  
from 3:15pm - 3:45pm  
下午3時15分 - 下午3時45分



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF DRAGON  
和我們一起慶祝龍年

organised by The Woking Chinese Community Association and Woking Chinese Chamber of Commerce



## News at St Hughs

### Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week theme this year is **'My Voice Matters'**.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

The wellbeing leads have led a number of initiatives this week to get the children thinking about their health and well-being.

Well done to all the children who entered the poster competition. We had so many amazing entries.



Our KS2 winners



Our KS1 winners

## World Book Day

With just over a month to go until World Book Day we wanted to share this year's creative competition with you all. We would love the children to turn a hat into their favourite book, author or character. Prizes will be awarded for the most exciting creations. There will be a prize per class and one for the overall whole school winner. Please support the children to make their own creation at home. The children's creations can be brought into school on Thursday 7th March.

### Book Sale

There will be an Usborne Book Sale from 3:15- 4:30pm in the school hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The children will be able to use their £1 World Book Day Book Tokens.




WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
7 MARCH 2024

*Can you turn a hat into  
your favourite book,  
author or character for  
World Book Day 2024?*



*On Thursday 7th March we will have a hat  
parade on the playground.*



# Reception – Saint Bernadette

Following on from the Reception's learning about healthy eating last week, this week they have been inspired by the Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. The children selected fruits and vegetables to create portraits. We were blown away by their creativity and their fruit and vegetable characters really make us all smile! It was also a wonderful opportunity to continue our discussions about how we can try to get a minimum of 5 fruit and vegetables into our diet each day and it gave us some ideas for how we can try to 'eat a rainbow!'



**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

Blending Books Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/d55KBE91/ipVYnTR3>

Ditty Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/D3VPzriW/5dCwcUPr>

Red Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7NnUZdSH/3JosrVKS>





# Year 1 - Saint George

Throughout this term, we have been comparing materials. This week, we were investigating the properties of 4 different slimes. The children raised questions about the properties of slime and answered these questions by carrying out a comparative test. What fantastic scientific skills and knowledge we have learnt.

We also finished embellishing our puppets too! We have all evaluated our puppets against our original design. We are all feeling very proud. Well done Year 1.



## Read Write Inc. Phonics

### Phonics:

Pink Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CtzPimb5/fvyB7hp4>

Yellow Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/EBQXCYMB/mvoGK5BL>

Blue Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lwXdpXkq/PsyQ9JY1>



# Year 2 – Saint Francis

We have learned lots in our last week of half term! In English we wrote our alternative ending of the story we have been reading these weeks “The fox and the star”. In maths we explored repeated addition when adding equal groups of objects and we will see how we can represent it in a multiplication sum after half term. In Science we describe the forces implied in everyday activities and in Geography we used the iPads to research about the food we grow in the UK and the food we import from abroad. In RE we have written our Lenten promises (pray, fast or give). We finished our collages in our art lesson and we are very proud and inspired by them!



**Read Write Inc.**  
Spelling

Mrs Avery's group:

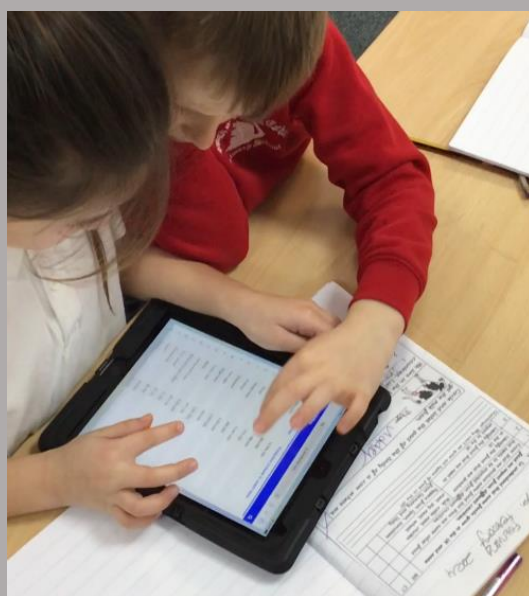
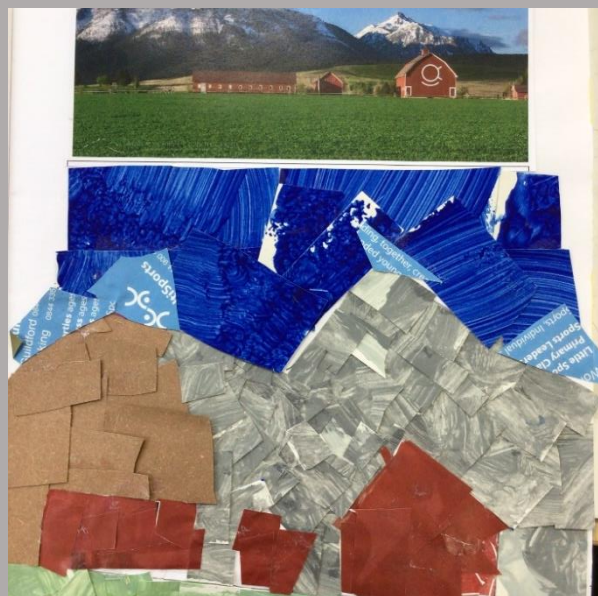
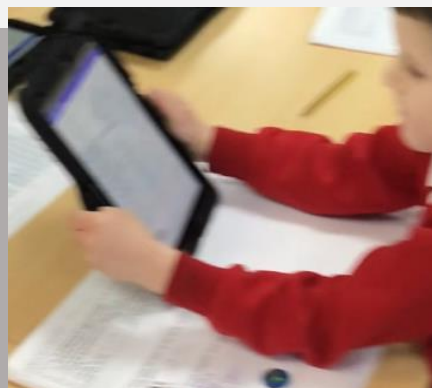
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**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

**This week's spelling rule:** The j sound can be spelt with the letters ge at the end of words. For example: charge, large.

**The j sound is spelt with the letters dge at the end of a word after the a, e, i, o, u or oo sounds.** For example: badge, fudge.

**Orange/red words:** two, does, we, child, any, walk.



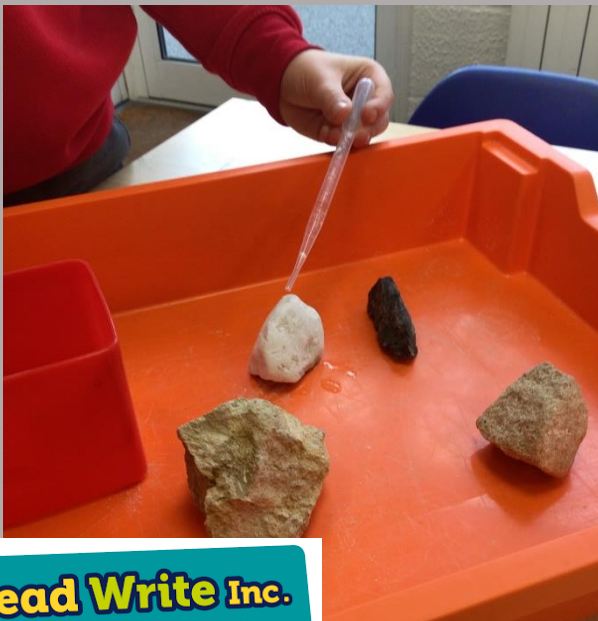


# Year 3 – Saint Veronica

This week in year 3, we have been focusing on our scientific enquiry skills.

We have used the knowledge learned throughout this term's topic 'rocks and soils' to plan and carry out our own experiments to test the permeability of rocks.

We had great fun using our pipettes to make water droplets, made careful observations, recorded our results and drew conclusions from what we noticed.



**Read Write Inc.**  
Spelling

Our spelling rule this week is adding **im-** to root words beginning with **m** or **p**: If a root word begins with the letter **m** or **p**, the prefix **i-n-**, **in-**, changes to **i-m-**, **im-**.  
e.g. immortal, impossible, immobile,

Our orange words after half term are: **class, climb, clothes, different, disappear, early**

Muscles was as close as a cat.  
Early on February 20th.  
Dear Dad,  
Sally & I didn't ask permission to go on the bike, obviously, but I don't want to say that I am really  
and say.  
My Mom was busy and worried, but I managed to reach the valley. Happily, I was content and knew that girls are  
not. Their race was amazing: we saw a buckskin jumping, but  
it was worth. Surprisingly, it felt like when reality turned and  
made me comfortable on the path. If I didn't come here, I  
would know nothing. If I didn't go here, I wouldn't be the  
first one to think I could come here. They're gone. Then,  
when I can travel here to see them.  
November, I knocked their privacy, having just that year as  
long as a rindup. Completely. Their place was as loud as  
a lightning bolt that comes high on the Sun, blue, sky.  
Finally, it was riding on a bike and that was my hope  
and it was here. Finally, I saw a beautiful old  
woman, that was called Lady Kaitia and kept me. She lived  
on a high, elegant place and was very kind. She told  
me to take care of the girls and bring them to a safe  
place.  
November, I felt scared because I never had this experience  
and I think that you do be worried but I had no choice.  
The girls are special. They will be human. So, so I  
thought to go to save the girls and make them have a



# Year 5 – Saint Raphael

The children absolutely love their music lessons! I absolutely enjoyed listening to them yesterday. They are so engaged and so immersed in the lessons. Please make sure you do ask them about it.

Well done for having an amazing half-term Year 5! I hope you have a restful break this half-term!



**Our spelling rule this week is: words ending in *shus* spelt *tious***

**Our 6 orange words are:** immediate, signature, hindrance, interrupt, marvellous, apparent



# Year 6 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe

This week, the year 6 children have been creating their own campaigns as their big finish to this terms Geography topic, 'Protecting the Environment'

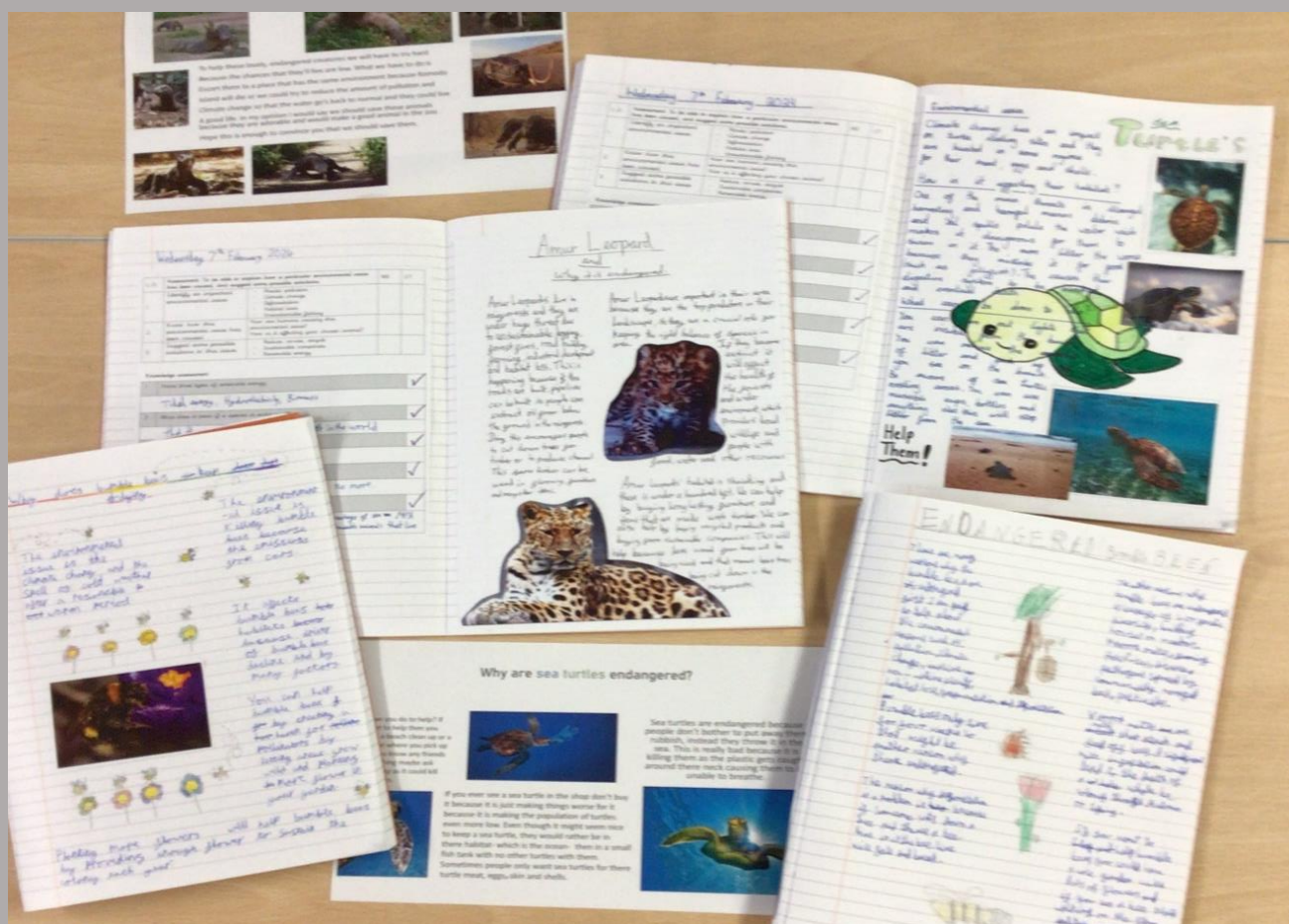
They used all of the knowledge they have learned over the topic to research an endangered animal, explain the environmental issues which are causing its decline, and say how its habitat was being affected by humans. They also put forward some wonderful suggestions for possible solutions to their chosen environmental issue, and how people can help to reduce their impact. The children chose how they presented their campaign, and we have seen some incredible posters, leaflets and presentations!



**Read Write Inc.**  
**Spelling**

Our spelling rule this week is: Other ways of making the tion sound.

Our 6 orange words are: develop, neighbour, community, embarrass, sacrifice, recognise







## Information Board

## Job Vacancy

### **Job Vacancy – Learning Support Assistant – 11.5 hours per week 38.6 weeks per year**

We are looking to appoint a part-time Learning Support Assistant for 11.5 hours per week – 38.6 weeks per year. As a Learning Support Assistant you will help support learning within the classroom working with and supporting the class teacher. You will also help provide the children with a safe and secure environment. This role includes a lunchtime duty.

So if you are:

- Someone who enjoys working with children and always puts their needs first:
- Looking for a position that is varied, fulfilling and rewarding;
- Energetic and patient with a keen sense of humour
- A real team player

then we are keen to hear from you.

Interested candidates are warmly invited to contact the school if you would like to discuss the role in more depth. Early application is recommended as we reserve the right to interview and appoint at any time during the recruitment process.

For more information and to apply, please use the link below:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-1403129>

This link is also available on our website under vacancies.

### **Developing Our Mission – Job Opportunity:**

Woking and Knaphill parishes are recruiting a Pastoral Coordinator to serve our community, working alongside our clergy, office staff and lay faithful. This is an exciting step forward for our community as we prepare to implement the diocesan Pastoral Plan and develop our parish. Please pray that the right people will be moved to apply for the role and that we will be blessed with an energetic, committed worker with a good understanding of our Catholic faith. Please also pass details to people who might be suited to the role. The successful candidate will assume responsibility for coordinating and developing catechesis, developing lay leadership and promoting a culture of missionary discipleship across our twin parishes. The post is full-time (but applicants who can offer least 0.6 FTE will also be considered). Salary £32,000-35,000 (or pro rata) depending on experience and qualifications. Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024. Interviews: Friday, March 15, 2024. For job-description and application form see:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/pastoral-coordinator-woking-knaphill-parishes>

## News at St Hughs

### Science Fair

This term, St Hugh of Lincoln will be holding a Science Fair for KS1 and KS2 children. We would love your child to take part.

**Entries need to be submitted to the school office by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. These will then be displayed within the school for children to view throughout the day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, parents are invited in after school to view the submitted entries from 3.15-3.30 in the Wraparound.**

There will be a winner from each year group that will be awarded in school. The 15 overall KS2 winners will then be invited to the Xavier Science Fair Grand Final at ACS International School in Cobham on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. I will be holding some lunchtime support sessions if children require any. We look forward to seeing their fantastic entries.

Mr Ellson who is currently teaching Y3/4 choral music is singing at Guildford Cathedral which is going to be live on BBC R3 on 14th Feb. at 4pm. If the children would like to listen please follow the link below.

[BBC Radio 3 - Choral Evensong, Guildford Cathedral](#)







# Information Board



## Moments Matter – Attendance Counts

On 8<sup>th</sup> January, the government launched an attendance campaign. Post-Covid, national attendance to school has plummeted. It was bad enough that our young people were not able to attend school in the usual way during Covid, missing the all important social development that occurs all of the time every day that they are in school, with their friends, learning to cope with disagreements, forming their moral compass, evolving communication skills and developing emotional resilience. The lack of classroom based teaching where teachers are able to continually assess learning, no sporting competition, musical or dramatic performance, trips and visits. We navigated it all, but it has left its mark.

Some children have really struggled to get back in to school. Our attendance across Woking schools is down just like the rest of the UK. We need to work together to get children back into regular attendance patterns – it is vital to their future life opportunities. If they have a minor cough, runny nose, sore throat, slight tummy ache, they do not need a day off. All work place have staff attendance expectations and we need to prepare our children to get through days when they feel a little under the weather. This is an area where your child needs your consistency and support for endurance when they feel a bit grotty.

## Lateness

Lateness this term has started to become an issue again. We will be sending home letters this week to students who have been repeatedly late. Can we please remind all parents and carers that to comply with government expectations our school hours changed at the start of September. Confirmation of this change was sent out at the end of July 2023. Our school day runs from 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm. The gate is locked at **8.45am** sharp. The school gates still open at 8.30am. There are early bird sessions for all children that arrive early at 8.30am.



## Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know.....

If in a school year your child is late every day...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3-5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.  
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

## Information Board

### Safeguarding

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, Mrs Pickard or Mr Davies or [dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as possible the same day.



## Breakfast and Afterschool Club

### Wraparound – Afterschool Care

Following the success of activity Fridays, we have decided to continue offering shorter sessions on Fridays. The session will run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm and will be available for the price of £7.00. This price includes the usual afterschool snack and lots of fun.

Bookings can be made the usual way through Scopay. Please select the required Friday and use the code H. This code is not valid for any other day but Friday. If you are new to our Afterschool Club, please contact the office for a Registration Form.





## Friends News

Thank you for all your help and support.

We have had an amazing Half term for our events and Fundraising and we look forward to sharing with you the schools vision for school fundraising next half term.

Your support is greatly appreciated by the friends, staff, pupils and Governors of our wonderful school.

Thank you.

Have a peaceful and restful break.

Mrs Barker



**The Friends of St Hugh of Lincoln - Catholic Primary School**  
"In faith and love we learn and grow"

### Spring dates for the diary

EVENT INFO AND BOOKING ON CLASSLIST APP

**Book by 28th Feb**

**Discounted legoland tickets for INSET on 15th March**

Each ticket costs £20, which includes a donation to our PTA, the Friends. The tickets have an RRP of £35.00 (saving you £15.00 per ticket). Tickets for children under 90cm and registered carers are free, book via classlist and check for Ts&Cs.

**Book by 29th Feb**

**Mothering day shop @school on 1st March**

Children can purchase a gift for a lady they would like to honour on mothering Sunday, each gift is £2.50 and can be purchased on classlist. Please send your child to school with a bag to bring it home in! (Volunteers get a free gift!)

**Book by 2nd March**

**School Disco!**

3rd March in the Parish hall!  
3pm to 4pm KS1 / SEN (Lower volume / additional lighting)  
4.30pm - 6pm KS2

Games, stalls and refreshments available to purchase, plus free drink refills (bring a reusable bottle) Tickets £5, including 1 hotdog. Strictly pre sale only, Tickets are not available on the door, parents/carers to stay on site.

**Coming soon...**

**World book day events and Krispy Kreme donut sale**

Watch this space for more info!

Thankyou as always for all of your fundraising efforts for our children. PTA calender, meeting minutes and info can be found on the school website!

**We are looking for volunteers to help on the next friends meeting. To be held in the church hall with crafts and film for the children. Please let Anna Larkham, Ingrid Stevens or Gosia Milbank know if you would be willing to support us.**

**Did you know** you can raise money for St Hugh's while booking your holiday? [Easy Fundraising](#) and [Give as you Live](#) are two sites where you can earn a percentage donation to St Hugh's when you book your holiday. Below are just some of the holiday companies where you can earn cash back for the school – please do sign up before you book. Search for **the Friends of St Hugh's** on both sites to sign up and start earning.



Expedia	Hotels.com
Up to 5.00% donation	Up to 5.00% donation
Thomas Cook	Booking.com
Up to 1.00% donation	Up to 4.00% donation
easyfundraising	trainline
Up to 2.00% donation	Up to 15.00% donation



On the Beach	loveholidays	Haven
Raise up to 1.75%	Raise up to 2.00%	Raise up to 2.50%
Lastminute.com	Give as you Live Online	Expedia
Up to 2.50%	Up to 3.50%	
TUI		
Raise up to 2.00%		