



## Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear parents and carers,  
Welcome to Advent! All the preparations for our Advent performances are well underway and the children are really looking forward to performing for you soon.

Since ancient times, people have marked the passage of time with the light of the sun. In this holy season of Advent, we observe the passage of time through the light of the advent wreath, for each candle represents another week closer to the radiance of the new born Son Jesus. Our anticipation for His glorious arrival can teach us much about patience as well as sharing the flame of our faith. May God help us to prepare our hearts so that we are open to the coming of Christ and that our kindness and generosity, this Advent, may be felt by others.

Enjoy this week's newsletter which is full of exciting learning and information as usual.  
God Bless everyone  
Mrs Grace  
Head of School





## Reception Class

In RE this week, we have begun thinking about advent and how it is a time of waiting for the birth of Jesus. We created our own advent wreaths with Playdough and used the godly play people to tell us about the children's journey in preparing and waiting for Christmas.

When talking about advent David said, "There are 3 purple candles on the wreath and the white one means Jesus has been born. To prepare for Christmas we could donate a toy or something or buy extra food to donate. Donate is to give and you don't get it back"

"God's family are getting ready for Christmas. They are wearing a scarf and jacket! They are going to Bethlehem and they found Angel Gabriel there" Noah





### Year 3

During Advent, the children in Year 3 have a Jesse Tree in their classroom. In their RE lessons, they have been thinking about how we can prepare during the season of Advent. They found out that the Jesse Tree is a very old Christmas tradition that can be used to help tell the story of the bible from creation to the Christmas story. Last week, they created ornaments to represent the different scripture. Each day during Advent, they are placing an ornament on to the tree to represent a different bible story and sharing the scripture in class. They were very excited to start this week. You can join in with reading the scripture at home too [www.myjessestree.com](http://www.myjessestree.com)

[Daily Jesse Tree Readings - My Jesse Tree](#)





## Year 6 Music Composition Workshop at Salesian College

On Monday, half of Year 6 were treated to a free Music Workshop at Salesian College in Chertsey. They were very lucky to receive expert tuition from Music Teachers from the school and have access to recording software so that they could make their own musical compositions. The other half of Year 6 will go next week. Thanks to Mr Davey for driving them there in the minibus!







## **Phonics/Early Reading**

### **Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films**

Starting this week, we will be sending 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/ObJYLY7v/5fYmLSPw> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/a8A1X8yK/gppJPOJV>

**Reception Mrs Iles' Group-** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xA8Jm89y/vPPLRCd9>

**Green Group-**<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/0ySH0tiu/Kt74PA6j>

**Purple Group-**<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3O6RNFjP/mwzJaGtm>

**Pink Group-**<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/KiFsJbiG/9Eh2w8sG>

**Orange Group-**<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jmT78uJn/KSTAPJjb>

**Blue and Grey**

**Group-** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/KUyu91ME/IU7VQBOH> <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dVQrPnuK/LHghHzOt>

Thank you for your continued support.

## **School Uniform – Earrings**

For safety reasons, earrings are not part of our school uniform. Therefore, our preference is that children do not wear earrings to school. However, we would accept clear plastic spacers to be worn if absolutely necessary.

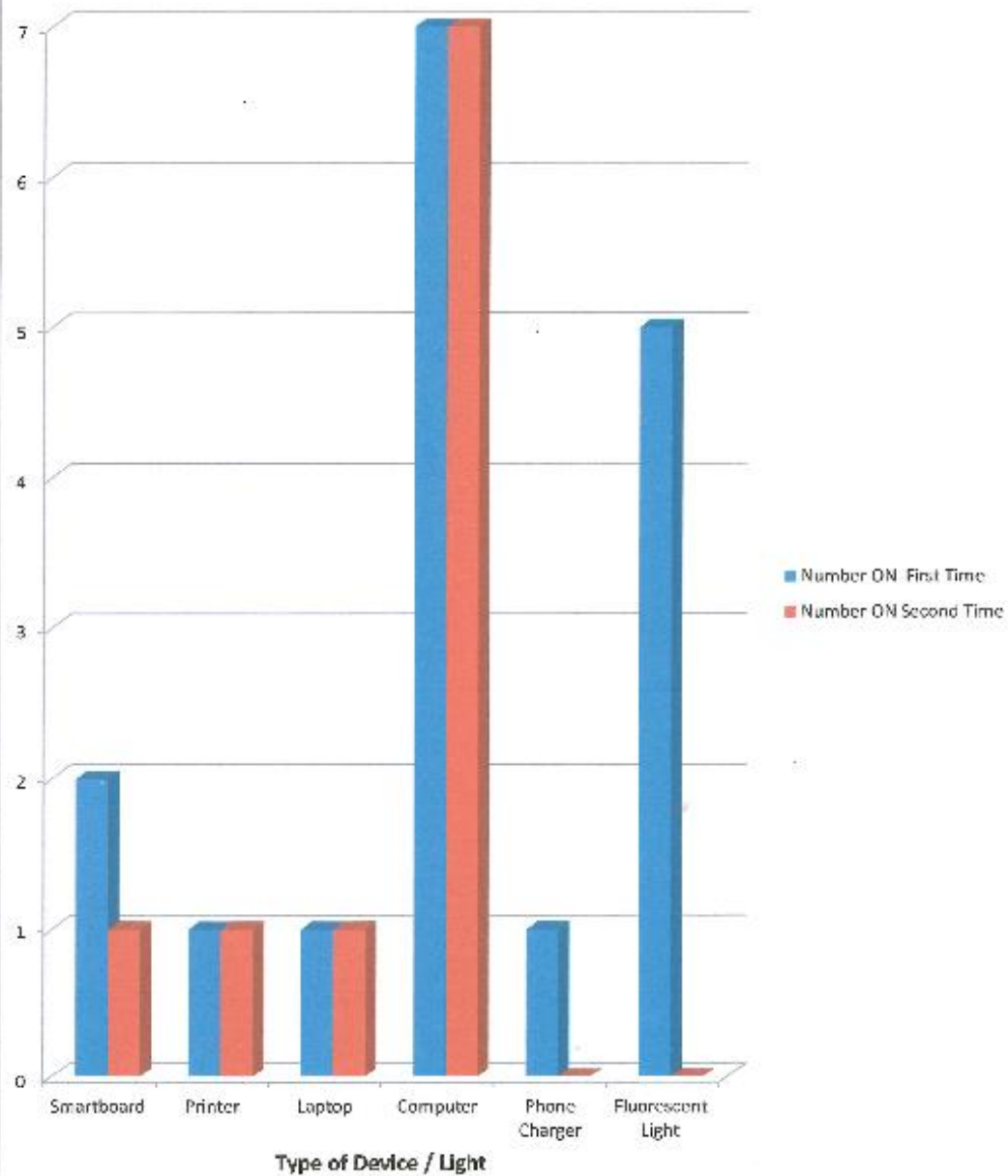


## The Eco Team Update

The eco team have achieved great success with their latest campaign 'Switch Off Fortnight'. The campaign successfully helped children and staff remember to switch off any electrical items when they are not being used across the school in order to save energy over a two week period. A before and after survey of items left on during lunchtimes was completed towards the end of the campaign in order to measure its effectiveness. A year 4 representative created a graph of the results and all representatives presented this in the Friday morning assembly to the whole school to share the amazing success of the campaign. Each representative received a certificate from The Pod team, the organisation running the campaign, to celebrate this achievement. We are proud of their effort and commitment to making this first campaign such a success, and wish the whole team every success in their next project after Christmas.



**School Eco Electricity Consumption Bar Graph**  
**First Reading Taken on 3rd Nov 2022**  
**Second Reading Taken on 22nd Nov 2022**





## Y5 and Y6 Dodgeball Festival at Woking Leisure centre

Mrs Pinto sent an update ... Having a great time. ...the children are doing us proud with their team support and effort! An absolute pleasure to be here!



## SEND Update

Emma Martin is working with Family Voice Surrey to run a mindfulness course for SEND parents. The YMCA is running a parent course for emotion and anxiety and Woking are running a managing difficult behaviour course.



**Well-Being & Mindfulness  
Event  
for Guildford and Woking  
Parent Carers**

### **SEND Parent and Carers Well-Being Event**

Family Voice Surrey are hosting a Well Being event for parents of children with SEND needs on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10am – 1pm in the Dianthus Building near Goldsworth Park. The event will include pampering, mindfulness and refreshments.

Please email [guildford@familyvoicesurrey.org](mailto:guildford@familyvoicesurrey.org) or [woking@familyvoicesurrey.org](mailto:woking@familyvoicesurrey.org) to book your place or for more information.



A free course for parents or carers of teenagers and pre-teens (8 years plus), looking for advice.

Sessions will focus on relationships within the family, communication, negotiation, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict.

The group aims to develop:

- relationships between teenagers and parents/carers
- a calmer home life
- confidence when talking about difficult issues
- an understanding of teenage needs and development.

For more information, visit [www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport](http://www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport) Register your interest with us on [familysupport@woking.gov.uk](mailto:familysupport@woking.gov.uk) or call 01483 743 812



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## Children's Wellbeing Parent Workshops

Proud to be part of  
**Mindworks  
Surrey**

The children and young people's emotional  
wellbeing and mental health service

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team  
invites you to attend our free online  
parent workshops:

- ▶ Talking to your child and supporting  
them to cope with worries
- ▶ Understanding, expressing and  
managing emotions

These workshops are suitable for  
parents with children aged 8+. Our  
Community Wellbeing team will provide  
you with information and key strategies  
to support your child. There will also be  
time for you to ask any questions that you have  
via the online chat function.

For dates and times and to book your place,  
please visit our website:

**[www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/](http://www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/)**

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## News from 'The Friends' of St Hugh

This year, the Friends have arranged an Elf-ridges Christmas shop, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, for the children to buy gifts for parents/carers. All details are on Classlist and tickets can be purchased through the event for £2.50 per gift. <https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/896500960>

## Reindeer Run

We are taking part in the Reindeer Run again this December in aid of Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care. On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December the children will complete their 'run' during their PE lessons. In case of bad weather the reserve date with Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Key Stage 1 children will be doing half a mile (4½ laps of the field) and Key Stage 2 will be doing 1 mile (9 laps of the field).

You will by now have received a template for reindeer antlers and ask that the children design and create their own antlers to showcase and wear during their challenge. If you do not have a printer and require a printed copy of the antlers for a template, please come to the office. There will be a prize for the best designed antlers in KS1 and KS2.

You should also have received a sponsorship form for your child but if you don't have one, please just ask at the school office. Prizes will also be awarded for the child who raises the most in money in KS1 and in KS2. Please also remember to tick the Gift Aid box if you are eligible as it will enable Woking & Sam Beare Hospice to claim an extra 25% back on donations. Money and forms to be brought to school once the challenge has been completed and sponsorship has been collected.

This was a successful event last year which the children thoroughly enjoyed and it would be great to do the same again this year for such a worthwhile cause.

## The Nativity Performances – an update

As you will have seen in previous editions of the newsletter 'Dates for your diary' the Reception and KS1 nativity is taking place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Parents and carers are invited to attend as follows:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15:** YR parents and Y1 parents with children with surnames A-K

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15:** Y1 parents with children with surnames L-Z and year 2 parents

Due to space restrictions in the hall we ask that only two parents/carers attend per child.

Please book your space on scopay ([www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)) in the Trips and Events area then complete



## **Advent Reflections Performance at SJB 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

Once again, our friends at SJB have very kindly opened their doors to us and have offered to let the children perform in their hall. This was a huge success last year and the children have said that it felt like a really special treat to be able to perform there.

On the morning of 13th, please could you bring your KS2 child straight to SJB for 9.30am rather than coming into school, (Reception class and KS1 will need to come to St Hugh's as usual). On arrival, please take them to the hall where their teacher will meet them and you can take your seat in the audience. There will also be a member of staff on the gate to guide you.

SJB has very limited parking so they have asked that you park in the leisure centre car park and walk down to their site.

Please limit attendance to two guests per child in each of the KS2 classes.

At the end of the show, we will need your help to transport your child back to St Hugh's. Please could you make sure that you accompany your child all the way to the school entrance. Children should go straight to their classroom where they will be registered.

You are welcome to take photographs of the performance but we ask that these are for personal use only and not shared on social media.

If your child is in breakfast club on 13th and you are not able to take them to SJB, please can you let the office know on Monday morning? I will try my very best to arrange transport to SJB for them, but will need to ask you to arrange for a lift back to St Hugh's for them with another parent. If this is problematic in any way, please talk to me and I'll do whatever I can to find a solution.

We will still be collecting for our nominated charity, the Bee-lieve Foundation, a children's mental health charity, who have provided our staff and children with some fabulous training and support over the two last years. There will be collection boxes by the door, or you can donate using a QR code.

### **Dates for your Diary**

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.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Friends Elf-ridges Christmas shop

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 – MUFTI/Christmas Jumpers/Crazy Hair – donations to 'The Friends' please who are providing gifts and activities for the children to enjoy in the afternoon.

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 - early finish 1pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Return to school for start of Spring Term

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Internet Safety Workshops – included is a talk for parents

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – INSET Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Half term – normal time 3.15pm

#### **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

## **Term Time Absences – Government Guidance for parents**

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>

## **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.

