



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



Newsletter

25th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, it is wonderful to hear the sound of the children's voices as I sit here writing it. The rehearsals for our Christmas performances are well underway and I know you're really going to enjoy what the children have prepared for you when you come to watch the Nativity or Advent Reflections. This week has, once again, been full of exciting learning with special visitors running workshops as you will see.

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of meeting with your class representatives at the Parents' Forum Meeting. Thank you for sharing your views with them and for asking them to present questions to me. It is great to know how well we are doing and what we can do further to improve.

Thank you to Mrs Pickard who ran a fantastic workshop on the Zones of Regulation for parents this week. We've had some really great feedback so thank you for supporting this event.

In our last Gospel reading before Advent, we learnt about Jesus at his crucifixion telling a sinner who repents, at the last minute that they will be together in paradise later that day. We can learn from this that even if we have been largely distracted with worldly worries and business up until now, it's never too late to change our ways, turn our attention towards the Lord and start living a life that it is more closely aligned with Gospel values.

I wish you a pleasant and enjoyable long weekend until we see you again on Tuesday morning.

God Bless everyone

Mrs Grace

Head of School

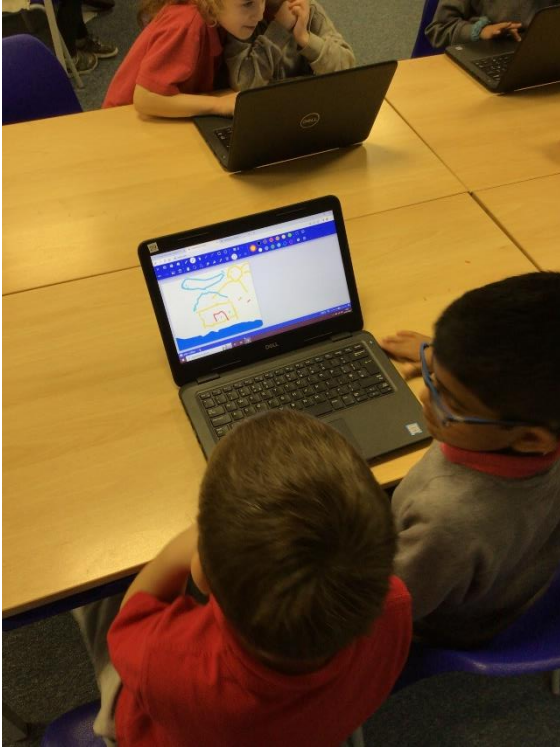
Reception Class

This week, Reception have been exploring how teddies and toys have changed through time. We all had fun bringing in teddies from home and comparing them to older teddies from the past. The children had fun using their detective skills to work out who was older out of Miss Scott and some teddy bears dating back through the past 100 years! On Tuesday, the children brought in some of their own toys from home. The children were great at exploring the different materials used to make their toys and some of their special functions like moving, making noises and having lights. In the afternoon, an education officer from Chertsey Museum led a really engaging workshop with the children where they got to explore and sort some examples of toys from the past! It was really wonderful seeing the children (and adults!) enjoying these traditional toys so much!



Year 1

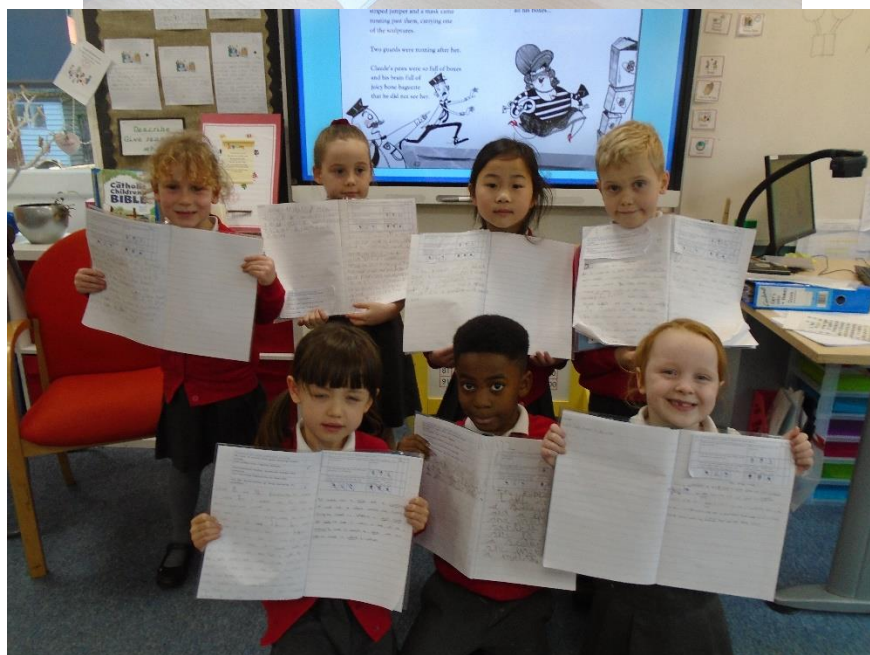
This week, we have been building on our mouse skills and learning that even though laptops have a trackpad they perform the same function. We then used the laptops to open a programme called 'PaintZ' to create a simple picture. The children enjoyed using the brush tool to create their picture. During our art lesson, we have been exploring mark making through observational drawing. We have developed an understanding of mark making techniques and we have been learning to look carefully at the objects we are drawing rather than drawing from our memory.



Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying their English lessons this week. They have been writing their own character descriptions about one of the characters in the book called Claude in the City.

Also they been working hard in their phonics lessons, concentrating on their phonic knowledge to read with their partners.



Year 3

In Year 3 we are enjoying a great unit of Art work about prehistoric painting. This week we became Stone Age people and had to enlarge our sketches of British animals on to our “cave walls” using charcoal. We spotted the 2D shapes and scaled them up before having fun applying and bending the charcoal to create tone and patterns. In our next lesson we will be thinking about the materials Stone Age painters used and having a go at creating some of our own paints.





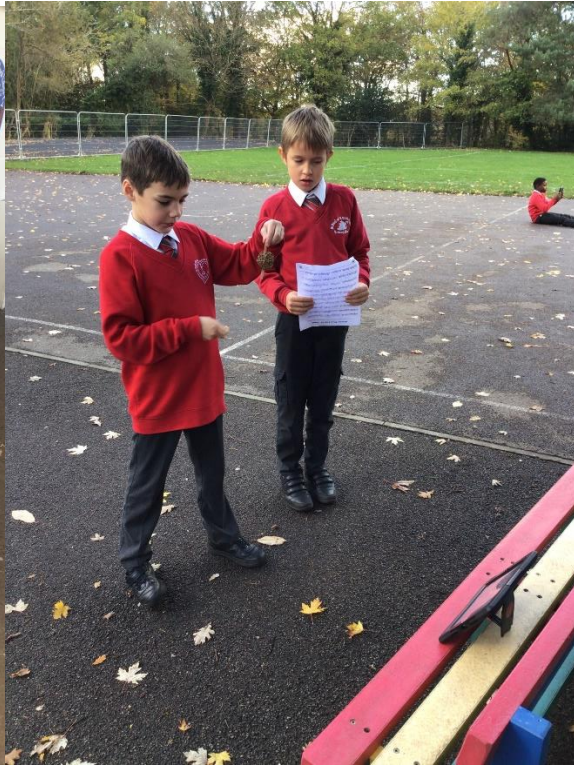
Year 4

The Year 4 children have been having fun in their DT lessons creating their pavilion structures. They used a combination of materials and strengthening techniques to ensure the frame they created could support the load of the roof and the cladding that needs to be added in future sessions. As they created their structures, many realised the importance of ensuring that the base was strong and that the top was a light structure so that the building was stable. We were impressed with the commitment to follow their original designs, with some planning structures that will look aesthetically pleasing as well as being functional. We are looking forward to the seeing the football goal, pineapple, and Hogwarts themed pavilions when they are finally finished.



Year 5

For Science this week, Year 5 created videos with models of the Sun, the Moon and Earth. They were asked to explain how day and night were created and were asked to be creative in their video ideas. We have also been learning about angles and how to capture videos in Computing so they used these skills to help create their videos. There were some really fantastic videos – well done year 5!



Year 6

On Monday 21st November, year 6 took part in the first ever 'Supercharge' session - a programme made up of mindset and confidence coaching, sports and team building activities and a mixture of fun and calm moments! The course was delivered by local professionals in their field and the children had great fun getting involved. The organisers and coaches would like to thank year 6 for being such fantastic participants and hope they took lots of learning away from it. Thank you to two of our parents Mrs Chinere and Mrs Martin for organising and helping to deliver this fantastic event absolutely free of charge!





The Nativity Performances – a reminder

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 6th December and Wednesday 7th December.

Parents and carers are invited to attend as follows:

Tuesday 6th December at 2:15: YR parents and Y1 parents with children with surnames A-K

Wednesday 7th 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) in the Trips and Events area then complete

Advent Reflections Performance at SJB 13th 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.

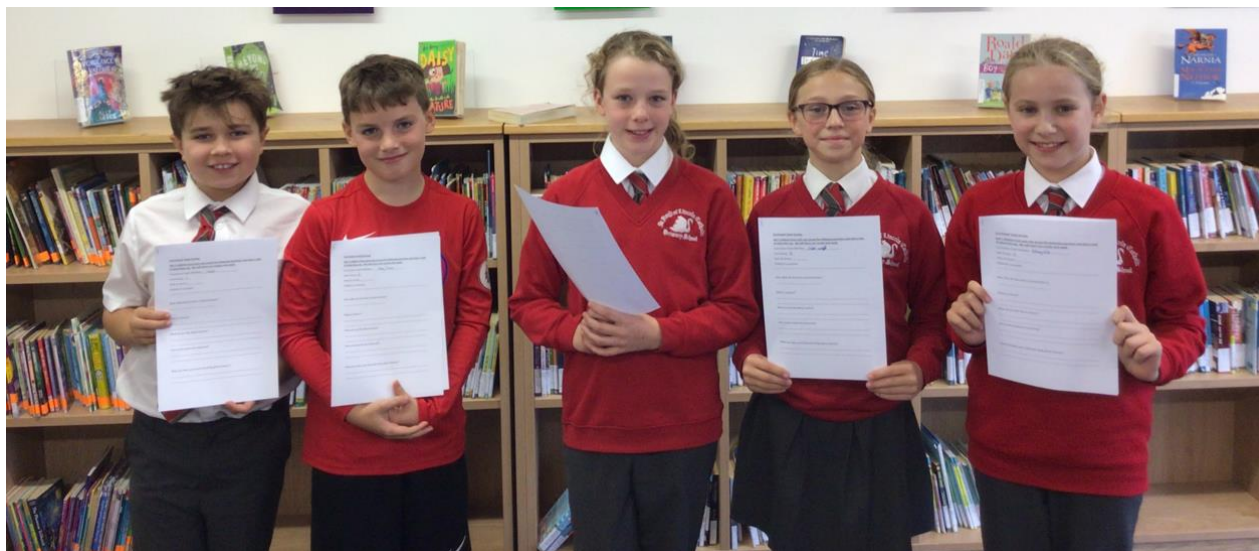
If your child is in breakfast club on 13th and you are not able to take them to SJB, please can you let the office know on Monday morning? I will try my very best to arrange transport to SJB for them, but will need to ask you to arrange for a lift back to St Hugh's for them with another parent. If this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

Curriculum Team Update

The Curriculum Team now have a section of the website dedicated to their work across the school. Please follow this link to see what they've been up to.

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Team&pid=148>



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 5th December the children will complete their 'run' during their PE lessons. In case of bad weather the reserve date with Thursday 8th 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.

Dates for your Diary

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 – 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 20th December – Christmas Mass for Y6 and their parents at St Hugh's Parish Church

Wednesday 21st December – End of Autumn Term - early finish 1pm

Monday 9th January – Return to school for start of Spring Term

Tuesday 31st January – Internet Safety Workshops – included is a talk for parents

Wednesday 1st February – INSET Day

Friday 10th 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 as soon as possible the same day.

