

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



# Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It was an enormous pleasure to be able to welcome parents, carers and grandparents into school this week to look at the children's books. It's something we haven't been able to do for a while and it was lovely to see the joy on everyone's faces every day this week as each class had their parent book look sessions. Next week, you will be able to speak with your child's class teacher directly during Parent Consultation Meetings on School Cloud. Links have been sent out by Parent Mail so that you can book your slot. Please contact the school office if you haven't received it.

During Collective Worship on Monday, we heard that ten lepers were miraculously cured by Jesus. Something equally momentous then occurred as one of the ten returned to thank Jesus and praise God; this man was not only cured but assured of his salvation by Our Lord. The interesting thing about this man was that he was a Samaritan; an outsider. We thought about how it feels to be left out and reflected on ways in which we can make sure everyone is included in our games and friendship groups. We thought about the importance of saying thank you. When we demonstrate our gratitude to others, relationships improve. When we demonstrate our gratitude to God for all we are blessed with, He opens the door for us to grow in faith, and as we reflected last week, when our faith is really strong, the miraculous becomes possible!

I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter and all the fantastic and miraculous learning that has been going on in and around school.

God bless everyone, Mrs Grace Head of School





# Year 1

What a busy week we have had! On Tuesday afternoon, we walked down to Brookwood Farm Common using everyday directions and locational language. The children are now able to describe the route that we took on a simple map. Throughout this unit of work, Year 1 have been identifying places that are near or far, places we go often and rarely and this week we have begun learning about maps and map-making. Thank you to Mr Larkin and Mrs Darnton for giving up their time to escort us safely on our walk.







What a surprise! Following their walk, some members of our Year 1 class created a map at after school club. They did this completely independently. We have proudly displayed the map on our Geography working wall.



# **Cafod visit to KS1**

This week Reception and KS1 had a special visit from Suki who works for Cafod. The children enjoyed hearing the story of the Three Little Pigs and how it related to the emergency aid that is needed for the countries that have been affected by the extremes of weather recently. They learned about the house rebuilding programs and where the money that we raise goes.



# **Perform Drama Workshops**

The children in Reception and KS1 had a visit from Perform Drama on Wednesday. In their drama workshops they were able to explore the Great Fire of London (Y2), Black History Month (YR) and Weather around the World (Y1). This experience will definitely enrich their learning in History and Science this term.







# Year 3

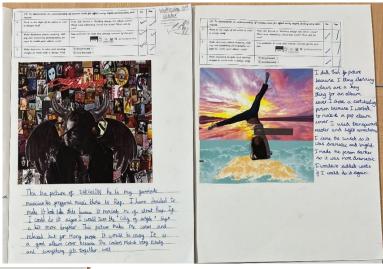
This week in English we have been enjoying poetry. We started by investigating what a diamante poem was using our knowledge of nouns, adjectives and verbs. Later in the week we wrote and performed our own poems.

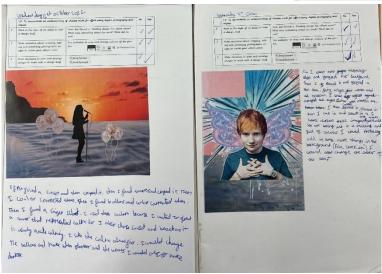


The end result - fantastic Diamante Poems full of rich vocabulary.

#### Year 6

This week Year 6 have been inspired by Derrick O. Boateng. We have used the laptops to edit photos to create our own album covers.





# **Our New Curriculum Team**

We have formed a new curriculum team which is comprised of five children from year 6. They are looking at Science next term and their first project is to talk to some of the children across the school about their learning in science. They will ask them a few simple questions to gauge pupil voice about what they like about the subject and what they might like to see more of in their lessons. The curriculum team will capture the answers and feedback to us so that we can make the children's lessons as enjoyable as possible.



# Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Tournament at Woking College

Well done to the boys who represented the school today at the football tournament. Your behaviour was impeccable and you were a real credit to the school. Thank you to Mr Trussler for organising the fixture and accompanying the boys and to Mr Davies for driving them there in our school minibus.







# 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**

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

**End of Half term** – 21<sup>st</sup> October. School pick up is at the normal time of 3.15pm. Return to School is on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Feast of St Hugh Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – School Photographer Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccination Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – School Closure

Tuesday  $6^{th}$  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.

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

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Mass with Y6 at Church

Wednesday 21st December - End of Autumn Term

# Safeguarding contact reminder

