



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



Newsletter

9th December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week we were all treated to an outstanding performance of The Nativity by our KS1 and Reception Class children. It was an absolute triumph! The children sang beautifully and delivered their lines confidently. Well done children and thank you to all the teachers and Learning Support Assistants involved in preparing them all so well. Many hours of hard work went into making this possible and we all appreciate it very much. Thank you to Fr Nick, Anne Rushton and our governors for joining us for this very special event.

In the Gospel reading from the second Sunday in Advent, we hear John the Baptist being characteristically forthright with a group of Pharisees & Sadducees who come for baptism, saying “you brood of vipers... if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit”. In other words, if you want a relationship with God, then you need to demonstrate that you’ve changed your ways, and for the better.

Advent is a season when we prepare to meet, and hopefully be reconciled with God. In order for reconciliation to take place, we need to be truly sorry for the things that we have got wrong and determined to try to put them right going forward. The children at St Hugh’s know that it is never too late to turn things around and, that no matter how painful it might be, the rewards of doing so will be well worth it. Our value of the term is friendship and each and every day they demonstrate what this means by their love and care for one another.

I hope you enjoy seeing all their achievements from across the school in this week’s newsletter.
God bless,
Mrs Grace
Head of School

Reception Class

This week, Reception have been exploring the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have enjoyed using props to retell the story. We have also been exploring which structures and materials would make the sturdiest bridges before designing our own bridges to help the animals get across the river to the sweet grass! There was so much wonderful learning talk, problem solving and teamwork - well done Reception!



RE in Year 1

During our RE lessons, we have been learning about how our Jewish sisters and brothers live and what they believe. We learnt that God asked Moses to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. Finally, the children would like to say a big thank you for joining us in the hall on Tuesday and Wednesday to celebrate their performance of the Nativity story.



Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children had great fun taking part in the Reindeer run. They really enjoyed wearing their reindeer antlers to participate.



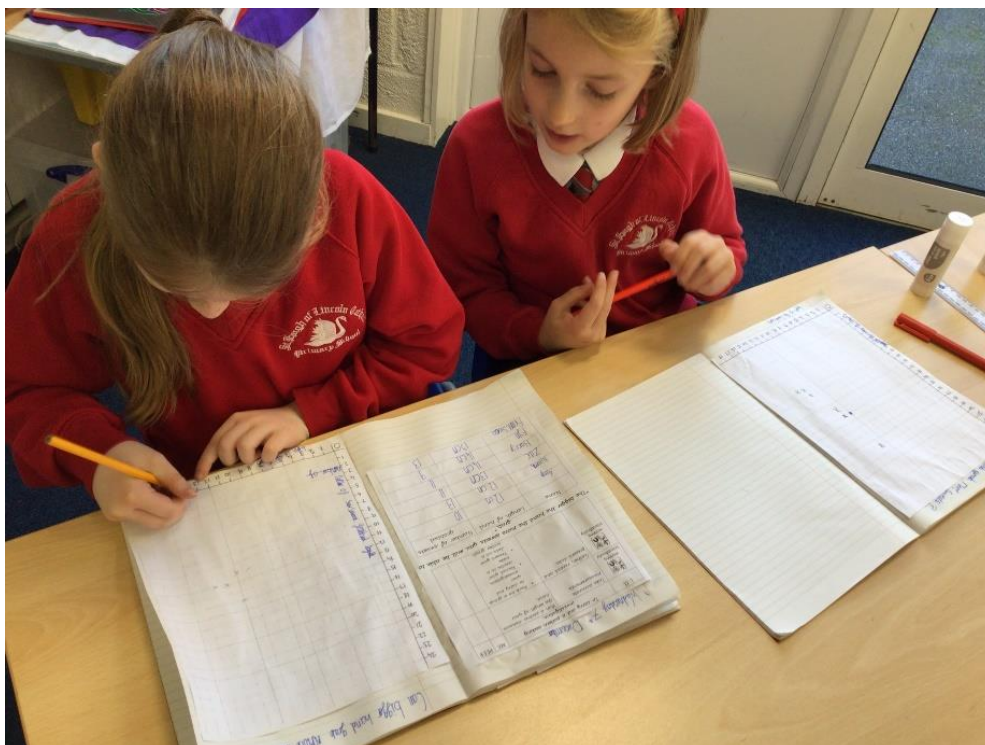
Reception and KS1 performed the story of the Nativity to their families this week. Year 2 did a great job of retelling this very important story in their role of Narrators.



Year 3

In their science lesson this week, Year 3 compared the size of their hands and carried out a pattern seeking investigation to find out whether this statement was true

"The bigger your hand the more sweets you will be able to grab." After carrying out the test, they recorded their results in a table and plotted them on a scatter graph. This was the first time they had created a scatter graph and it was great to see the support they gave each other with this new concept.



Year 4

The year 4 children have been finishing their pavilion structures this week as part of their DT learning. They added the final pieces of cladding to their structures and strengthened them so they could be freestanding whilst bearing a load. Many of them overcame many challenges throughout the project which has led to some creative thinking as to how to solve these problems. Some of the final creations matched the original designs accurately, which involved them constantly referring back to their detailed plans and adapting within the making process. We look forward to evaluating the pavilions next week, celebrating successes and looking at what could be improved within future projects.



Year 6 Music Composition Workshop at Salesian College

On Tuesday, the other half of Year 6 were treated to the Music Workshop at Salesian College in Chertsey. Just as their classmates did last week, 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. Here they are!



News from 'The Friends' of St Hugh

The Friends will be running a Tuck Shop stall on Friday 16th December after school at 3.15pm. There will be a selection of snacks on sale. All funds in aid of The Friends which goes directly to benefit the children.

Reindeer Run update

This was a huge success and the children all absolutely loved participating in this event whilst getting some great exercise. Such a lot of effort went into making and decorating their antlers that it made it very difficult to judge who should win. Everyone did such a great job! There will be one prize for the most outstanding antlers in each of KS1 and KS2 and also one prize for the child who raised the most money in each keystage. All proceeds are going to Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care. Prize winners will be announced in the final week of term. Please bring in any outstanding sponsorship money. Thank you for all your support at home for this worthwhile cause.

Advent Reflections Performance at SJB 13th December at 9.30am

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. 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.

for Home Learning Phonics/Early Reading

Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films

Please see below the 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/vreRs7ae/YOQDoWVa> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/uCsuL7I9/t4WBVmWL>

Reception Mrs Iles' Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lb9lM5xJ/VqiZwkSC>

Green Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kmoP13mV/Va3E3Zs3>

Purple Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tldlqdKz/KP5W21z8>

Pink Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QkCTdrbZ/gWhla9GR>

Orange Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/U4Bss9AG/JfRku3yr>

Blue and Grey Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tjZZ0hLJ/rqoZAivV>

Thank you for your continued support.

Be a Chorister for a Day

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 11 January 2023 www.stgeorges-windsor.org/news/cfad

Please contact Francesca Alden Email cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org

THE CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



Girls and Boys

are invited to apply to attend one of our

Chorister for a Day

events to be held on **Sunday 15 January & Sunday 22 January 2023** from 12.30pm to 6.30pm
at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

Advance booking is essential. Closing date for applications: Wednesday 11 January 2023

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Chorister for a Day is a wonderful opportunity for girls and boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents and carers to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of children and professional adult singers. New choristers typically join the choir at the start of Year 4 and this event is designed to help potential choristership applicants find out more about life as a chorister ahead of auditions in February. The programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.



Choristers at St George's rehearse every weekday morning and sing services on four weekdays and on a Sunday (Saturdays are mostly commitment free). This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The Choristers are educated and board part-time at St George's School on generous scholarships, and limited means-tested bursaries may be available. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices, and receive instrumental and theory tuition. More information on all aspects of being a chorister will be available at *Chorister for a Day*.

The Choir was founded in 1348, and, whilst begun as a choir of boys and men, is now a choir of mixed girl and boy choristers and adult lay clerks (both male and female who provide the alto, tenor and bass parts). The choir sings regularly in the presence of His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal family, at annual events such as Garter Day and Easter Sunday Mattins, and at special events. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In September 2022 the choir sang at the Committal Service for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St George's Chapel. The choir released a CD of Christmas music in 2019 on the Hyperion label which was met with critical acclaim, and a new recording with the Band of the Household Cavalry is due out soon. The choir has also broadcast on radio, most recently in June 2022 with Sunday Worship (BBC Radio 4) and Choral Evensong (BBC Radio 3).



It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage – we are looking for children between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

www.stgeorges-windsor.org

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Dates for your Diary

December

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

14th December Wednesday – 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.

20th December Tuesday – Christmas Mass for Y6 and their parents at St Hugh's Parish Church. Parents who would like attend are welcome. Church will be open from 8.45am. We will walk the children back to school afterwards.

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

January

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

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

February

1st February Wednesday – INSET Day

10th February Friday – 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.

