

Newsletter

9th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,



We are deeply saddened by the news of the death of her Majesty the Queen. She embodied a level of lifelong service and dedication that is an example we admire hugely. It is important that we respectfully mark this moving and historic moment in our nation's history with the children, to help them understand what they will observe and experience in the days and weeks to come. During Collective Worship this morning, we prayed for the Queen and for our new King. The children have spent some time today reflecting on the invaluable contribution that Her Majesty has made to our country and celebrating her life. We'd like to share with you the prayer that has been released by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales at this time:

*Almighty God,
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life
promised to all those born again
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever,
Amen.
Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,
And let Perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen.
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen*

Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year! I hope you all had a lovely break over the summer. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families to the school. You'll be delighted to hear that the children have settled back into school life really quickly.

Everything we do at St Hugh of Lincoln is underpinned by our mission statement: in faith and love we learn and grow. How we should live out this mission has clearly been on show this week. I have been utterly impressed with all the amazing learning I have seen, excellent behaviour for learning and respect for each other. I hope you enjoy our newsletter where you will see that everyone has made a fantastic start to the new school year. Well done children!

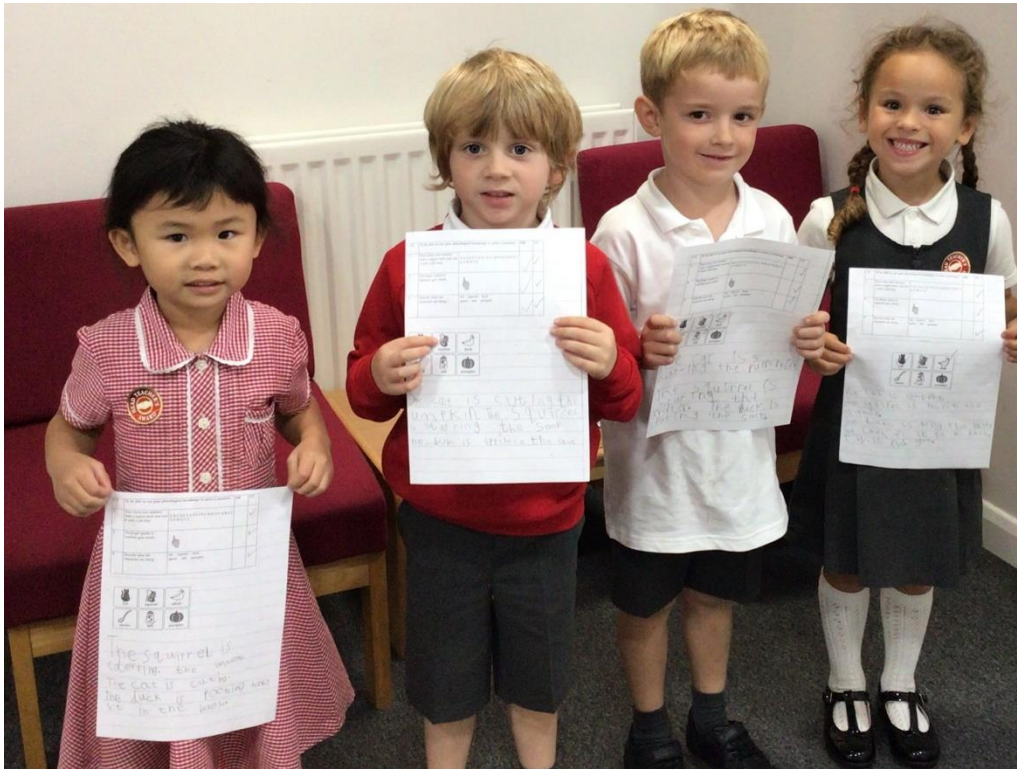
Reception

Already working as a team! It's wonderful to welcome you.



Year 1

What a fantastic first week we have had in Year 1! This week, we have already started our class text 'Pumpkin Soup' and four children have been to visit Mrs Grace to show off their writing. Miss Bye and Mrs Coe are feeling extremely proud and are looking forward to the year ahead.



Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been thinking about our school value for this half term-Respect. We have been talking about how we can show respect in our class, our school and at home. The children enjoyed choosing how they show respect and creating a colouring drawing for our hall display.



Year 3

Year 3 are getting ready to explore their new class book *The Lost Happy Ending*. We started by listening to a fairy tale and thinking about the features of a fairy tale. We created mind maps with our friends full of things we would expect to find in fairy tales.



Curiosity Corner

The Key Stage 2 play ground was great fun. All the children enjoyed exploring the dressing up in the curiosity corner.



New Playground Equipment

The children have been enjoying playing on the outdoor gym which is new to our KS2 playground. We now have monkey bars, cross trainers and other equipment to encourage the children to be fit and healthy. We used our Sport's Premium Funding to finance the project.

The children had some very positive things to say about the new equipment:

'I like it because there is something for everyone to do'

'It motivates us to do more exercise'

'I like the monkey bars best because you can swing and it makes your arms strong'

'It is the best and makes playtime more fun!'



Welcome to Father Rob

On Monday, I had the pleasure of meeting Father Rob Esdaile, who is now Parish Priest at St Hugh of Lincoln, Knaphill and St Dunstan, Woking. He has written the following message.

This Sunday (September 11, 2022) is celebrated by the Church as **Education Sunday** – a time to pray for and celebrate the work of all those involved in educating the young, the life of our schools, and especially our own parish primary, St. Hugh of Lincoln. As I only got here a week ago and am still trying to find my way around, it would be lovely to meet pupils from the school at mass this weekend, either at 6pm on Saturday or 9.30am on Sunday. (There's no 11.30am mass at the moment.) Wishing you every blessing in the year just begun. May we each learn something new about God's wonderful world every day.

(The children are welcome to wear school uniform to Mass to represent the school, if they wish to).

St Bernadette Relic Tour

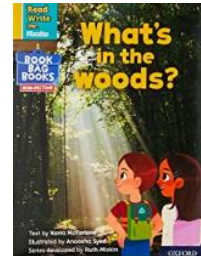
As you may know, this autumn, the Church in England, Scotland and Wales is providing a wonderful opportunity for the Catholics of the UK to visit and pray alongside the sacred relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes. For details please follow this link <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-relic-tour>

IMPORTANT - CHANGES TO HOME READING

As you will be aware, during the last academic year we began to redevelop the reading provision at school - the new library of course was a big part of this. This year we are really focussing on how we teach reading.

We have invested in a new reading scheme to help pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 develop fluent and confident decoding skills, as well as an understanding of what they are reading. The scheme, called Read Write Inc, ensures that the books which your child reads at home directly relate to the sounds (phonics) which they learn in class.

For the first two weeks of this academic year, your child will only bring home a reading for pleasure book, this is whilst we assess the children and establish the different reading groups.



Book Bags

In order for this program to work, the children must have their reading wallets in school every day. A member of staff will provide your child with their Read Write Inc 'Storybook', 'Book Bag Book' and a 'Reading for Pleasure Book' by Friday 16th September. These books will either be fiction or non-fiction. They will keep these books until they have finished the next storybook in class.

They will be expected to read it each day and develop their fluency i.e. they read it three times. The first time they read a new book, they are learning to read each word and to develop fluency; the second time, they are developing their expression and the third time they develop their reading comprehension.

Please ensure that you record the name of the book and the dates on which the book was read in their Reading Diary.

Colours and Book Bands

Please do not focus on the Read Write Inc colour band as they have their own colour band system, which does not match our old colour band system. If your child is on a yellow band for Read Write Inc then it does not mean that they have suddenly regressed by a year. Equally, if they are on a purple band for Read Write Inc then it does not mean that they have suddenly progressed by a year.

After Phonics

Once pupils learn the mechanics of reading through a phonics programme, developing their comprehension skills becomes the primary focus in teaching reading. Pupils will then be reading a book matched to their The Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD). ZPD defines the readability range within which pupils should read to best develop their reading, while avoiding frustration. Every child has a ZPD score and books in our library are clearly labelled with the ZPD scores. The children are allowed to choose a reading book that lies within their ZPD. They can change their book after they have taken a quick quiz on the Ipad in class to show how much they have understood. If for any reason, your child does not have a reading book, please inform their class teacher.



Clubs Information

Below is the link to our football club and multi- sport club for September. If you have any difficulties, please phone Mr Lee Trussler on 07912-553896

<https://bookwhen.com/footballclubs#focus=ev-sv0b-20220905152000>

<https://bookwhen.com/gymnasticsclubs#focus=ev-s34c-20220908080000>

Request for spare clothing

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. Many thanks

Dates for your diary

14th September: Phonics Workshop for parents and carers - 4pm in the school hall, booking details to follow.

21st September: Reading After Phonics Workshop for parents and carers - 4pm in the school hall, booking details to follow.

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.

God bless and have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Mrs Grace
Head of School