

## **Newsletter**

### **23rd September 2022**

Dear parents and carers,

This week was shorter than normal, due to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's funeral but we still seem to have packed so much exciting learning in! The Queen lived by the values of integrity, humility, faithfulness, courage, service. These are values which we encourage the children at St Hugh of Lincoln to aspire to rather than, as St Luke warns us this week, the pursuit of worldly power and riches – 'No servant can serve two masters – God and money!' It makes us think about what the most important things in life really are.

On Friday, we commissioned the children into their new positions of responsibility. This was the first time in a very long time that we have been able to welcome parents into school to celebrate with us. We were all so proud to see the children receiving their badges. They know how important their roles of service to our school are and we know they will do a great job! Congratulations to all of them!

### **School Council**





**Eco Council**





## Year 6 Buddies



## Year 6 Prefects



## Year 6 Games Captains



## Year 6 Reading Ambassadors





## Year 6 Technicians



### **Well-Being at St Hugh**

Our Well-being Ambassadors are going to be encouraging the children to stay mentally healthy this term. The children have thought of some ideas linked to the five ways to wellbeing for you to try at home this weekend.

Our Wellbeing challenges are:

#### **Connect**

Why not talk to someone you have not spoken to for an extended period of time (a friend or family member). Why not spend an evening with your family playing a board game.

#### **Be active**

Why not go for a walk or take part in a sporting activity?

#### **Take notice**

You could write down three things in life that you feel grateful for or play eye spy with a member of the family

#### **Keep learning**

Try something that is new to you. This could be a new sport or do some research to learn something new on a subject that interests you

#### **Give**

Try to do something kind over the weekend for a member of your family.

Good luck and let the Wellbeing leads know how you got on.

If you feel you need any support with your child's mental health and well-being, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pickard or Mrs Lewis, our wellbeing leads, via the school office.





## Learning around the school

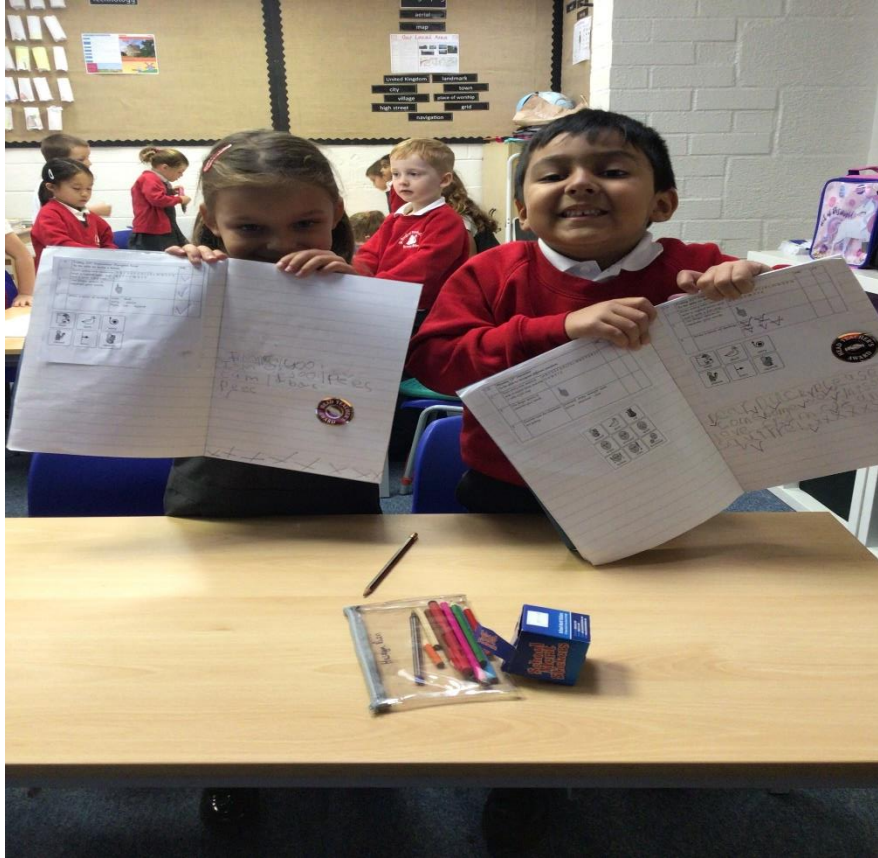
### Year R

In our RE we are looking at creation and covenant. We have been learning about all the wonderful things God created. We created our own islands using small parts from nature and playdough. We are learning that God made our world and that God made me and that he was very pleased with all he had created. God loves us all.



## Year 1

Fantastic writing!





## Year 3

Year 3 were very excited to receive a box of Stone Age artefacts from the Surrey History Centre. We became archaeologists for the afternoon making notes on each artefact and thinking about what it could have been used for.



## Year 6

In RE, we have been looking at the parable of the Prodigal son. In 1635, Rembrandt painted 'The Return of the Prodigal Son', which we recreated outside, thinking about what the different characters in the parable were feeling.





Year 6 also created some fantastic newspaper articles this week.

## The life of an amazing Queen

Written by E. Catania

Let us start with a fact:

In her life time, Queen Elizabeth II sent around 50,000 Christmas cards!

As Queen she served by 25 UK Prime Ministers including Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher and more recently, Boris Johnson.

Queen Elizabeth became a home owner at just 6 years old. When the people of Wales gifted her a house in the grounds of Windsor's Royal Lodge. It was named Y Bwthyn Bach, which means "little cottage".

Queen Elizabeth II was born Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary on April 21, 1926, in London, to Prince Albert, Duke of York (later known as King George VI) and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

Elizabeth was crowned Queen on June 2, 1953, in Westminster Abbey, at the age of 25.

Elizabeth assumed the responsibilities of the ruling monarch on Feb. 6, 1962, when her father King George VI died.



An image of the Queen

The funeral began after King Charles III led a procession from nearby Westminster Hall, where the Queen had been lying in state since last week. During the service, the Archbishop of Canterbury echoed the words spoken by the Queen to the nation during the coronavirus pandemic and said "we will meet again".

The Queen's coffin in the procession



## THE CROWNED CORGIS SAY

By **Nettie temple**



As the Queen's treasured pets, the royal corgis have had to say their goodbyes to their beloved owner, Queen Elizabeth II. This is why they played a special role in the funeral.

As the Queen had such a fondness of these dogs, she kept over 60 corgis in her lifetime, with 30 of them descending from her second corgi named Susan.

When the funeral parade came past the lovely, yet sad pets payed their respects to their confident, positive owner near westminster abbey.

As the Queen is known for her love of corgis, many owners have been sending pictures of their saddened corgis watching the funeral.

With her spectacular 60 dogs I'm sure all the corgis will be looking up to Queen Elizabeth II.

Elizabeth II  
1926-2022  
70 years



## Queen Elizabeth II dies at Balmoral Castle, Scotland

Earlier this week, our loving and hard working Queen has left us and rested next to her chivalrous husband in an eternal rest. She was our greatest monarch and served us for 70 years and was loved by many. Over 4 billion people watched her funeral and many were shedding tears. Her death caused many sad and angry reactions throughout the entire world miles. Many people queued for up to 10 miles and walked throughout the whole night to say their last goodbyes. Even animals paid their respect to her



She had many wild/ weird animals such as an elephant two turtles a jaguar and a pair of sloths.

By **Armando Picon**

She was also holding a world record when she died: Longest Reigning monarch. Her life was valued very much and we all miss her and our prince.

## Rainbows

We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing our Rainbows program this term for children whose parents feel that they would benefit from participating in weekly support groups. These groups are for children who are undergoing change, loss or separation in their lives. The programme is recommended by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton as an effective programme in schools. These support groups meet during the school day.



When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or other loss issues appear to be only grown-up problems, they have a profound effect on the children who are touched by such experiences. If a parent dies or a divorce happens or a painful loss occurs, not only do the parents grieve, but the children also. Children may find it extremely difficult to verbalise their feelings of grief because of their age and inexperience.

We have very sensitive, caring and trained adults who have said “yes” to helping these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family. These adults are not counsellors nor therapists but what they do, and the programme followed, is therapeutic for those involved. The programme is suitable for all the primary age group but the sessions/groups are age appropriate.

If you consider that your child/ children would benefit from this programme then please write/speak to Mrs. Rose, or speak to the Class teacher, so that we can initiate provisional groups. Once you have expressed an interest, your child will receive their own letter and registration form. Should you have any queries then please contact Mrs Rose who will be co-ordinating the programme.

## Home School Link worker

I’m delighted to announce that we now have a Home School Link worker. Mrs Barker will be working in this capacity to support parents, carers, families and pupils with a wide range of issues. Her role is shaped to support the needs of our school families in many different ways including liaising with outside agencies and giving help when completing forms and documentation.

She can be contacted on [hslw@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hslw@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk)

## 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 that word about our wonderful school would be greatly appreciated!





## Request for resources for YR

Dear parents we are constantly updating our resources in YR and wondered if we could ask parents for any donations of small matchbox cars. We are still on the look- out for children's story books to put in our new reading cupboard too. 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

If you think you have some books that would cover these topics that you would like to get rid of then please would you donate to our YR class.

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.

## Dates for your diary

INSET Day 7<sup>th</sup> October

W/C 10<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' opportunity during this week to look at your child's books in the hall.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45 Y1 and Y6

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45 Y2

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45 Y3

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45 Y4

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45 Y5

18<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' Evenings on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm – booking links will be sent out nearer the time.

21<sup>st</sup> October – end of Half term. School pick up is at the normal time of 3.15pm.



## The Friends

Please remember to complete the PTA survey and to sponsor your class duck, this can be done via Classlist.

## 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.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Mrs Grace  
Head of School