



Newsletter

4th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Around the school this week, lots of exciting things have been going on from celebrating Diwali to a Weather and Seasons Workshop in Year 3 and a visit from the Fantastic Fred team to help us all learn how to keep healthy.

The Gospel of Luke which we shared in Monday's collective worship told us all about Zaccheaus, the tax collector who was regarded as a sinner. Zacchaeus is however, drawn towards Jesus and as a result of his efforts to get close to the Lord and because of his promise to repent and help the poor and needy, is given a fresh start and put back on the right course. At St Hugh's, we teach the children in our care know that no matter how bad things get, regardless of how far they stray from the path or what mistakes they make, with God, we are never truly lost and there is always a fresh start available; all they (or indeed, any of us) have to do is reach out to God in prayer with open hearts and open minds and He will do the rest.

On Tuesday, it was a great pleasure to welcome Father Rob back into school for our celebration of All Saints' Day Mass on Tuesday. Thank you to all the children who read and sang beautifully; he was really impressed. Looking ahead, I'm delighted to tell you that I have now agreed dates for Class Masses with Father Rob and Father Nick and these will begin in the Spring term. This means that we will, once again, be able to warmly welcome you all back into school to celebrate with us.

Wherever, I have visited in school this week, no matter the weather, I have seen excellent engagement from the children, fantastic teamwork and an enormous amount of resilience. It was lovely to see them all having so much fun too in many different ways. I hope you enjoy seeing what the children have been up to in this week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Grace
Head of School

Reception

When Early Years' outside area is flooded, we use it as an amazing learning opportunity. The children were fabulous at creating bridges to get across the big puddle. They also used their investigative skills to make boats. Mrs Barker didn't tell them how to make a boat they had to just experiment. In the end, all the paired and group talking led to fantastic learning about size, sides, attachments, floating and sinking. Some brilliant boats were created.



Year 3

On Wednesday, Year 3 enjoyed a drama workshop about weather and seasons linked to their current geography topic. They became earth explorers and travelled from the blistering heat of the Sahara desert to the bitter chill of Antarctica. Here's what the children had to say:

"We learned that countries closer to the Equator are warmer." Maja

"We learned about hot and cold climates." Lola

"I enjoyed when we travelled around the world to different countries." Emily

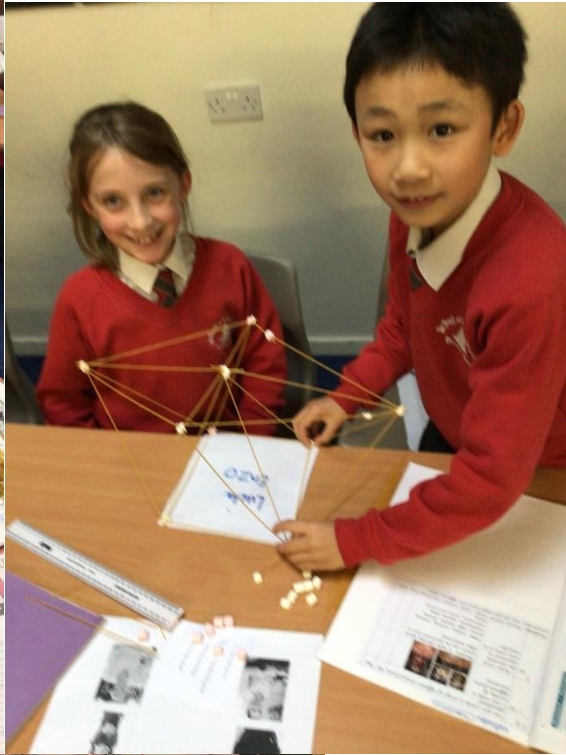
"I enjoyed being an aeroplane." Finley

"I enjoyed the different poses and being animals." David



Year 4

The year 4 class have had great fun this week making some pavilion structures as part of their design technology unit of work. They learned about what they are typically built for and identified the common features of their construction by looking at many different examples. As part of their learning, they were tasked with making their own structure using dried spaghetti and marshmallows. Some of these were then tested for strength by placing an object on top of the structure, which had to be at least 16 centimetres high. The children enjoyed the practical nature of this learning and created many impressive structures.



Celebrating Diwali

Happy Diwali

On Wednesday, we were treated to a special assembly led by two children from our Reception Class. We learned about the meaning of Diwali and why it is known as the 'festival of light'. It was lovely to see how members of our school community celebrated Diwali. We were treated to pictures and videos of their celebrations and even a dancing demonstration! Thank you to the children in Reception class who helped us understand more about this wonderful festival.



Duck Race

Thank you to Mrs Stevens and The Friends of St Hugh for laying on the fantastic Duck race for us to enjoy on Friday afternoon after school. Thank you for your generous contributions which all goes to help our school. And the winners were...Year 1 and Year2! They will have a special treat on Monday at playtime.

Well done to all who took part.



Fantastic Fred Workshops

On Thursday, the children in Years 1 to 6 were treated to a fantastic, engaging workshop 'Fantastic Fred'. The workshops are designed to inform, equip and build resilience, it delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and explains the link between our physical and mental health. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Hopefully, they are able to share this valuable learning with you at home too!



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 the hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

Father Rob's Induction Mass

Father Rob will be having an Induction Mass at St Hugh of Lincoln Parish Church on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm. It would be lovely to see you there, if you can make it.

Parents' Forum Meeting

Class reps are warmly invited to come and meet with Mrs Grace for coffee at 9am on Thursday 24th November. If you have any questions that you would like to ask at the meeting, we ask that you send these into info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk beforehand.

Term Time Absences

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>

Covid Update

We are now treating Covid like any other illness and it will accrue unauthorised absence, if your child is well enough to attend school. There is no requirement to test children however, should a test be done and the result is positive, providing your child is well enough, they should still attend school.

Uniform – a reminder about earrings

As mentioned on our school website, children are not allowed to wear jewellery, including earrings or studs. In line with Health and Safety guidance, earrings are not allowed to be worn at St Hugh of Lincoln and we do not allow the children to cover their earrings with tape.



Online Library Service

We have a new online service library service available to children with Hampshire School Library Service. They can log in from any device (computer, phone, tablet) and enjoy an exciting integrated collection of premium Ebooks, audiobooks, comics, and magazines. This is separate to the reading books they bring home from school. It is intended to encourage a love of books and reading for pleasure. The children will all be issued with an individual password to log in with.

With Sora, you can get free ebooks and audiobooks from your school.

1

Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.

2

In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.

3

Setup code: hampshiresls

4

Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

Close the book and go to your **Shelf** to see all your books (including assignments). From there, you can:

- Tap **Open Book** or **Open Audiobook** to read or listen to the book.
- Tap **Options** to renew or return the book, get to your notes and highlights, and more.

Surrey West Families Magazine

Please see below for a link to the November/December Families Magazine – the issue is all about Christmas with listings of where to see Santa, Christmas Workshops and activities, days out, Christmas light switch ons, pantos and lots more.

Magazine Link: <https://bit.ly/FamiliesMagNovDec22Digital>

Dates for your diary

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 18th November 2022

Friday 10th February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Wednesday 9th November – Please bring in any bottle donations for the Christmas Bazaar.

Monday 14th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 15th November – Please bring in any donations of wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Christmas tags, Christmas cracker donations for the Christmas Bazaar.

Tuesday 15th November – The Friends' of St Hugh AGM 6.15 drinks/nibbles 6.45 Meeting begins

Wednesday 16th November – Father Rob's Induction Mass 7.30pm at St Hugh's Parish Church

Thursday 17th November – Feast of St Hugh

Friday 18th November – School Photographer

Friday 25th November – Flu Vaccination

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

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

Wednesday 21st December – End of Autumn Term

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.

