



Newsletter 18th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

As you will see from this week's newsletter, it has been a really fun filled week, packed with fantastic learning opportunities for the children across the curriculum. I would like to thank all our wonderful teaching staff for making learning so much fun for our children every single day. I know how much hard work goes into this and I think their dedication to the children is what sets us apart from other schools. Thank you also to Father Rob, for celebrating Mass with us for our patron saint's Feast Day this week. How lucky we are now to have our own Parish Priest, once again.

The Gospel described Jesus telling a crowd at the temple of the challenges that lay ahead, warning them that they will need to have courage in their convictions if they are to be saved. One of the many important things we are called to do as a Catholic school is to instil in the children courage to do the right thing and to stand up for what they believe in. This can be particularly difficult to do if our actions are likely to bring us into conflict with others, particularly if those others are in a position to intimidate us.

This message ties in beautifully with the fact that this week has been Anti-Bullying week. This is a subject we take very seriously at our school as we do not tolerate bullying of any kind. We have been talking a lot this week about speaking out and the children know to tell a trusted adult if they ever encounter bullying of any sort. For more information about our behaviour policy, you will find it on our website in the 'About Us Section.' Under policies is our Anti-Bullying, Behaviour and Exclusions Policy. Our Behaviour Guidelines are to be found on page 10 which clearly explain how we manage unwanted behaviours including bullying.

The good news is that, if what we believe in lines up with the message from the Gospel about the way we should live out our lives, and if we trust in God, then He will give us the courage, and anything else we might need, in order to endure.

Wishing you all a lovely,
peaceful weekend
Mrs Grace
Head of School



Reception Class

It may still be November but Christmas preparations are well and truly underway in Reception! The children are busy learning songs for our Nativity performance and have been learning about the different events of the Christmas story in RE. The children have been demonstrating the impressive depth of their understanding through incredible role play and small world play. We even have our own Bethlehem stable in the classroom to enhance the children's connection to the true meaning of Christmas. It's safe to say that they are all loving it!



Year 1

Year 1- We have become Meteorologists!

In Science, we watched a clip of a weather forecast and then we made our own weather station comprising of a rain gauge, thermometer and wind indicator. Over the week, we have been reading the temperature on our class thermometer, measuring the rainfall and we have used our hand-held wind toys to test the difference between a still day and a windy day.



Year 3 Feet First with Surrey County Council

On Wednesday this week Year 3 felt very lucky when the rain stopped and they had a lovely dry morning taking part in a new walking programme Feet First. They went out in small groups with an instructor to learn and practise road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers and prepare them for independent travel. The children loved it and were able to come back into class sharing lots of knowledge. Thank you Mrs Lewis for organising it.





Year 3 Maths

We are enjoying our new unit of work in Maths, multiplication and division. We started with revising our Year 2 work on equal and unequal groups and then enjoyed practising equal sharing and grouping. Rapid recall of the times tables is vital to free up working memory, we will be spending lots of time over the next few weeks learning and using our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.



Year 5

In year 5, we went to the planetarium at Winston Churchill School for our Space topic in Science. We learnt about the different constellations of stars and could see the night sky above us in the planetarium dome. We also heard facts about some different planets including Mars and Venus. There was a live presentation where we learnt about how small we are in comparison to the rest of the universe and could also ask our own questions. At the end, we watched a film above us, on the dome roof, which explained how the Sun and Moon affect us on Earth. It was very interesting and we all learnt something new!



The Curriculum Team at the Staff Meeting

On Thursday, the Curriculum Team paid a visit to our staff meeting so that they could feedback the Pupils' voice to the teachers. It was really inspiring to listen to the team talk about the surveys they had conducted into what the children enjoy about our curriculum, what they find difficult and what they'd like to see more of. They are a really confident and articulate group of children. Lots of children enjoy learning new things and exploring ideas through practical work and they have discovered that the children enjoy practical experiments the most. Of particular interest to the teachers were the fantastic ideas for events that the team have. They have suggested a range of after school events such as a stargazing live outdoor event, something called 'Be the Scientist' where Year 6 would perform experiments for the whole school community to watch and a microscope activity in our school hall. There's lots on their agenda so watch this space for further updates from the team. We will definitely be inviting them back to talk to us later in the year. Well done team!



Year 6 Latin

In Latin this week we have done some acting. We translated the cartoon strip and then went outside to act it. We had a lot of fun!





Football at St Andrew's

Our children represented our school superbly in our latest fixture. Whilst again up against some larger schools, they showed great team work and attitude in every match which was wonderful to see. Thank you to Mr Trussler for organising and to Mr Davey for driving the minibus.



St Hugh of Lincoln Parish Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 26 November from 11.00am-2.00pm in the Parish hall. All are welcome to come along and support both the school and the parish as we share the proceeds. Lots of games for the children to enjoy, with Father Christmas arriving just after 11.00am with his Elves. Refreshments also available. Thank you for your donations over the last couple of weeks; greatly appreciated.

The Nativity Performances

As you will have seen in previous editions of the newsletter 'Dates for your diary' the Reception and KS1 nativity is taking place on Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December.

Parents and carers are invited to attend as follows:

Tuesday 6th December at 2:15: YR parents and Y1 parents with children with surnames A-K

Wednesday 7th December at 2:15: Y1 parents with children with surnames L-Z and year 2 parents

Due to space restrictions in the hall we ask that only two parents/carers attend per child.

Please book your space on scopay (www.scopay.com) in the Trips and Events area then complete the form for the date relevant for you.

SEND

Have you wondered if your child might be autistic or showing signs of ADHD?

Surrey Family Learning are offering a free 3-week online course called-First Steps to Understanding my Child (ADHD, Autism & Neurodivergent).

Please see the flyer for more information about how to enrol in the training course.

**First steps
to understanding my child
(ADHD, Autism and Neurodivergent)**

FREE COURSE

This FREE Online three-week parenting course will be delivered in three 2 x hour sessions and will explain the terms and key features associated with a neurodivergent profile, we will consider how this might impact your child's behaviour and discuss how to approach health professionals and schools to ask for support.

When?
Thursday 24/11/22 to 08/12/22
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Zoom Online
Click on [link](#) or QR code for more details

Have you wondered if your child might be autistic or showing signs of ADHD?

Does your child suffer with Social Anxiety?

Does your child struggle at School?

Has your child developed distressed behaviors?

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Web: www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning
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Tel: 07800717806

Wellbeing at St Hugh

The emotional well-being of your child is very important to us. As part of our curriculum, through our PSHE programme, children learn how to identify their emotions and are taught strategies to self-regulate through the Zones of Regulation.

On Thursday 24th November Mrs Pickard will be hosting a workshop on the Zones of Regulation at 2.30pm. She will talk about how we use Zones of Regulation in school and how you can use it at home to help your child manage their emotions and feel more positive. We hope you can attend.

**THE
ZONES OF
REGULATION®**

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

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.

Friends Christmas Jumper Recycling

The Friends of St Hugh are collecting old Christmas jumpers that they would like to recycle and sell at the Christmas Fayre. Please donate your old and unwanted Christmas jumpers for a good cause by handing in to the school office.



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 10th February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Friday 25th November – Flu Vaccination

Saturday 26th November – Christmas Bazaar 11-2

Monday 28th November – School Closure

Tuesday 6th December YR/KS1 Nativity performance 1 – 2.15pm parents from YR and half of Y1

Wednesday 7th December YR/KS1 Nativity performance 2 – 2.15pm parents from Y2 and other half of Y1

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 Advent Reflections – 9.30am at SJB. More 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.

