



Newsletter 21st October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week we held our first Parent Consultation Evenings and I hope that you enjoyed hearing all about how well your child has settled into their new class. They are all such a credit to their families and they all show us every day how well they follow our 3 school rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Our gospel this week was all about a woman who refuses to give up in search of justice. Jesus uses this story to impress upon the disciples how important it is not to lose heart and to never stop praying to God. Persistence, perseverance and resilience are important traits that we nurture in the children. A common characteristic amongst people who achieve great things is their ability to keep going, to never give up, regardless of how hopeless a situation may seem. A person who achieved great things in pursuit of justice was Nelson Mandela. Reception class have been inspired by his life story this week as part of their learning during Black History Month and other classes have been finding out all about other inspirational role models and reading stories from other cultures.

When we have prayed to God long and hard about something that we think we desperately need and our prayers don't seem to be answered, it can be easy to lose heart, to lose faith. Jesus however teaches us that if we keep persisting then, in the end, God will answer all our prayers; maybe not quite in the way we were expecting but we will be answered.

The message to us all this week is: never give up in the pursuit of what is right and good.

It only remains for me to say, thank you for all your support for the school this half term and God bless for a happy and restful half term break,

Mrs Grace

Head of School



A reminder: The relics of St Bernadette will be visiting St Dunstan's Church on Friday 21st October. St Bernadette...Pray for us.

Reception

To mark Black History Month, Reception have been celebrating the life of Nelson Mandela. We have been fascinated by his life and amazing achievements. The children have thought so carefully about what they would like to say to Nelson Mandela if he was still alive today.



Year 1

Windmills

We have finished designing and creating our windmills. This week we began evaluating the good and bad points about our windmills to help us improve our work for next time. We tested our windmills to find out if everything worked correctly. This was a great opportunity for the children to develop their problem-solving skills. Here are some ideas we came up with:

- If the windmill topples over when we attached the turbine, we could add more weight to the base or attach it to a larger base.
- If the turbine isn't able to turn, we needed check that it is not attached with tape or glue.



Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been designing, creating and testing our own mats for a floor robot. Their mat had to include squares to visit and squares to avoid. The design had to include code and algorithms which the children have been learning in their Computing lessons this half term. All the children were very successful in their designs and enjoyed working with their partners to program different routes for their floor robot to travel.



Year 3

In DT, Year 3 have been learning about where our food comes from and thinking about how we can use seasonal produce. We all enjoyed preparing a seasonal crumble to take home and enjoy with our families.



More from Year 3...

On Wednesday, Year 3 were visited by Alex a meteorologist from the Met Office, as they will be learning about weather and climate after half term in geography. They found out about the difference between weather and climate, climates around the world and had a go at being weather forecasters! Finally, they had a chance to ask Alex questions about her job. A fantastic experience for the children, thank you to Mrs Willmott for arranging this for Year 3.





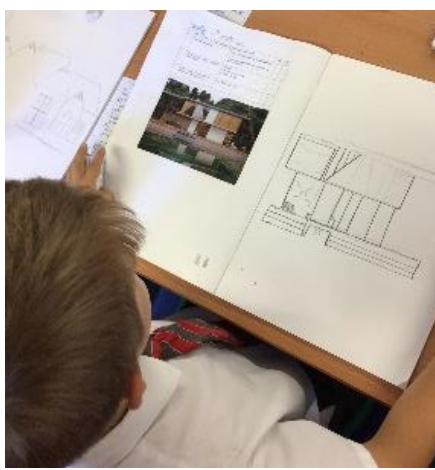
Year 4

Year 4 have had fun completing their final compositions within their Art lesson this week. The children used a variety of methods to create their final pieces which included, printing, collaging and sketching to show proportion and tone within their drawings. The children chose a specific theme to base their artwork upon, these included: Queen Elizabeth, wealth, caring for one another and many more. We have been impressed with their development of skills over the term and their final compositions are a testament to their hard work and determination to produce an excellent piece of artwork.



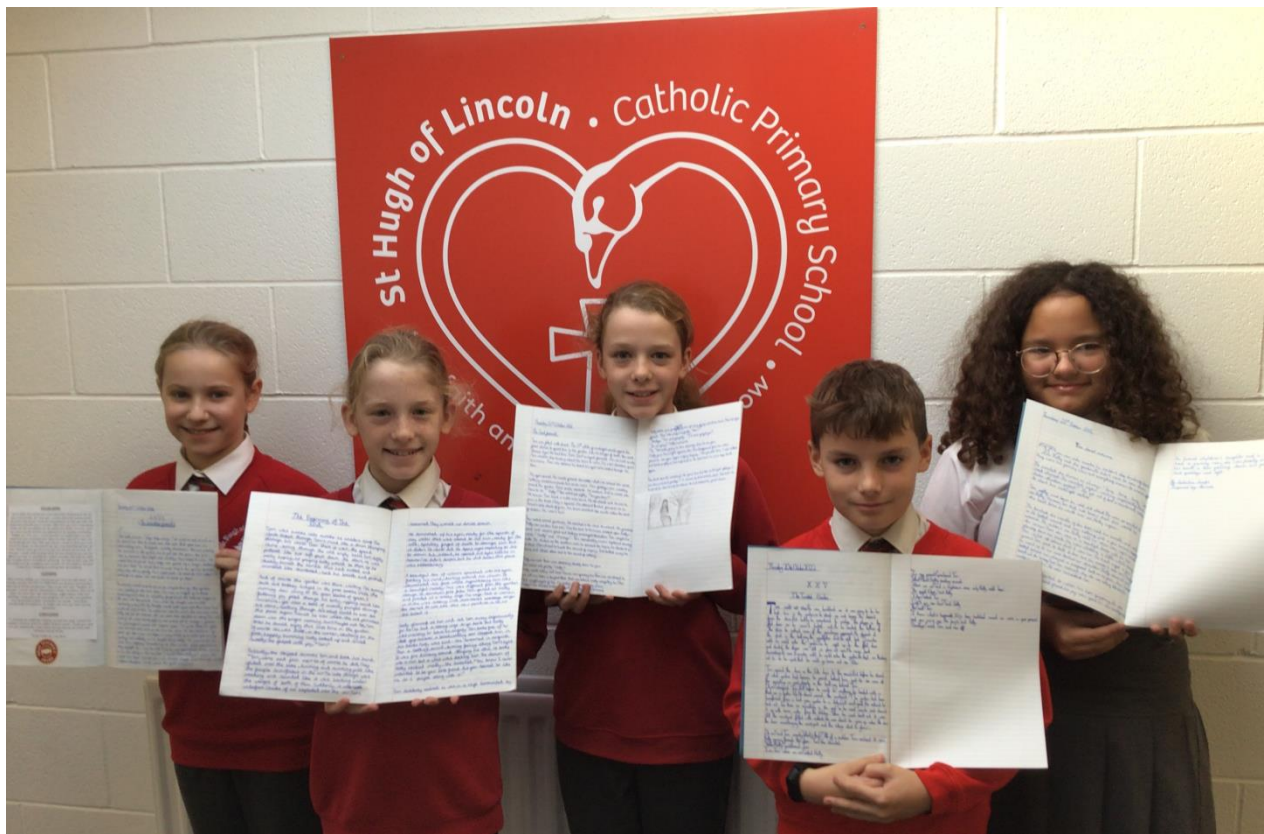
Year 5

In Art this week, we became 'architects'. Year 5 completed an observational drawing of a house and focused on the composition and proportion of their drawing. They used their pencils to help make sure all the elements were the right size and used different pencils to create shading. It was lovely to see how proud they were of their work and really impressed the adults with their creativity!



Year 6

Year 6 have really enjoyed their class book Tom's Midnight Garden and today they wrote their own endings to this classic novel. Well done Year 6!



Eco Council Update

The eco-representatives have now completed their environmental review based upon the school's eco sustainability and presented their findings to the whole school. From their review, they have found that the school would benefit from launching a campaign relating to making sure people across the school are switching things off when they are not being used. Through an initiative run by The Pod, the school is taking part in Switch of Fortnight. This is a nationwide campaign that takes place every November to encourage schools to switch off lights and electrical appliances when not in use for two weeks. The goals for schools are to help them save energy and monitor the impact of changing user behaviour on the school's energy use. We look forward to them raising awareness of this more as we start the next school term. Great work Eco-team!



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 the word about our wonderful school would be greatly appreciated!

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

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.

Collecting children from Clubs

When picking up children from Football, Multi Sports and Music clubs, please may we ask that you do not drive up to school or park in Five Oaks Close. Please use Wickes and the Surrey pub car parks and walk up to school to collect your children. At 4.15pm, there are still lots of children walking across the car park. We had a near miss in the car park this week and it's our duty to keep everyone safe. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary

End of Half term – 21st October. Return to School is on Monday 31st October

Reception Learn and Share sessions:

Reception parents and carers are invited into school for your children to share their learning with you on the dates below. If you are able to attend, 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 finished 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

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 with Y6 at 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.

Messages from the Friends of St Hugh

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Friends of St Hugh, our PTA, AGM will be held on the 15th November at 6:15pm in the school hall. The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents and carers, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of all the children at our school. The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year.

Without a minimum number of people to elect our committee, the elections can't happen and without a committee the PTA can't continue. We hope to see many of you there.

Duck Race

After half-term, our ducks will finally run their race. It'll take place on Friday 4th November at pick-up in the KS2 playground. Please come, as the ducks can't run without children from their class! There is still time to sponsor your duck (links on Classlist or cash in the office): the class who raise the most will win a prize, as will the class whose duck wins the race.

Disco

Don't forget to send us your song wishes to add to the disco playlist. As we haven't had a disco for 3 years, you can expect lots of fun and surprises on the 12th November! You can pre-book your ticket on Classlist (especially if you wish to let us know any dietary requirements).

Friends Calendar

The Friends are happy to share their event and meetings calendar! Some dates might still be added. We hope nothing will change but sometimes circumstances that are beyond our control might force us to change or cancel some events. If that happens we will let you know as soon as possible. Meanwhile, you can, if you wish, print this calendar and stick it on your fridge to remind you of all the fun we have planned for you!

Panto Tickets

The panto tickets are still available to purchase via classlist, booking will be opened up to the parish after half term.

Friendly yours,

The Friends Committee

