

St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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Governor Newsletter Summer 2022 (Issue 2)

Message from Mike O'Donovan (Chairman)

Welcome to the second edition of our governors newsletter!

Since our last newsletter, we have had our Catholic School Inspection, similar to Ofsted but focusing on the Catholic life of our school. Cath Wellbelove (RE Lead Governor) and myself were joined by Fr Gerard for our meeting with the Inspector. This went well, albeit, Cath had only been in post for a couple of months! Well done to everyone, especially the children!

We continue to be thankful to everyone who contributes to our School Development Fund, which enables us to fund extras for the school.

Looking forward to September 2022, we will see a change in our school structure. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Harper will become an Executive Headteacher in overall charge of multiple schools including St Hugh of Lincoln! As such Mrs Grace will become Head of School and Mrs Pickard will become Assistant Head of School. We will also say goodbye to Mr Bott who is moving onto another school, and welcome Mr Davies as his replacement.

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our bid for some grant monies, as we continue to look at opportunities to improve our school and our fund raising, if anyone has ideas for fund raising opportunities please do contact me! One project we are very keen to see come into fruition is a Multi Use Games Area, all weather surface in normal speak!

Thank you for supporting the school and look forward to another new year in September!

Regards Mike O'Donovan Chair of Governors

Goodluck to Year 6 from Andrew Davey (Vice Chairman)

As we approach the end of another academic year at St Hugh of Lincoln, we are saying our goodbye to year 6. From a Governors perspective it is always a symbol of great achievement to see our students move from our wonderful primary setting to their secondary schools. Personally I have been somewhat heavily invested in this current year 6 activities, having my own son in class, but that aside I hope to maintain a close association with all the classes as everyone moves through the school in September.

We've had a flurry of activity leading up to the end of this Summer, with Inter Schools sporting events arranged by Miss Bye, and year 6 managed to finish their swimming lessons after the disruption of the last two years.

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It goes without saying, the Governors sincerely appreciate the support you and your families have shown our wonderful team we have at St Hughs, and we wish you a wonderful safe and enjoyable summer.





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Governor Activities during the Summer Term

There has been a lot of governor activity during the summer term, with Mrs Rose we accompanied the children on their trip to Worth Abbey for the Good Shepherd Mass, it was a lovely service and the children were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour and participation.

We helped to invigilate the year 6 SATS exams which took place in June. All the children worked really hard, they did fantastically and should be very proud of themselves. A huge thank you to Miss Quinlan who supported them so well.

On the two inset days with teachers and LSA's we attended phonics training for the new scheme (RWI) and Master Readers training which is a methodology to teach reading after phonics. KS1 have already started using the new phonics scheme and the children are enjoying Fred talk and learning the hand signals that enable short sharp bursts of learning. Parents will be invited to sessions to introduce the new scheme in September.

15 children from year 6 who were unable to have swimming lessons due to the pandemic were able to have these lesson at St Lawrence school in Chobham and we accompanied them to the lessons, again they were great ambassadors for the school and we received the following feedback from their swimming teacher '*I would also like to express how impressed and pleased I have been with all the children's behaviour and attitude over the weeks. They have been polite, followed the pool rules, respectfully kept quiet whilst on poolside, had an excellent attitude to learning whilst in the water and have always left the*

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changing rooms spotless. It has been an absolute joy to teach them and they represented St Hugh of Lincoln Primary School brilliantly'.

We have also accompanied the children to a number of sporting fixtures including district athletics, a tennis open afternoon and a rounders tournament.

Governors School Development Fund

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who make voluntary contributions to the Governors School Development Fund. Many schools have a Governors voluntary fund which helps raise much needed money to improve the quality of provision for all pupils.

Next term we plan to update the WIFI in school which will enable the laptops to be used effectively in the classroom and we have set plans in motion for several new and exciting projects. The projects include improvements to the KS2 playground, a MUGA (multi use games area) and an outdoor classroom.

Contributions can be made by standing order or one off payments. Standing orders can be set up online with your bank or you can complete the attached standing order mandate and return to the School Office.

The bank details for the Governors School Development Fund are:

- St Hugh of Lincoln Primary School Governors
- Lloyds Bank PLC
- Sort code: 30-90-90
- Account number: 35608268

We would really appreciate it if you could in any way offer a small donation on a regular monthly basis or a one off payment, it would be so beneficial to our children.

If you are a UK tax payer your donation can be boosted by Gift Aid Boost (25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate), please see attached declaration form.

Parent Engagement

Governors welcome your feedback and comments. We will be sending out a Parent and Carer engagement survey in the near future. In the meantime if you have any comments or feedback please email them to Mike O'Donovan modonovan@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk

Safeguarding

As part of his role as Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor Mike meets with Mrs Grace, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead to undertake a termly review meeting of the school's safeguarding process. Mike O'Donovan can be contacted on the following email modonovan@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk

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