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Dear Parents and Carers,

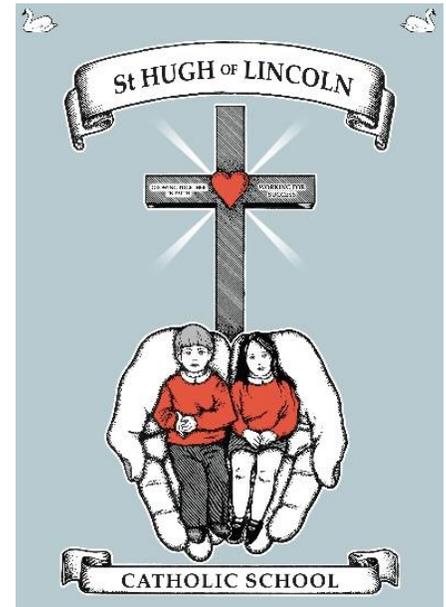
The last few days have seen an increase in Christmas preparations with the stage and lights going up in the hall, and the backdrop to go behind the stage. Children have been practising hard for the Reception / KS1 nativity and the KS2 Advent Service, but we have been keeping normal lessons going too because we do want children working hard and learning well right up to the end of term. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of parents, carers and grandparents next week and the week after to share in the nativity and Advent service.

Thank you to Fr Gerard who celebrated a class Mass for Year 6 on Thursday morning. Next Thursday morning it will be Year 5's turn. Mass will be at 9.00am and all parents, carers and parishioners will be very welcome, particularly those associated with Year 5.

Please can parents make sure that the school is informed if there are changes to the normal collection arrangements at the end of a school day. Children in Years 4-6 will be reminded that if the adult they are expecting to be taking them home is not there to meet them at the end of the day they **MUST** report to a teacher on the playground or to the school office. **Under no circumstances should another parent, however well-meaning, take another child home without the knowledge of the child's parents and the school.**

The Friends met last week and the meeting minutes are on the website. A very big thank you to this year's office holders, and to the outgoing secretary (Mrs Wazydrag) and treasurer (Ms Linnell) – thank you very much indeed for your valuable service to the school.

I wrote to Year 4 parents this week to advise that sadly Mr Giannotta will be leaving the school at the end of term. Mr Giannotta and his family will be relocating to another part of the country. We have appointed two teachers who will share classteacher responsibility for Year 4 for the next two terms – the two teachers will be in school next week to meet the children. God bless, Mr George



School Values

God our Father, help us all to ...

Live like Jesus,
One family, learning together,
Valuing everyone,
Each and every day.

At St Hugh of Lincoln School we are fully committed to safeguarding. Mr George and Mrs Rose are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads: any concerns regarding safeguarding should be raised with either of them.

St Hugh of Lincoln ... pray for us



Forthcoming dates:

- 12 December – Christmas card posting box available in school**
- 12 December – Reception / KS1 nativity for invited guests (1.30pm)**
- 13 December – Year 5 class Mass (9.00am)**
- 13 & 14 December – Reception / KS1 nativity (2.00pm)**
- 17 December – KS2 to church to practice for Advent service (pm)**
- 18 December – KS2 Advent service in the church (7.00pm)**
- 19 December – Christmas lunch**
- 20 December – Reception Class Mass (9.00am)**
- 20 December – KS2 Advent service in the school hall (9.45am)**
- 21 December – End of Autumn term (1.30pm)**
- 7 January – Start of Spring term**
- 7 & 8 January – Life Bus in school**

Year 5 / 6 football (Thursday afternoons) – next Thursday (13 December) will be the last session this term. There will not be a session on 20 December.

Parents and carers may have noticed that our old minibus has been replaced in the car park (and on the road) by a much newer model. Like the old minibus the new one has 17 seats, which is important because it means we can transport half-class groups plus one adult, in addition to the driver. We are looking for a good and cost-effective way to add some school branding – if any parents or carers can help with this, please let me know.

Christmas arrangements

12 December (1.30pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity in the school hall, for invited guests. This performance will be for the Key Stage 2 children to watch, and invited guests who will mostly be from the parish luncheon club.

13 December (2.00pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity in the school hall for parents.

14 December (2.00pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity in the school hall for parents.

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend on **either** 13th or 14th. Please **do not** come on **both** dates as the hall will be very full. Pre-school age children may come, but there will be strictly no pushchairs / prams in the school hall. The nativity is likely to last around 45 minutes. At the end of the nativity, once the children are changed back into uniform, they may be collected, but any Key Stage 2 children will need to remain in class until the normal end of the school day.

18 December (7.00pm) – Key Stage 2 Advent Service in the church. All children in Key Stage 2 will be expected to take part. They will need to arrive at the church at 6.30pm. All Key Stage 2 parents are invited. The church is highly likely to be packed – younger children will have the opportunity to see the Advent Service in school and should not be brought unless absolutely necessary. The Advent Service is likely to last about one hour.

20 December (9.45am) – Key Stage 2 Advent Service in the school hall. This will be a repeat of the Advent Service led in the church. All Key Stage 2 parents are invited, to see the Advent Service for the first time if they were not in the church, or to see it again. Pre-school age children may be brought.

From the Friends

The Friends are delighted to announce the purchase of a new school defibrillator. In case of an emergency this can be used on pupils, staff and visitors to our school.

The Friends' officers are:

Chair: Amy Willis

Vice-Chair: Tom Creaven

Secretary: Laura Mills

Treasurer: Ingrid Stevens
Falkowski

Coming up in the last week of term: Christmas Jumper day. Watch out for details.