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Dear Parents and Carers,

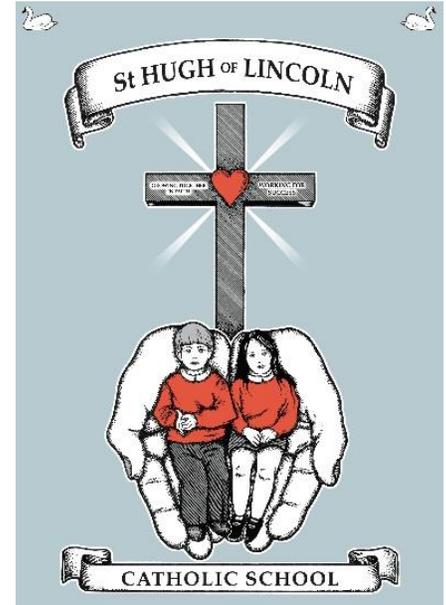
Well done to our Reception and Key Stage 1 children who have been performing their nativity play to delighted audiences this week. The children have worked hard to learn their words and the performances have been lovely, with super singing, speaking and acting. Well done to all the children, and to all the staff who have helped them.

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed more than 20 guests to the school to watch the children's nativity play and to enjoy a cup of tea, a mince pie and a conversation with our Year 6 prefects. The guests came from the parish Thursday luncheon club, neighbours, and some former staff and governors. It was a particular pleasure to welcome back to the school two former Chairs of Governors, Anne Rushton and Mike Smallwood, and a former Headteacher, Mrs Bullen. I was proud of the way our Year 6 prefects were at ease with our visitors and were so hospitable.

Next week it will be Key Stage 2's turn to lead their Advent Service – on Tuesday evening in the church and then on Thursday morning in school. We always focus on making this service an act of worship rather than a show, whilst giving all children the opportunity to participate through singing, speaking or drama or a combination of these. This year we have 'started from scratch' with the script and with readings drawn from scripture, so it will look a bit different from previous years. Although different, it will be just as meaningful in all our preparations for Christmas.

Next Wednesday we will have our Christmas lunch. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Wednesday. We ask for a £1 per child donation to the Friends in exchange for the opportunity to wear a Christmas Jumper to school. The rest of normal school uniform should be worn – just a Christmas Jumper instead of a school one.

On Thursday this week we welcomed Mrs Hillier and Mr Whitfield who will be teaching Year 4 from January until the end of the Summer term. They met the children and are looking forward to the opportunity to meet parents in the new term. Enjoy the weekend, 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:

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

15 January – Closing date for applications for September 2019 admission

25 January – Year 6 class assembly (9.00am)

8 February – Year 3 class assembly (9.00am)

Year 5 / 6 football (Thursday afternoons) – this has now finished for this term.

Admissions reminder – a reminder that **15 January** is the deadline for submission of Supplementary Information Forms and local authority applications for admission to Reception Class in September 2019. If you need to apply for a school place for a child for September 2019 you need to make sure that you do so before this deadline.

Christmas arrangements

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

17 December (pm) – Key Stage 2 children to the church for rehearsal. Children to be collected from the church at the end of the 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.

19 December – Christmas lunch

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.

Fr Gerard celebrated a Class Mass for Year 5 on Thursday. It was lovely to welcome a number of parents and parishioners. Next Thursday the last Class Mass of this term will be for Reception Class. All parents and carers will be very welcome, particularly those of Reception Class children.

In our hall we have four wall-mounted speakers connected to an amplifier. It all used to work well. The amplifier now seems to be working but nothing is going through the speakers. Is there a parent or carer who would be able to look at this for us and fix it or let us know what we need to do to get it working? Please let Mr George know if you can help.

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor, to join the school team from the start of the Spring term. The hours are 11.40am to 1.05pm, five days a week. Responsibilities include putting out the fold-out dining tables in the hall, the supervision of children in the lunch hall while they are eating, supervising children outside on the playground / field, ensuring that they are safe, active and enjoying a happy playtime experience, and administering basic first aid when necessary (training will be provided). Salary is £16,191 FTE (£2,644.82 pro rata) Like all appointments within the school the post is subject to satisfactory DBS clearance and references.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 20 December at 3.15pm. Completed application forms should be returned to Mr George.

More details:
<http://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/vacancies/>