



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Well done to our Key Stage 2 children who led their Advent Reflection in the school on Monday morning, having done so in the church last week. The season of Advent is a gift given to us by the church to help us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas, amongst the busy preparation for putting up decorations and the exchange of gifts. The Advent Reflection provides a lovely prelude to the Reception / Key Stage 1 nativity play, which we are looking forward to next week.

Fr Alexander was in school last Friday to provide children in Years 4-6 with the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. This is an opportunity we always like to provide in school during Advent and Lent. Thank you to Fr Alexander.

A big thank you to Mrs Hall, Mrs Chinere, Mrs Barker, and others who helped with the 'Hope for Alix' hamper raffle which was drawn last Friday, with all proceeds going to the school. The hampers were wonderful and I am sure will be much enjoyed by the lucky winners.

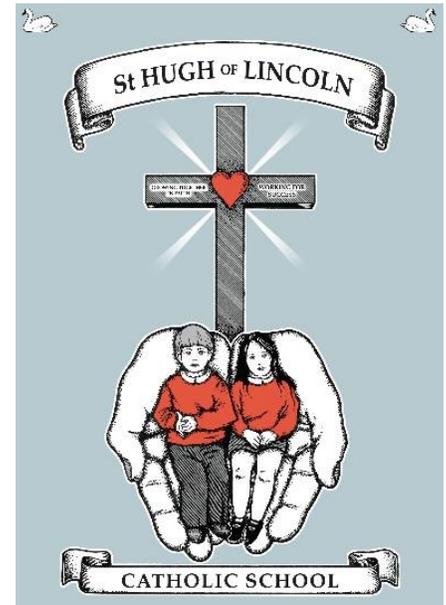
Our caterers cooked 194 Christmas lunches on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed their meals. It is a tradition at the school that the teachers and lunchtime supervisors all serve the children their Christmas lunches and do all the tidying up afterwards. I always think that serving children in this way, at a special mealtime, is a real privilege to be able to do and is something I always look forward to.

This week all children brought home Mission Together collection boxes, following the assembly given by Mrs Tommie last week. Families are invited to use the collection boxes over the Advent and Christmas periods to put in any loose change, and then bring them back to school in the new year. All the money collected will be sent to Mission Together to help their work in Sri Lanka. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

God bless,

Mr George

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### School Values

#### God our Father, help us all to ...

**L**ive like Jesus,  
**O**ne family, learning together,  
**V**aluing everyone,  
**E**ach 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. The member of the governing body with nominated responsibility for safeguarding is Mrs Jo Losty.

Mass is celebrated in the school hall at 8.30am each term time Wednesday. All are very welcome.

Forthcoming events:

- 11 December – last swimming lesson for current group
- 21 December – End of Autumn term (1.30pm)
- 8 January – Start of Spring term
- 8&9 January – Life Bus in school
- 8 January – first swimming lesson for new Year 5 group
- 26 January – Year 5 assembly (9.00am)
- 9 February – Year 4 assembly (9.00am)
- 1 March – World Book Day
- 2 March – Year 3 assembly (9.00am)
- 5 March – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
- 5 & 7 March – Parent consultation meetings
- 6 March – Year 6 trip to Houses of Parliament
- 12 March – Year 5 trip to Royal Grammar School (Tudor experience)
- 14 March – School closed to pupils (INSET day)
- 16 March – Year 2 assembly (9.00am)
- 26-29 March – Scholastic Book Fayre in school
- 18 April – Whole school photograph
- 14-18 May – Key Stage 2 SATs week
- 6 June – Deanery Athletics event (St Dunstan's)
- 11-15 June – Year 6 Level 2 cycle training
- 11-15 June – Year 1 / Year 2 phonics test week
- 19 June – Music celebration evening

**Christmas arrangements**

15 December (1.30pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity play 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.

18 December (1.45pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity play in the school hall for parents.

19 December (1.45pm) – Key Stage 1 nativity play in the school hall for parents. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend on **either** 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 play is likely to last around 45 minutes. At the end of the play, 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.

We will take a charity collection at the end of the two nativity play performances to which parents are invited.

20 December – A group of children (to be invited) carol singing at Princess Christian care home.

20 December – Christmas parties in each class. Children may wear their own clothes all day.

As I have written about recently, Mr McGovern will be returning to St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, from where he has been on secondment, at the end of term. His last day with us will be on Wednesday. As a school we are extremely grateful to Mrs Walsh, the Headteacher at St Augustine's, for having given Mr McGovern the opportunity to join us on secondment this term. We are very thankful to Mr McGovern for all his hard work over the course of this term; he has been a real asset to our school. Mrs Hermon's last day at St Hugh's will be next Thursday, the last day of term, before she too, by coincidence, moves to a role at St Augustine's. Over the course of the past eleven years Mrs Hermon has been a highly dedicated and skilled Teaching Assistant and we will miss her when the new term starts in January.

## Our Golden Children

**Reception** – Joseph: for working extremely hard, putting 100% effort into all his learning and for giving amazing answers to questions in class; Orla: for participating more and more in class, showing a great understanding of phonics and number. **Year 1** – Zachary: for being a super role model, including with his focus and attitude when rehearsing from the Christmas play; Henry: for working really hard on reading and moving up to a new reading level; Hazel: for writing super book reviews for homework, including suggesting why others may enjoy reading what she has read. **Year 2** – Owen and Stefan: for great work in mental arithmetic and for showing that they love a challenge. **Year 3** – Bailey: for trying hard on every task and for progress in maths, including being able to explain his reasoning; Grace: for persevering even when the task is difficult and for good progress both with writing and with touch typing. **Year 4** – Felicity: for doing everything to the best of her ability and for outstanding art work creating a super still life drawing; Otto: for working particularly hard in mathematics and for a willingness to share his skills and knowledge with others. **Year 5** – Sophie: for working with speed and accuracy in every subject and for meeting the very high standards that she sets for herself; Ala: for a very hard-working attitude and for doing everything expected of her ... and more. **Year 6** – Kini: for significant progress in reading brought about through very hard work; Joseph: for an outstanding attitude towards all aspects of his learning; Aidan: for consistently outstanding work and for super enthusiasm towards everything he does.

Thank you God for our gifts and talents.

Thank you very much for the tinned food and health and hygiene essentials that have been coming in to fill the boxes in each classroom in support of the York Road Project. The boxes will remain the classrooms until Wednesday. We know how much these little but essential gifts mean to those who will receive them. Thank you again for such great generosity.

The school Twitter feed has just under 200 followers. There have been almost 1500 Tweets in the four years the school account has been active. It is a great way to find out interesting but non-essential news from the school. If you use Twitter and don't yet follow the school account, why not take a look?  
@StHughSchool

Please keep in your prayers those who are sick, lonely, anxious or afraid. Thank you.

### A St Hugh Learner – a GRIP on learning and learning with a SMILE

- G**ets on (is not easily distracted; makes good use of time)
- Is **R**esilient (does not give up when things are difficult)
- Is **I**nquisitive (asks questions)
- Has **P**ride in their learning (tries hard & takes care over presentation)
- Is **S**elf-aware (knows what they're learning and what their next step is)
- M**anages their learning (has the right resources and uses them well)
- Is **I**maginative (willing to try things out and to be creative)
- Can **L**earn with others and independently
- E**njoys learning