

## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. A warm welcome back to school for the Spring term. It has been lovely to have been in the hall during lunchtimes every day this week listening to children talking about their Christmas holidays.

Whilst welcoming 'back' all our children and families I know parents and carers will join me in offering a warm welcome to Mrs Hillier and Mr Whitfield who have joined us to teach Year 4 for the rest of this year. They have enjoyed their first week with Year 4.

The Christmas holidays were busy in school – school is rarely quiet even when there are no children. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends we have a new canopy outside Year 1's classroom, together with new mulch flooring to provide a much improved and all-weather outdoor area, primarily for the use of children in Year 1.

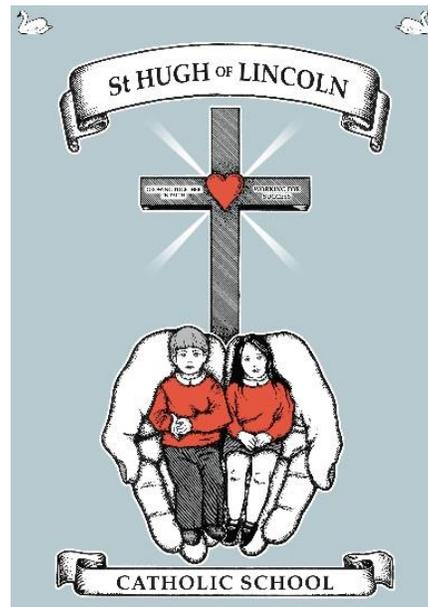
All of the children in the school visited the Life Bus on Monday or Tuesday. The Life Bus is an annual visitor to the school and makes a valuable contribution to learning about the way our bodies work and making good decisions to look after ourselves. We have already booked the Life Bus to return on the equivalent two days next year.

On Tuesday afternoon I attended a meeting of the Woking Area Schools Primary Sports Association – there are now dates for some more sporting events appearing in the calendar – keep an eye on the newsletter each week.

Enjoy the weekend.

God Bless,

Mr George



### 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.

St Hugh of Lincoln ... pray for us



**Forthcoming dates:**

- 14 January – Year 5 swimming group 2 lessons start**
- 15 January – Closing date for applications for September 2019 admission**
- 23 January – Netball cluster matches (Horsell Junior School)**
- 25 January – Year 6 class assembly (9.00am)**
- 31 January – Sportshall Athletics competition (Spectrum)**
- 1 February – Netball cluster matches (Horsell Junior School)**
- 5 February – Online safety meeting for parents (6.30pm)**
- 8 February – Year 3 class assembly (9.00am)**
- 13 February – Girls’ football match v Pirbright (home)**
- 18-22 February – Half term holiday**
- 26 February – Year 6 football match v Pirbright (away)**
- 5 March – Woking cross-country championships**
- 8 March – Year 2 class assembly (9.00am)**
- 8 March – Netball cluster matches (Horsell Junior School)**
- 11 March – Year 5 visit to Royal Grammar School (Tudor experience)**
- 12 March – Woking cross-country championships**
- 12 March – Information evening for parents (Curriculum) (6.30pm)**
- 18 & 20 March – Parent consultation meetings**
- 19 March – Woking cross-country championships**
- 25 March – WASPS netball rally (am) (SJB)**
- 29 March – Year 1 class assembly (9.00am)**
- 1 April – Woking Music Festival (Princes Hall, Aldershot)**
- 5 April – End of Spring term (1.30pm)**
- 23 April – Start of Summer term**

**A reminder of the school's policies regarding hairstyles and jewellery:**

**Boys' Hair** is to be smart and conventional. Hair should not cover the eyes and hinder learning. It should be kept short (but no shorter than number 2) and not be longer than the collar. Extremes of fashion are not allowed.

**Girls' Hair** is to be smart and conventional. Hair should not cover the eyes and hinder learning. All long hair must be tied back. Sensible hair accessories in red or white may be worn.

**Jewellery** may not be worn to school, with the exception of a simple watch. The school cannot be responsible for personal property such as watches, so stipulates that only low-value watches should be worn. All watches need to be removed for PE.

Thank you to Stephen Crane, whose term of office as a Parent Governor has come to an end. Thank you Stephen for all the contributions to the school you have made in this role.

The school day officially starts with the register at 8.50am, but by then teachers are already teaching and children are already working; in Key Stage 2 we invite children in from 8.40am and actually really like them coming in at 8.40am – it gives them an extra 50 minutes a week learning with their teacher (a whole 10 hours extra this term, by being in 10 minutes early every day). So children don't have to be in until 8.50am, but if they are coming through the door at 8.40am they are getting all that extra learning time. For this reason teachers cannot see parents or carers at the start of the school day – they are teaching children every day from 8.40am, and before that they are busy preparing for the day. Teachers will always see parents for a quick word on the playground after school, or where a longer appointment is required teachers welcome appointments being made via the school office.