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Dear Parents,

Happy new year and welcome to this second term of the school year. This week it has been lovely to have talked with many children about their Christmas holidays and about how kind Fr Christmas had been towards them.

We have had a very busy first week of term with all the classes doing a range of Science based learning activities. We had the Life Bus in school on Monday and Tuesday, and all of the children enjoyed the opportunity to visit the bus to learn about different aspects of healthy living and how our bodies work.

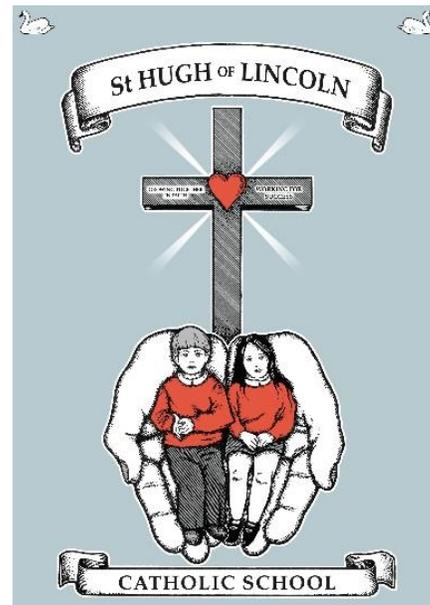
On Wednesday and Friday we welcomed Mrs Wills and a team of colleagues from Pirbright Institute who came to help us with some great science investigations. Mr Spooner, and Mr and Mrs Temple have very kindly shared their scientific passion and expertise with children. A very big thank you to them all.

My favourite idea for the week has come from Year 3, where children were writing about their ideas for a car of the future. What a brilliant idea Jeremiah shared with me - to have a car that sucks up litter and dirt from the road as it drives along and can convert it into energy that powers it. A chief engineer of the future, I think.

In our start of term assembly on Monday our theme was making the most of every learning opportunity we have at school. We learned that there are about 60 million children in our world who are never able to go to school. For those children their life dreams are seriously limited – how can someone dream of being a doctor, or a pilot, or a lawyer, or an author, or an engineer, if they never go to school, just like their parents and their neighbours never went to school. That there are so many children in the world who have no school and often end up in child labour from very young ages is a tragedy, and it must make all of us reflect on and value the great privilege and blessing we have of a school to go to and an education to enjoy. We are blessed – let's all make the most of that blessing.

God bless, Mr George

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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. The member of the governing body with nominated responsibility for safeguarding is Mrs Jo Losty.

There will be NO MASS in school on Wednesday 17th or Wednesday 24th January.

Forthcoming events:

20 January – Friends family disco

26 January – Year 5 assembly (9.00am)

1 February – Friends Happy Bag collection

6&7 February – Parents & children Maths sessions (details to follow)

9 February – Year 4 assembly (9.00am)

9 February – Reception Class Learn and Share (2.45pm)

12-16 February – half term holiday

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

Welcome

A very warm welcome (back) to our school to Mrs Grace, who is our new Deputy Headteacher and who rejoined us in this role this week.

A very warm welcome also to Mr Butler who has joined us on a short term basis to teach on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Grace and Mr Butler are sharing responsibility for teaching Year 4 at the present time.

Mrs Young, who all the children in the school know well, is working with us again, currently teaching Reception Class on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A Happy New Year and Welcome back from the Friends!

- Tuesday evening was the first committee meeting of the term, with some great ideas discussed. Minutes will be on the website very soon.
- Our Treasurer Karen, will be stepping down at our next AGM (Sept/Oct). Karen will have completed a couple of terms by then and we are very thankful for everything that she has done. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, and would like to ponder standing for the position next year, then please do come and have a chat with Karen or any other member of the committee.

FRIENDS FAMILY DISCO

7pm – 9pm Saturday 20th January Church Hall (not the school!)

ENTRY £5 a family

Please join the Friends for our first event of 2018! This much loved event is for adults and children.

RAFFLE PRIZES WANTED!! If anyone has any unused, unopened, unwanted presents, sweets, chocolate from Christmas please donate them at the school office. If you are able to help on the night, please contact Karen Terry (Louise Yr6) on 07800 743924

Keep up to date, with all things Friends, and events happening around the school on the 'Friends of St Hugh, Knaphill' Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/106748326162191/learning_content/

If you would like to contact us then email: FriendsOfStHughsPTA@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support, *The Friends*

SCHOOL CLOSURE (INSET) DAYS – please note the newly published dates below:

Wednesday 14 March (this date previously published)

Monday 4 June

Monday 25 June

Monday 3 September

Tuesday 4 September (the first day of term for children will be 5 September).

We have a new award in school – a trophy to be awarded to the class making the most effort with Mathletics. Please encourage children to use Mathletics, and then to bring in their certificates.

We will be taking a choir to the Schools Music Festival at Princes' Hall, Aldershot, which this year will be on Monday 26 March. More details to follow shortly.

Knaphill / St John's Children's Centre News

Our Thursday afternoons Music and Rhyme Time is a fun group of singing, stories, rhymes and music. This session is aimed at children up to 5 years old. Come along to collect a Book Start Pack. The times are 1.00-2.00pm. This session must be booked in advance.

You can also find details of this and all the centre's activities on the website: www.stjohnsknaphillchildrenscentre.co.uk or contact the centre on 01483 476450.

Louisa, Lucie and Carol

Surrey Half Marathon – 11 March

I will be running the Surrey Half Marathon again this year. Are there any parents who will also be running, or parents or children running one of the other distances that form part of the event, who would like to join me in making a 'team' to raise some sponsorship money for the Friends? Please let me know if you are interested.

The donations collected at the end of last term's Christmas nativity plays and Advent Reflections has been counted and came to a wonderful total of £587.03. This money will be split equally between Woking Hospice and the Little Roo Fund, at the request of our School Council. A representative from Woking Hospice will be coming to our assembly on 29 January so that children can present her with a cheque; on behalf of the School Council I have extended the same invitation to someone from the Little Roo Fund and hope that someone may be able to come to an assembly too. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Collection boxes for Mission Together – thank you very much to the families who have already brought back boxes. Please can we have boxes back by **Monday 22 January**. Thank you very much in anticipation.

In our extra-curricular Golden Assembly this week we celebrated children's achievements in: cycling, swimming, gymnastics, acrobatics, ice dance, climbing, dance, judo and all-round creativity. Well done to all our talented children.