



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

To state the obvious it has been a very cold and snowy week. We postponed Year 4's trip to Fishbourne Palace, which was due to have happened on Wednesday and then very reluctantly, school was closed on Thursday and Friday. Year 4's trip will be rearranged (with no additional cost to parents) – hopefully for early in the Summer term. Year 5's football match against New Haw which was due to be played on Wednesday was cancelled – hopefully this can be rearranged too. World Book Day celebrations will also be rearranged – children are invited to come in dressed as a favourite book character next Thursday, 8 March.

On Monday our Year 6 football team played a fantastic match against Beaufort. The standard of play from both schools was very high – I cannot remember the last time I watched an under-11 match with such high quality play by both teams. St Hugh's won 7-2 with goals from John (3), Aidan (2), Jonah and Aaron. Well done to them, and to Tom, Dela, Ethan, Seb and Ollie who formed the rest of the team.

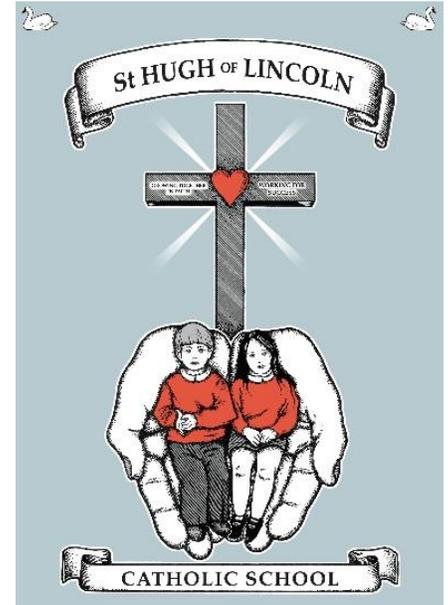
The Friends' Quiz Night is coming up on 17 March. Tickets are £6 per person, or £14 to include a curry meal. Please email [friendsofsthughspat@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsthughspat@gmail.com) or speak with one of the Friends committee members for more information.

We had an amazing collection of awards to celebrate in our extra-curricular Golden Assembly last Friday. Whether in dance, swimming, Athletics, football, skiing, drama ... whatever it may be we have so many talented children who are fortunate to be given opportunities to develop and excel in so many different ways.

I am looking forward to seeing parents at parent consultation meetings next week.

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 on Wednesdays. All welcome.

Forthcoming events:

- 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
- 6 March – Year 3 / 4 cross country event
- 7 March – KS1 choral festival (Year 2) (St Andrew's School)
- 8 March – World Book Day celebrations
- 12 March – Year 5 trip to Royal Grammar School (Tudors)
- 14 March – INSET day – school closed to pupils
- 15 March – Year 6 to Junior Citizen
- 15 March – Year 3 / 4 boys football tournament (am)
- 15 March – Year 3 / 4 girls football tournament (pm)
- 15 March – Year 5 football match v Knaphill (away)
- 16 March – Year 2 assembly (9.00am)
- 19 March – WASPS netball rally (2.45pm)
- 26 March – Woking Schools Music Festival (evening)

**St John's Knaphill 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](http://www.stjohnsknaphillchildrenscentre.co.uk) or contact the centre on 01483 476450.

Louisa, Lucie and Carol

**School closures**

I was extremely reluctant to close the school on Thursday and Friday. I am very much of the view that school should be open at all times, unless it is unsafe for it to be so.

When I arrived at school on Thursday morning I was aware that a number of members of staff were experiencing difficulty in getting into work, and I was therefore unable to be sure that we would have sufficient members of staff at school in order for us to be able to look after all our children appropriately.

When I left school on Thursday it was with the firm intention that school would be open on Friday, as I communicated to parents on Thursday afternoon. Arriving at school on Friday morning however I was very concerned about the condition of Five Oaks Close, which has not been treated, and the risk involved in expecting staff to drive along it, at the same time as parents and children were walking along the pavement. In consultation with the Chair of Governors the decision was taken to close the school again on safety grounds.

I am sorry for inconvenience that school closure inevitably causes. They are decisions I only take after a lot of thought and evaluation of risk, with the welfare of all in the school community in mind.



Built on Thursday evening by one of our neighbours.