

## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for coming to the Parent Consultation meetings in school this week. Not every school gets 100% turnouts at these meetings, but the fact that we do is great for our children. Effective partnership between school and parents is so important. Thank you.

Today is Mrs Shembry's last day of working at our school. She has been associated with our school since 1988 when her elder child began as a pupil, and has been a member of staff since 1993: 24 years of service to our school. She began employment at the school as a lunchtime supervisor, has worked in classrooms for many years, and for a number of years was the school's dedicated ICT technician. Children in the school know Mrs Shembry as a kind, quiet, calm and unfailingly helpful person. She has all these qualities, but also a fantastic ability to command respect from others, including whole classes, not through what she says or does but just because of who she is. Mrs Shembry is extremely well respected by all others, because she models total respect to all others. She has been an extremely loyal and dedicated member of staff, always putting the children first and doing what needs doing for the good of the school and for the children in it. We are lucky to have been blessed by her presence.

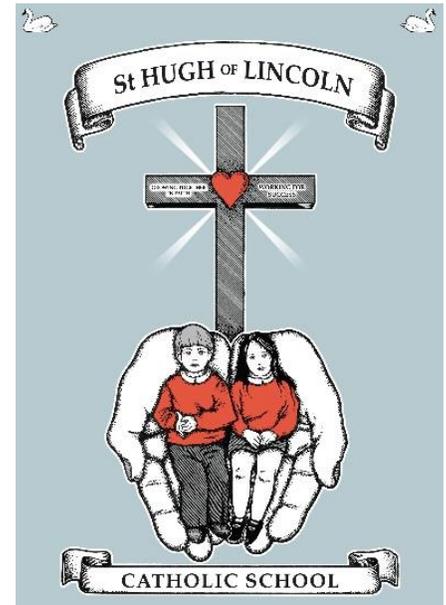
Last Friday our Year 6 boys' football team played in the Woking District tournament. They played five matches and played well, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1. Just as with the girls in the previous week it was Beaufort who proved to be the only school able to beat them. We finished second of the five teams in our group – not enough to progress to the semi-finals but nevertheless a good effort by all involved. Thank you to Mr Martin for organising our school's involvement and for accompanying the team.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fayre this week. The Fayre was very well supported and I am pleased that this support has generated a good amount of commission which we can invest in more books for the school.

Enjoy the half-term holiday. School will re-start at 8.50am on Monday 30 October.

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. (1 November Mass will be at 9.00am).

## Forthcoming events:

- 20 October – Friends cake sale (3.15pm)
- 23-27 October – Half term holiday
- 27 October – Friends Bingo / Games evening
- 30 October – Friends meeting (7.00pm)
- 1 November – All Saints' Day whole school Mass (9.00am)
- 6 November – Year 6 football match v Sythwood (away)
- 8 November – Open afternoon for September 2018 admission (1.45pm)
- 10 November – Year 6 class assembly (9.00am)
- 10 November – Muffi day for Christmas wrapping paper, cards etc
- 13 November – Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- 16 November – Muffi day for Christmas fayre bottle tombola
- 17 November – St Hugh of Lincoln feast day whole school Mass (9.00am)
- 23 November – Open morning for September 2018 admission (9.30am)
- 23 November – Year 5 football match v Sythwood (home)
- 25 November – Christmas Bazaar (Church hall)

## Science Week

Mrs Merchant is organising a 'Science Week' for the whole school to take place early in the Spring term. We hope to have some visitors in school that week to help us with a range of different Science / Engineering type activities. Mrs Merchant would love to hear from any parents who work in a scientific field or have a science-based passion who could join us at school for half a day or more during the week to help inspire our children. Please do speak to Mrs Merchant if you are able to offer anything in this regard.

Our new school website is now live. The site was designed for us by a colleague at St John the Baptist School and has an exciting new look. There are still some bits of information to be added, and this will happen over the next week or so. Please do have a look, and let me have any feedback that could help us to further improve any of the ways we communicate.



Our girls' football team played a match against our friends from The Marist on Thursday. Our girls played well but Marist were a strong team and won 2-0 with goals either side of half time. The match was played on astroturf, which was a new or unfamiliar experience for most of our girls. Well done all the players and thank you to The Marist for hosting our team.

We had a wonderful celebration of harvest last Friday. It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents, babies and friends packing our hall. Thank you for being so generous in providing produce, and then for buying much of it back after school. The fresh produce that was sold raised a fantastic £161.41 for CAFOD. This is enough to enable a family in El Salvador to start a small family business, and for another family to start a small farm. Alternatively it is enough to keep 161 children in El Salvador safe from gang violence for a week. Your generosity makes a real difference in our world. The tins and packets also make a big difference. These were all boxed up and are being delivered to needy individuals and families within our parish and just beyond – again making a real difference. Thank you again.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Happy School Bag clothes collection on Thursday, and particularly to Helen Taylor for organising it once again. Over £400 was raised for the Friends – another great effort. Mr McGovern met with one company this week to draw up some plans to improve the outdoor areas in the school, and particularly to provide more areas of cover for outdoor work in Reception / Key Stage 1 classes. Mr McGovern will be meeting with further companies during half term. This is a project which Friends have agreed to support with fund raising.

Happy to promote this in aid  
of such a good cause ...



Wednesday 1 November is All Saints Day, a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated in the school hall at 9.00am, attended by the whole school. Parents and parishioners will be very welcome.

On 31st October, the eve of the feast of All Saints, Holy Trinity Church in Chobham Road is hosting the Light Fantastic Children's Party, the theme for which this year is Superheroes. It starts at 4pm & ends at 6pm; the cost is £2.50 per child, Payable on the door, no need to book. Tea & cake provided for adults. For children of primary school age. All are welcome.

When we return after half-term the kitchen will be cooking and serving meals using the Autumn-Winter menu, which can be downloaded here:  
<http://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1665297/primary-menu-aw-2017-18.pdf>

All children in Years R-4 will be offered the flu nasal vaccination in school this year (on 30 November). Parents will receive a letter about this after half term.