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Dear Parents,

On Thursday we celebrated All Saints Day with a whole school Mass. As always it was lovely to be able to welcome lots of parents and other parishioners. It will not be long before we have another opportunity to welcome parents and parishioners to join us for a whole school Mass: our patronal feast day will be celebrated on Friday 16 November, and Fr Gerard will celebrate Mass at 9.00am. Please do come and join us if you can.

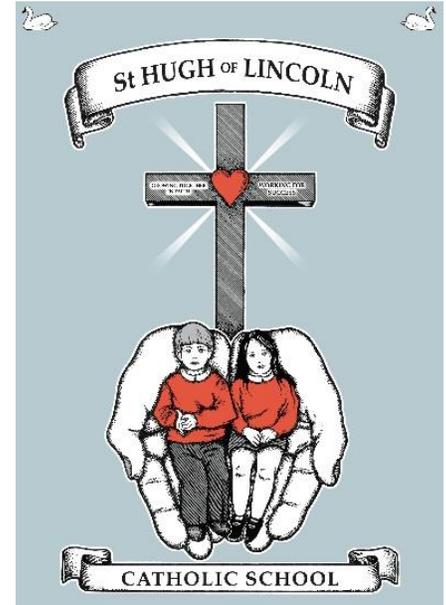
Year 3 had a lovely day at Butser Ancient Farm on Monday. It was a beautiful day and as the children were busy and well wrapped-up they were not bothered by the cold. The children learned a lot and like educational visits should do, it provided memories that will last. Thank you to Mrs Edwards for organising and leading Year 3's trip.

On Tuesday all the children took part in assemblies led by a special visitor from the NSPCC. All the children subsequently brought home information about how we are supporting the work of the NSPCC. Thank you in advance for your support.

Over the last couple of years we have focussed on introducing more of a mastery approach to learning. This means that children are given greater opportunity to embed and apply their learning, before moving on to new curriculum content. Within Maths all children in Years 1-6 are now using a resource called Power Maths. This has been written with the mastery approach at its heart. Year 1 and Year 2 have been using it since the start of term, and the Key Stage 2 classes have joined in this week. Please do invite your child or children to tell you about their learning in Maths and for the older children, how it is different to what they have done before.

With the weather having turned colder this week, please do ensure that children have a coat in school each day.

God bless, Mr George



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.

St Hugh of Lincoln ... pray for us



Forthcoming dates:

- 7 November – NSPCC Danceathon**
- 7 November – Mufti day for Christmas bazaar (bottles)**
- 9 November – Year 4 class assembly (9.00am)**
- 9 November – Flu immunisations**
- 12-16 November – Anti-bullying week**
- 13 November – Open afternoon for September 2019 admission (1.45pm)**
- 16 November – Whole school Mass (St Hugh of Lincoln feast day) (9.00am)**
- 16 November – Mufti day for Christmas bazaar (wrapping paper etc)**
- 23 November – Open morning for September 2019 admission (9.15am)**
- 23 November – Reception class Learn and Share (2.45pm)**
- 28 November – Induction of Fr Gerard as Parish Priest (7.00pm)**
- 29 November – Friends meeting (7.00pm)**
- 3 December – School closed to children (INSET day)**
- 12 December – Reception / KS1 nativity for invited guests (1.30pm)**
- 13 & 14 December – Reception / KS1 nativity (2.00pm)**
- 18 December – KS2 Advent service in the church (7.00pm)**
- 19 December – Christmas lunch**
- 20 December – KS2 Advent service in school (9.45am)**
- 21 December – End of Autumn term (1.30pm)**
- 7 January – Start of Spring term**
- 7&8 January – Life Bus in school**
- 25 January – Year 6 class assembly (9.00am)**
- 8 February – Year 3 class assembly (9.00am)**
- 18-22 February – Half term holiday**

Class Masses

Last Summer term we had a number of class Masses. These were lovely and we will be organising more between now and the end of this term. For the remaining Thursdays this term instead of Mass being at 8.30am it will instead be at 9.00am, still in the hall, but will be a Class Mass. All will be very welcome, particularly the parents and carers of the children in the class whose class Mass it is.

Thursday 8 November –
Year 3

Thursday 15 November –
Year 4

No Mass on 22 November

Thursday 29 November –
Year 1

Thursday 6 December –
Year 6

Thursday 13 December –
Year 5

Thursday 20 December –
Reception

Year 2's Class Mass will be
next term.

We will have poppies and other items produced by the Royal British Legion available on the playground before and after school each day next week. Year 6 children will be available to help with poppies (donations) and items such as rulers, reflectors, pencils etc (priced at 50p or £1.00). On Saturday 10 November a group of Year 6 children will be representing the school at the annual Knaphill Service of Remembrance. The children will be reading prayers. This will be particularly poignant, as 11 November will mark exactly 100 years since the end of World War 1. The Knaphill Service will start at 10.45am on 10 November and will take place in front of the Knaphill memorial wall, at the site of the old library. All will be very welcome – I am very pleased that the school is invited to take part each year, helping to ensure that remembrance continues to be viewed as important by today's children.

On Wednesday children may wear their own clothes – remember that it is the NSPCC danceathon that day. In exchange for wearing their own clothes children are asked to bring a bottle for the tombola at the Christmas Bazaar.