



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic School



Dear parents and carers,

First Holy Communion

This weekend, our wonderful Year 4 children celebrate their first Holy Communion. All of the staff and children at St Hugh will be thinking of them and will pray that God will be there beside them on their very special day and forever love and guide them as they grow.

Weekly Masses and visits from Fr Gerard

Fr Gerard started his regular class Masses or liturgies this week and will be visiting a different class each Thursday afternoon. It is fantastic to have Fr Gerard in school with us each week and look forward to a time when we are once again able to open our doors to the whole community to celebrate with us.

Fr Gerard signing SJB admission forms

If you have a Supplementary Information Form for St John the Baptist School that you would like Fr Gerard to sign, please send your form in with your child by 30 September. Mr Bott will collect them in class and we will arrange for Fr Gerard to sign them and will return them to you via your child.

Happy bags

Thank you for all of your donations for the Friends' happy bag collection – your donations raised £546.65 for the school which is absolutely fantastic. I'm sure we'll do this again and next time I'll remember to give advance warning to our caretaker Mr Hannon had a big shock when he turned up at school on Wednesday morning thinking someone had been fly tipping!

School photographs

Many thanks to the parent who pointed out that the school photographer had been booked for a PE day! We've now rearranged the school photographer day for 9th October when the children will be in their regular school uniform.

Prospective reception parents open evenings

Given the recent national tightening of Covid measures, we were advised yesterday against holding the socially distanced, ticketed events we had planned for parents interested in a reception place next year. We're going back to the drawing board next week and will communicate our new plan on the school and parish newsletters as soon as we can.

Remote learning contingency plans

Whilst the government have been clear that they want schools to remain open during the new wave of increased infections, schools have been asked to put in place contingency plans for remote learning should a child be off school due to Covid-19. This needs to cover scenarios such as small numbers of children self-isolating, to bubbles being closed or school being shut to much larger numbers of children.

At St Hugh we are working incredibly hard behind the scenes to plan for various scenarios and will be utilising Microsoft Teams once more as our vehicle for delivering remote learning should this be necessary. We have deliberately put homework on Teams this term to ensure that you and your children remain familiar with how to use it in the event that it needs to be used more extensively once again. If you are experiencing any difficulties logging on to your child's account please do let us know.



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Autumn term parents evenings

Some of you may be thinking ahead and wondering how we are planning to do parents evenings. Although we're still in the early stages of planning, we're hoping to be able to use some purpose-built software to enable us to run these virtually. As soon as we're further along the planning process I'll let you know dates, times and how it will work, but I do plan to hold these meetings somehow even if we're not able to meet face to face!

Wraparound care spaces and a play worker vacancy

We still have spaces in our wraparound care facility if you would like one for your child. We also have a vacancy for an after school play worker from 3pm – 6pm. Please call the office for details if you are interested in either opportunity.

Inset day 2nd October

Just a quick reminder that we have an INSET day on Friday 2 October. Wrap around care will not be in operation that day.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend particularly those of you celebrating first Holy Communion.
God bless,
Mrs Harper