



Newsletter 23 October 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all of your support as we draw to the end of our first half term. Your children have been working really hard and are a credit to you all. I hope you and your families all stay well and you are able to enjoy a well-deserved break next week.

Our wonderful catering team

Thank you to Mrs Small and her team in the kitchen who made a cupcake for all of our children to enjoy to celebrate the end of our first half term back at school – their lovely gesture brought lots of smiles to the children's faces at lunchtime! I'd also like to acknowledge all the effort they have gone to, to provide a delicious, healthy hot lunch to the children having school meals. Lots of schools have been unable to provide hot food this half term but Mrs Small and her team have redesigned their menu and the way the food is served to make sure that our children are able to enjoy a hot meal in the middle of the day. Our kitchen team are wonderful and we are really lucky to have them at our school.

Poppy appeal

The British Legion dropped off Poppy appeal boxes with us this week which I will put out in classes once we come back from half term. We're not able to hold the table top sale year 6 usually organise in the playground this year, but the British Legion have kindly given us enough boxes of poppies and appeal boxes to have one in each bubble after half term. Poppies will be on sale after half term until our special remembrance assembly in school on Monday 9 November. Over the last few weeks, years 1 and 2 have been learning about remembrance and have produced some lovely work for the classrooms and hall display, here's an example of some of the lovely work they've been doing as they learn why we have a poppy appeal.



Parents evenings – 3 and 9 November

You should have received an email this week with details of how to book your virtual parents evening meeting. These meetings have already happened for year 1 and have now been arranged for all of our other classes on Tuesday 3 November and Monday 9 November. Our trial with the new School Cloud system was largely a success

although there were a few technical issues where microphones weren't enabled on home devices. If you do experience a technical issue on the evening, the class teacher will try to call you during your appointment time instead.

Thank you for your harvest festival donations

We have had a message of thanks from the church for all of your generous harvest festival donations. Food parcels have been delivered to many parishioners from the St Hugh's Luncheon Club and they were delighted to receive them. They are always surprised at the generosity of people. The surplus goods have been donated to the Woking Foodbank and they too were very grateful to receive much needed items.

The Friends build a scarecrow competition

To celebrate the harvest festival and half term the Friends have kindly organised the very first St Hugh's build a scarecrow competition. You will receive a separate email about it today and it would be wonderful if we had lots of entries. To enter, all you need to do is build your own scarecrow of any size and send a picture of your child(ren) with their scarecrow to friendsofsthughspta@gmail.com before 2 November. Entry costs £3 made via a bank transfer to the the Friends bank account (The Friends, sort code 40-47-08, account number 42445352). The prize is a £10 voucher from The Entertainer shop. Have fun!

Mrs McGrail's last day

I'm really sorry to say that its Mrs McGrail's last day in the office today. She's been a fantastic member of the school community for many years and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her new ventures.

School bungalow to rent

The school bungalow is available to rent. If you know anyone who may be interested, our letting agent, West Surrey Lettings, has the details and will be able to organise a viewing.

Free courses from Surrey Adult learning

The Adult Learning team at Surrey have a range of free courses for parents, carers and grandparents on a whole range of topics that are aimed at helping you support your child at home. They have spaces on courses such as:

- EAL - English as an additional language
- Maths - Learning your child's curriculum
- Exploring good behaviour strategies
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Yoga for anxiety
- Cooking together; Scrummy yummy soups, Merry muffins
- Skills to encourage mini scientists
- Storytelling workshops; Aliens love Panta Claus

Here's a link to their website with booking details in case you are interested in booking a place on one of their courses:

<https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/professionals/healthy-schools/news/urgent-help-needed-to-share-free-parenting-courses-for-surrey-families>

Craft idea from Surrey Heritage

Surrey Heritage have sent us a simple craft idea to share that you may want to try at half term. It is a video showing you how to make a bug. It doesn't need any expensive supplies and introduces the concept of an archive and how Surrey Heritage look after the historic documents in their care. Here's a link to their video:

Make an Egg Box Bug with Surrey Heritage

<https://bit.ly/eggboxbug>

Have fun!

Covid 19 protocol reminder

I hope we never need it, but could I remind everyone of the **email address for reporting any positive Covid-19 cases** to school:

covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk

This is monitored over the weekends and holidays so if you are in the unfortunate position of receiving a positive test for a member of your household, please don't wait until school is open to let us know. It is imperative that if any member of your household is showing symptoms that the whole household self-isolates and your children do not come to school.

Have a lovely half term break everyone and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2 November,

God bless,

Mrs Harper