



St Hugh of Lincoln
Catholic Primary School
In faith and love, we learn and grow



Newsletter – St Hugh Feast Day Special! 20 November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We've had a wonderful week at school this week celebrating St Hugh of Lincoln and talking about how we can live out our school mission statement, "In faith and love, we learn and grow." We've been delighted to welcome Fr Gerard into school twice this week. One Tuesday he joined year 2 who led a special collective worship which was live streamed across the school to celebrate St Hugh's feast day. Later on in the week, Fr Gerard came back to join Year 5 who were learning all about the life of St Hugh and he was able to share lots of stories about St Hugh's life which year 5 really enjoyed. Thank you for joining us on our special week Fr Gerard!

Here are a few photos of just a few of the lovely things your children have been doing this week. Once we've displayed all of our St Hugh's week work I'll send you some more photographs.



Year 3 dramatised the story of St Hugh, year 2 lead a whole school Feast day collective worship and YR made a St Hugh swan by drawing around their hands.



Children took turns in the afternoon to plant bulbs in the prayer garden, year 4 wrote prayers and produced some beautiful illustrated crosses and year 6 created some gorgeous illuminated letters.



Anti-bullying week

We've also been taking part in national anti-bullying week this week and we've been doing lots of work on treating each other with kindness and respect so that we create the loving environment we talk about in our mission statement. Many thanks to Miss Lyde for coordinating our anti-bullying activities this week and for arranging for us to take part in a special Anti-bullying Alliance assembly. Please support us by encouraging your children to talk to an adult at school if they are unhappy and reinforcing the message that bullying is not tolerated at our school.

Christmas plans

Further to Ani Magill's letter this week I'm pleased to share the plans we've put in place for Christmas:

Christmas cards

Lots of schools are not allowing children to bring in Christmas cards from home because of the risk of Covid contamination between homes. I know that giving and receiving cards is something lots of children enjoy as part of their Christmas celebrations so I'd like to be able to do it in a Covid safe way. If your child would like to bring in some Christmas cards for their friends, please could you

ensure they only send cards to children in the same bubble. Each class will have a collection box for cards which your child can put their cards into by 11th December. This will allow us to quarantine them in each class in time to give them out before we break up. Please talk to your children about not giving cards to their friends in the playground – they must take them into class where we can quarantine them first.

Christmas lunch - 16th December

Our kitchen staff are planning to cook a traditional Christmas lunch for the children to be delivered to class for years 2 – 6 and to be eaten in the hall by reception and year 1. The lunch will be on Wednesday 16th December and is available now for you to choose on Scopay if you would like your child to participate.

Christmas jumper or mad hair day – 16th December

To coincide with the Christmas lunch we are working with The Friends to have a Christmas jumper day when children can wear a Christmas jumper over their uniform. If you don't have a Christmas jumper or your child doesn't want to wear one, they are welcome to come to school with "mad hair" that day instead! Let your imagination run free! The Friends are kindly collecting donations of £1 for taking part.

Class Christmas parties

In the afternoon of Thursday 17th December, teachers will be organising parties for the children in their bubbles. The Friends are kindly supporting the parties with donations of cookies to decorate, cups of hot chocolate and a small gift for each child. **If your child has any allergies and you do not want them to decorate a cookie or have a hot chocolate please contact the office so we can try and arrange an alternative.** Please don't send party clothes from home for your child to change into this year.

Class Christmas Films

I'm really sorry that we're not going to be able to do our usual nativity play and advent reflection this year. Instead, we're planning to release a short film of each bubble performing their own Christmas celebration. These films will be made available to all parents on a protected Vimeo link and I would ask that they are not shared on social media but kept for private use only. **Please could you let us know by the end of the day on Wednesday 25th November if you have any objections to your child being part of their class film?** I can assure you that the films will not be put on the school website or Twitter account. Fr Gerard has kindly offered the use of the church for one year group and so we will arrange for Year 6 to film a longer advent reflection in the church to mark their last year at our school.

Reminder - School closure day on Monday 30th November

God bless,
Mrs Harper