



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



Newsletter 18 December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Well - we made it to the end of the term and what a term it's been! I want to say a huge thank you to every single one of you for being so very supportive of the school in what can only be described as an autumn term like no other! You and your children have coped admirably with all of the changes and your lovely comments (and boxes of biscuits!) have kept us all smiling throughout.

Hopefully, the children have had a wonderful week at school with mad hair day, Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunches, the pantomime and parties. There have certainly been lots of happy, smiling faces around the school!

On behalf of every member of staff I want to say a massive thank you for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts you've given to us. Your generosity has left us speechless and we're incredibly touched by your kindness. Thank you!



St Hugh Christmas Videos

Here is a present from all of us to you and your families. We're certainly not Hollywood trained nor do we have any professional sound or camera equipment, but your children and the staff have given it their very best shot to produce a Christmas video for you! There are two films: a compilation film featuring year R to 5 and a separate Advent reflection film from year 6. We hope you all enjoy watching them as much as the children enjoyed making them. Could we just ask that you keep them for personal use and don't share them on social media so that we respect the wishes of those parents who do not want images of their children freely shared. You will need to turn up your volume to maximum until we can buy some microphones for the hall!

Links and passwords have been sent out privately – parents/carers, please contact the school office if you did not receive the original newsletter.

We understand that many of you may wish to have a permanent record of the film and so The Friends are going to make a version for you to buy. Could you email The Friends if you would like to place an order for any of the following?

DVD £10
Digital download £5
Additional DVDs £5

NB each video link will be made into a separate DVD.

Thank you for supporting The Friends

After including a plea for help for The Friends, I'm delighted to say that attendance at their AGM was very good and some new faces have volunteered to help. They now have a full committee which means they're able to continue the incredible fundraising work they do for our children. Thank you so much!

A special thank you is in order from the children to Mrs Stevens, Mr Creaven and Mrs Barker who spent the afternoon yesterday making hot chocolate and delivering cookies and presents to the children for their parties. They were brilliant, and the children really appreciated it.

Admissions reminder for Reception 2021

The admissions team at Surrey have asked us to distribute the following message to parents:

*In an effort to reduce the number of late applications received, we would be very grateful if you could remind parents with children in your school, including parents with pre-school siblings, that the national closing date for Reception applications for September 2021 entry is **15 January 2021**.*

Any opportunity that you may have to mention this to parents - such as an end of term newsletter, an email to parents etc - would be much appreciated, in the hope that parents will complete an application over the Christmas holidays if they have not already.

We strongly encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. If parents are unable to apply online, they will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (to our Quadrant Court address) by 15 January, so parents must

allow time for the post to reach us. If parents need to apply on paper, we recommend that they send applications by recorded post.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Covid reporting procedures over the Christmas holiday

As a trust we have decided to centralise our track and trace efforts over the Christmas period and so I'm asking that should the worst happen and your child tests positive between 18th December and Christmas day please contact emergency@xavier.cet.org.uk and we will put in place appropriate track and trace procedures. Please note, that this is a different email address to our usual Covid notification one. After Christmas Eve, you don't need to notify us of Covid cases on the address above as the regular government track and trace procedures take over.

At the beginning of the new term, please do not send your children to school if you have been told to self-isolate or any member of your household becomes symptomatic. If this applies to you, please email info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk to report your child's absence as usual. We will begin to monitor our Covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk account again from 6th January.

From all the staff at St Hugh we wish you all a very merry, healthy Christmas and a happy New Year!

See you all on 6th January.

God bless,
Mrs Harper

