



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



Newsletter 5 February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

What a very strange week it's been with the news about the South African variant and the community surge testing. I need to say a massive thank you to the critical worker parents who were so understanding and made last minute arrangements to their shift patterns or emergency child care arrangements which let all of the St Hugh staff living in the testing zone go home to participate in the surge testing. Hopefully the testing will be completed in the coming days and we can get some clarity about the prevalence of the variant in the community.

I also want to say a huge thank you to everyone else at home for the support you are giving to your children with their home learning. You're doing a brilliant job in really difficult circumstances and we feel very lucky to have such an amazing parent body. If anyone fancies taking up teaching after this is over please come and speak to me!

INSET day moved from 15th March to 5th March

Our Xavier schools were supposed to have an INSET day on 15th March, however with the current plan for children to return to school on 8th March we don't feel it's right to close the school again for a day at that time. We are therefore going to move the INSET back to Friday 5th March to allow us to get everything ready for the children coming back the following week. Sorry to change our plans at short notice and I hope you understand our reasons and that it doesn't cause you any inconvenience.

Designating Safeguarding Leads

We take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously at St Hugh and have recently had more members of staff trained as safeguarding leads. This has allowed us to reorganise some of our responsibilities and so as of now, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will be Mrs Grace while Mrs Pickard and myself support as Deputy DSLs. If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child, please don't hesitate to let any of us know and we will take the appropriate action.

Tucasi Data Breach

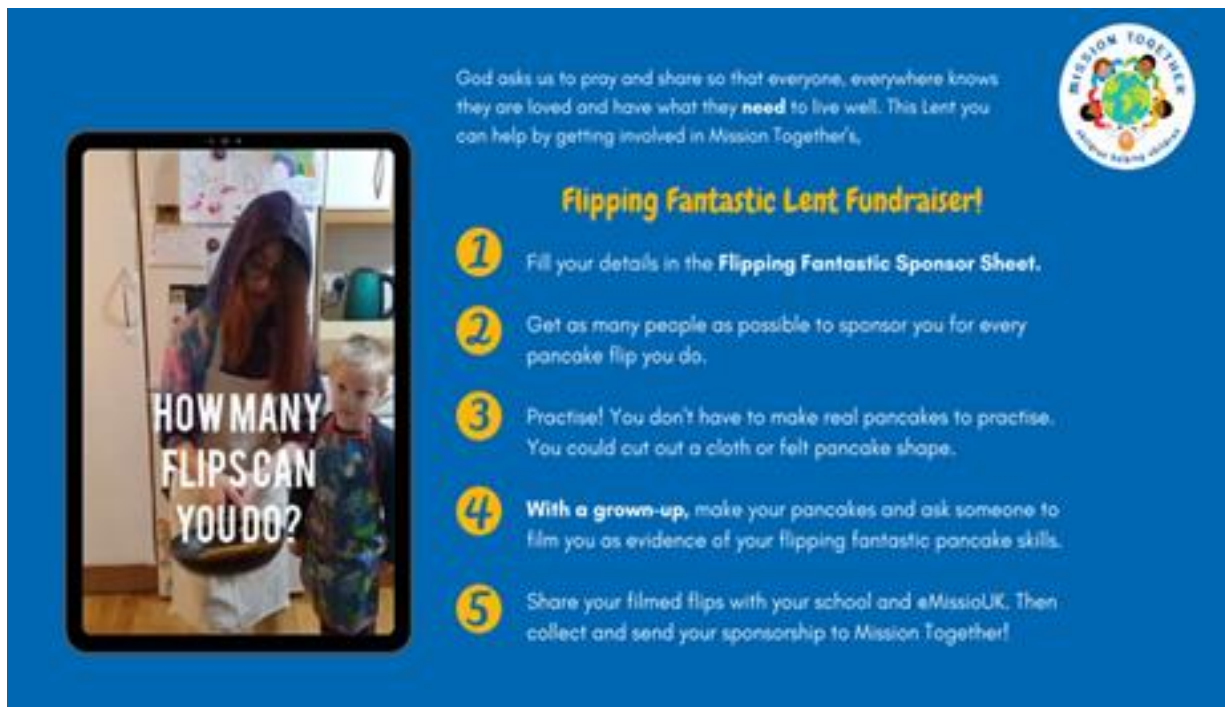
Following my email on 4th February about the SMS data breach at Tucassi, I just wanted to reiterate the need to ignore any suspicious text messages you may receive pretending to be from school asking for money or bank details. All parent payments at school are made via ScoPay and we will never text you to ask for money. There was no data breach at ScoPay and all financial information is secure.

Celebrating Lent

During the season of Lent we have traditionally raised funds for the Mission Together charity by filling their little red boxes with coins.

Unfortunately this year things will be a little bit different, and donations can be made directly to missiontogether.org.uk.

On Friday 12th Feb Mrs Rose will give information about our Lenten Fundraiser on your class Collective Worship lesson and attach some fun activities for children to try at home. We hope that you and your children will have fun participating in the challenge.'



God asks us to pray and share so that everyone, everywhere knows they are loved and have what they **need** to live well. This Lent you can help by getting involved in Mission Together's,

Flipping Fantastic Lent Fundraiser!

- 1 Fill your details in the **Flipping Fantastic Sponsor Sheet**.
- 2 Get as many people as possible to sponsor you for every pancake flip you do.
- 3 Practise! You don't have to make real pancakes to practise. You could cut out a cloth or felt pancake shape.
- 4 With a **grown-up**, make your pancakes and ask someone to film you as evidence of your flipping fantastic pancake skills.
- 5 Share your filmed flips with your school and eMissioUK. Then collect and send your sponsorship to Mission Together!

Friends update

Zoom Quiz Night

The Friends will be holding a virtual quiz hosted via Zoom at 8pm on Friday 12 February. There is no need to pre-register or book in advance. You don't need to put together a team either as the purpose is for everyone to enjoy a bit of lighthearted fun to break up the monotony that many of us are experiencing at the moment. There will be x4 rounds and x10 questions per round. If you are interested in participating please join us on the night by clicking on the Zoom link that will be provided on the Friends Facebook page in due course. This event is free but donations would be most welcome. Contributions can be made via Paypal <http://bit.ly/Sthughquizz> or by BACS to:

The Friends of St Hugh of Lincoln

Sort: 40-47-08

Account: 42445352

Save your old shoes!

If your children have outgrown their school shoes, please consider donating them to the Friends of St Hugh so that they may be resold to make money for the school. The Friends will arrange for a collection day to be held at the school playground once school has resumed as normal. Please note that we can only accept donations of good quality undamaged shoes such as Clarks, Start Rite, Bobux, Geox, Ecco, Mini Boden etc. We cannot accept any Supermarket brands or damaged shoes.

The Friends will also be holding Easter events including a fundraising raffle and an Easter Colouring Competition for the children. The details of these events will follow shortly.

The next Friends meeting will take place via Zoom on 2 March 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Stay safe everyone and have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Harper