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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. It has been lovely to welcome our children back to their school this week, and to hear about what many of them got up to during the Summer holidays.

The school year started with some lovely news, as Mr Giannotta's wife gave birth to a baby boy on Monday – their second son. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Giannotta, and welcome to the world to their new son, Matthew Joseph. May God bless him.

Mr Giannotta is away from school for the first two weeks of term and it has been lovely to welcome back Miss Whitfield to teach Year 4 during this time. Miss Whitfield has been teaching in Spain for the past 2 years since leaving us, and having now returned to England is setting up home in the West country, but has temporarily returned to Surrey to rejoin us for this short time.

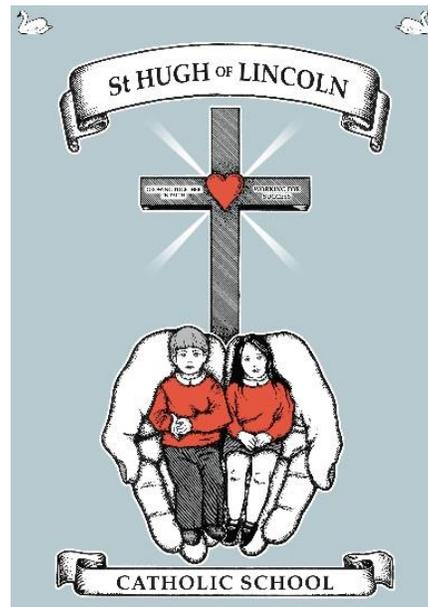
Year 6 will be away next week on their residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill. They will be accompanied by Miss Baker, Mrs Power and Mrs Merchant. We wish them all a happy week!

Just as we were breaking up for the Summer holidays all of us in the school were very saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Doreen Simmonds. Mrs Simmonds was a member of the original staff of the school, in 1977, and was the school's Bursar for 32 years until she retired in 2009. Mrs Simmonds loved our school, every one of the children, every one of the parents, and every one of the colleagues she worked with. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Many current and former members of staff attended her funeral. May she rest in peace.

Enjoy the weekend with your lovely children.

God bless,

Mr George



School Values

God our Father, help us all to ...

Live like Jesus,
One family, learning together,
Valuing everyone,
Each and every day.

At St Hugh of Lincoln School we are fully committed to safeguarding. Mr George and Mrs Rose are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads: any concerns regarding safeguarding should be raised with either of them.

Mass is celebrated in the school hall at 8.30am on each term-time Wednesday. All are welcome.

Welcome to our school ...

Mr McGovern has joined us on secondment from our deanery and Trust friends St Augustine's. Mr McGovern has joined as a member of our Senior Leadership Team and will be teaching Reception Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Erin, Shayden, Hugh, Joseph, Ava, Isla, Louis, Olivia, Finn and Wanangwa who have joined Reception Class.

Ethan, who has joined Year 1.

Adam, who has joined Year 2.

Jeremiah, who has joined Year 3.

We hope that they and their families will be very happy at St Hugh of Lincoln.

Swimming

The group of children, now in Year 6, who were having swimming lessons in the Summer term, have one final lesson to complete their course. This will be on Monday 18 September.

The swimming plan for the rest of the year is:

Autumn term from 25 September – half of Year 5.

Spring term – the other half of Year 5.

Summer term – the half of Year 6 who did not have lessons in Year 5.

Relevant parents will get letters with more information before the commencement of lessons.

Request from Reception Class

Mrs Barker and Mr McGovern have asked whether any families have any role-play items (eg. dolls' pushchairs etc) or other items suitable for the Reception classroom that they no longer need and would be prepared to donate to the school. Please speak with Mrs Barker or Mr McGovern if you've got something that you think they might be interested in. Many thanks.

Summer holiday work

School is always a busy place, even in the holidays. Mr May, our caretaker, was very busy during the holidays, and we also had a number of contractors in doing different things to improve our school.

Reception Class' outdoor classroom has been improved through the removal of the artificial grass that had become worn and very difficult to keep clean, and has been replaced with the spongy type surface found in recreation ground playgrounds. This is a really nice surface, and I am sure that our new Reception children, and those in Reception classes for years to come, will really enjoy using it.

In the hall we have some smart new shutters to separate storage areas from the body of the hall, and these help make things tidier, and the hall brighter.

The interior flooring from Year 1-3 has been replaced, along with the flooring in the communal area between Years 4-6. The carpet in the area where Key Stage 2 children enter and leave the building has been replaced, as has the carpet in Year 3.

Some tree work has been done which will create a little bit more light, and will reduce the volume of leaves that clog up gutters and drains very quickly in the Autumn.

Some playground markings, including the netball court, have been renewed.

Fr Alexander celebrated a school Mass for the start of the school year on Wednesday. It was lovely to welcome those parents and friends who were able to join us. Happily, Wednesday was the exact 40th birthday of the school, the school having opened on 6 September 1977. The entry from the school's Log Book from that very first day of the school, when there were just 49 pupils on roll, is reproduced on the school's Twitter feed.

Sacramental Programme 2017/18

Registration is now open for children to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2017/18. [The programme will run from October 2017 to June 2018 and will meet approximately monthly on a Tuesday night from 6:30pm to 8pm, as well as at celebration Masses at 11:30am on Sundays.](#)

To be eligible to join the programme at St Hugh's Church, children should be **baptised Catholics in Year 3 or above and live within the parish boundaries.** If you have any queries about eligibility, please speak to Fr Alexander.

As previously, **sign up is online** and can be accessed via a link on the parish website or directly at: www.sthughfnc.org.uk Dates for First Reconciliation (March 2018) and for First Holy Communion (May 2018) will be booked at a later date. If you don't have internet access, please contact the parish office.

St John's Knaphill Children's Centre

Our new timetable is now available, activities include Bumps and Babes, Little Learners, Family Forest School and Active Tots. Various courses will also go ahead this term including Parenting Puzzle, Keeping up with the Children Maths and First Aid – please call the centre to book you place. Please find our timetable and news on the website www.stjohnsknaphill.co.uk or call 01483 476450-4.

Gill, Louisa, Becky and Carol

Clubs

The following clubs will be running this term:

Monday 3.15-4.15 – Netball (Yrs 5&6)

Monday 3.15-4.30 – Football (Yrs 1-6)

Tuesday 12.45-1.15 – Sewing (Yrs 3-6)

Tuesday 3.15-4.15 – Bollywood (Yrs 1-6)

Wednesday 12.30-1.00 – Spanish (Yrs R-2)

Wednesday 3.15-4.15 – Homework (Yr 6)

Thursday 8.00-8.45 – Table Tennis (Yrs 3&4)

Thursday 3.15-4.15 – Football (Yrs 5&6)

Thursday 3.15-4.15 – Netball (Yrs 3&4)

Friday 8.00-8.45 – Judo (Yrs 1-6)

Friday 3.15-4.15 – Multi sports (Yrs 1-3)

Surrey County Council Fostering Service Autumn 2017 Newsletter

The number of children in care in Surrey continues to hover around 900 children. We continue to have to place 40% of those in foster care outside of Surrey because we haven't got enough foster carers.

We need foster carers for children of all ages, from birth to 18, for supported lodgings carers for young people aged 16-21, and Short Breaks carers for children with disabilities.

Events coming up to find out about fostering:

Tesco, Oxshott Rd, Leatherhead KT22 0EF 14 September 9am-6pm

Foster carers and members of the fostering team will be in the front of the store to chat with you about fostering.

Surrey Hills Wood Fair, Birtley House Estate, Guildford GU5 0LE Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October 10am-5pm

We have a stall at the very popular and family-oriented wood fair. There is a charge for entry to the fair, please see the website for more details www.surreyhills.org/events/the-surrey-hills-wood-fair/

Saturday 7 October and 4 November, 9.30-4pm

We will be in the foyer at Denbies Wine Estate London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA ready to chat with you about fostering

Open evening Bridge House Hotel, Wednesday 11 October 6.30pm

You are invited to an open evening at the Bridge House Hotel, Reigate Hill, Reigate, Surrey RH2 9RP. Come and hear foster carers talk about what it's like to foster and hear a foster child talk about what it's like to be fostered. There will also be the opportunity to chat on a 1:1 basis with foster carers and members of the fostering team.

Denbies Wine Estate Christmas Fair 27 November and 11 December 5-8pm

We have a recruitment stall at the Denbies Fair, so why not come along, browse amongst the Christmassy goodies and chat with us too?

Ripley Village Fair, High Street Ripley 3 December 12-4pm

We have a stall at this really busy and enjoyable event, lots of Christmas stalls and don't miss the Santas driving through on motorbikes!

Meet our foster carers at cafes around Surrey. You might enjoy having an informal chat with foster carers about what it's like to foster with us. We have found so many people like this way of meeting foster carers that we have extended the number of locations. To find out the dates and times, please visit <http://bit.ly/2d9zjpc>. You can simply drop in to the cafes at any point during the advertised times to chat with the foster carers.

Book a home visit to chat to us about fostering. Why not give our friendly recruitment team a call on 0800 0969 626 or email fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk to book a home visit? We can book a time that suits you on Monday to Friday, between 9am and 9pm. There's no obligation to take your enquiry further if you decide after talking to us that fostering isn't for you at this time.

Follow us on social media. We regularly update our Facebook and Twitter accounts, so this is a good way to keep up to date with us. 'Like' us on Facebook at [facebook.com/surreyfostering](https://www.facebook.com/surreyfostering) and follow us on Twitter @surreyfostering. We appreciate Facebook shares and retweets, as it helps to spread the fostering message. You can also follow us on Instagram @surreyfostering

Dates for the school year

We will do our very best to keep to the dates set out below. This is a risk, publishing dates several months in advance, that currently unforeseeable circumstances will occur requiring a date to change. Should this be the case we will endeavour to give as much notice as is possible.

Further dates will be added over the course of the year – updated via the school newsletter and school website.

- 11-15 September – Year 6 at PGL
- 14 September – Reception class photograph (Surrey Advertiser)
- 18 September – Meet the Teacher meetings (Years 2, 3, 5) (3.20pm and 3.40pm)
- 19 September – Friends meeting (evening)
- 20 September – Bishop Richard visit
- 20 September – Meet the Teacher meetings (Years 1, 4, 6) (3.20pm and 3.40pm)
- 21 September – School photographer – individual photos
- 22 September – Commissioning service (9.00am)
- 25 September – First lesson for Year 5 swimming group 1
- 5 October – Friends AGM (evening)
- 6 October – INSET day
- 10 October – Open Morning for September 2018 admission (9.30am)
- 13 October – Harvest liturgy (9.00am)
- 16 & 18 October – Parent consultation meetings
- 8 November – Open Afternoon for September 2018 admission (1.45pm)
- 10 November – Year 6 assembly (9.00am)
- 17 November – Whole School Mass
- 23 November – Open Morning for September 2018 admission (9.30am)
- 25 November – Christmas bazaar
- 1 December – INSET day
- 6 December – KS2 Advent Reflection (church) (7.00pm)
- 11 December – KS2 Advent Reflection (school) (9.30am)
- 11 December – Last lesson for Year 5 swimming group 1
- 15 December – KS1 nativity and tea party (1.30pm)
- 18 & 19 December – KS1 nativity play (2.00pm)
- 8 & 9 January – Life Bus
- 26 January – Year 5 assembly (9.00am)

9 February – Year 4 assembly (9.00am)
2 March – Year 3 assembly (9.00am)
5 & 7 March – Parent consultation meetings
12 March – Year 5 educational visit to Royal Grammar School (Tudor Experience)
14 March – INSET day
16 March – Year 2 assembly (9.00am)
18 April – Whole school photograph
4 May – Year 1 assembly (9.00am)
14-18 May – Year 6 SATs
6 June – Deanery athletics
11-15 June – Year 1 / 2 phonics week
11-15 June – Year 6 cycle training
19 June – Music celebration evening
20 June – Good Shepherd celebration
22 June – Sports Day
28 June – Reception Class assembly (9.00am)
29 June – Year 2 Pedals training
30 June – Summer fayre
5&6 July – Year 4 cycle training
9&10 July – Year 5 cycle training
13 July – Year 6 Leavers' assembly (9.00am)
13 July – Records of Achievement distributed