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Dear Parents,

Last Friday we had our Commissioning Service, where we prayed for all the children in our school who have taken on new responsibilities: House Captains, Prefects, Buddies, Games Captains, Technicians, Eco-Councillors, Fair Trade councillors, School Councillors and Monitors. Unfortunately their badges had been delayed in despatch from the suppliers, but it provided for a second cause for celebration when they arrived and could be handed out on Wednesday.

Our inter-school sporting season will start next week, with a football match and a football tournament in the calendar. Good luck to the children who will be playing next week.

I am sad to write that one of our longest-serving members of staff, Mrs Shembry, will be leaving us at half-term. Mrs Shembry is one of our teaching assistants and has been at our school for more than 20 years. When we get to half-term we will be very sorry to see her leave, but will enjoy the opportunity to work with her for another three weeks first.

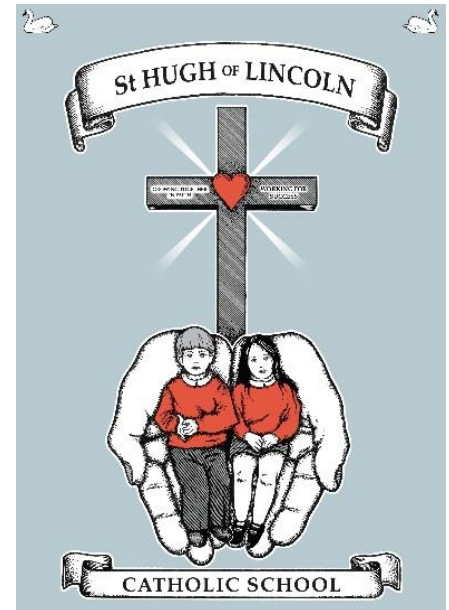
We are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher, with effect from 1 January 2018. Details are on the Xavier Catholic Education Trust website: <https://www.xaviercet.org.uk/vacancies.html>

On Tuesday this week we had a visit from our Education Welfare Officer. Her role is to check that schools are completing attendance registers correctly, and to look into reasons for any persistent absenteeism (attendance of under 90%) or unusual patterns of absence. Our target for attendance at school last year was 96.90% and I was delighted to report to her that we had marginally surpassed that (96.92%). According to our Education Welfare Officer our school's attendance is by some way the best on her patch. This year's target is 97.00% - a very high figure.

Enjoy the weekend.

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. The member of the governing body with nominated responsibility for safeguarding is Mrs Jo Losty.

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

Our Golden children

Reception: Alice – for demonstrating a super 'can do' attitude and for exceptional manners at all times; Joshua – for really gaining in confidence and starting to shine in school. **Year 1:** Ivy – for ensuring that all her work is the very best that she can make it; Bartas – for being a great friend to others, and a super role model. **Year 2:** Jack and Louise – for lovely manners and for setting an excellent example; Daniel and Eoin – for working very hard in English and maths and for 'having a go' at explaining what they are learning. **Year 3:** Eli – for contributions to class discussions and use of excellent vocabulary when writing about 'George's Marvellous Medicine'; Emilia – for an astounding 'Joan of Arc' project completed during the Summer holidays and for a fantastic attitude in class. **Year 4:** Kali – for excellent maths work investigating shape and symmetry; Maxwell – for a great picture of St Joseph, using symbols to represent the roles that St Joseph plays. **Year 5:** Jonas – for a great start to the school year, showing speed and accuracy in mathematics; Erin – for being a great role model and for doing her very best in everything that she does. **Year 6:** Alex – for working very hard and using the learning muscle of collaboration when sharing ideas with others; Jessie – for always being ready to learn and for sharing excellent ideas in class discussions; Chloe – for demonstrating enthusiasm in everything that she does and for perseverance.

Thank you God for our gifts and talents.



From Mr McGovern:

Dear Parents,

At St Hugh's we are looking to further improve our outdoor area and provision for the children here at school. I am asking if there are any parents/carers that have skills in gardening/landscaping/ building that would be happy to volunteer their time and expertise in creating an outstanding learning environment. If you would like to help please contact Mr McGovern via the school office. Kind regards, Mr McGovern

Forthcoming events:

- 2 October – Year 6 football match v St Dunstan's (away)
- 5 October – Friends AGM (7.30pm)
- 6 October – School closed to pupils (INSET day)
- 6 October – District girls' football tournament (St Peter's Rec)
- 7 October – Friends bingo afternoon
- 9 October – 'Meet the Teacher' meeting for Year 4
- 10 October – Open morning for September 2018 admission (9.30am)
- 13 October – Harvest Liturgy (9.00am)
- 13 October – Year 6 football tournament (St Peter's Rec)
- 16 & 18 October – Parent consultation meetings
- 16-19 October – Scholastic book fayre in school
- 19 October – Friends Happy School Bag collection
- 20 October – Friends cake sale
- 23-27 October – Half term holiday
- 30 October – Friends meeting

Next Friday, 6 October, school will be closed for an INSET day. All of the schools in our Xavier Catholic Education Trust have an INSET day that day, as all the teachers and teaching assistants from the ten schools will be meeting together to work on teaching and learning in maths. It will be excellent opportunity for us to learn from and alongside one another, strengthening the teaching of maths in all our schools. I will share some of the things we talk about and learn about in a future newsletter.

Next Friday, 6 October is CAFOD's autumn family fast day. As school will be closed that day for an INSET day, we will mark the day on the following Friday, 13 October. On that day, at 9.00am, I will be leading a special assembly reflecting on the work of CAFOD, and thanking God for the gifts of the harvest. Parents are very welcome to attend.

There are different ways in which families can support the work of CAFOD and can contribute to our celebration on 13 October. Some families may choose to make a donation to CAFOD. Another way would be for children to bring in different gifts for our assembly. We would welcome gifts brought in as follows:

Year R Plants / flowers; Year 1 Fresh vegetables/salad; Year 2 Fresh fruit; Year 3 Tins; Year 4 Packets of dried produce; Years 5 & 6 Cakes and bread products.

All pre-packed/tinned items should come in on Thursday 12 or Friday 13 October.

Any non-perishable items will be made up into packs for distribution to needy families in our parish. Perishable contributions will be sold on the playground on Friday 13 October from 3.00pm onwards, weather permitting, with all proceeds going to CAFOD.

We do appreciate that some of these items can prove more expensive than others, so it could be an idea for two/three children to club together to bring produce (e.g. a bunch of flowers). The above list of gifts is only a suggestion – any gifts would be most gratefully received and would benefit a local family or the work of CAFOD.