

St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

Five Oaks Close, St John's, Woking, Surrey GU21 8TU
Telephone: 01483 480441

Website: www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk
Twitter: @StHughSchool

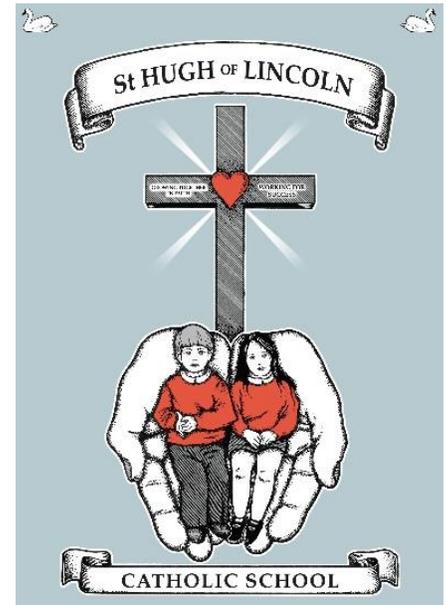
Dear Parents,

Well here we are, at the end of the school year. We have had a busy last week. Year 6 gave us a wonderful display of their many talents in their Leavers' Assembly last Friday. They reminded us that God expects us to use the talents we are blessed with in a selfless way, so that beauty is shared. On Monday we welcomed former Woking FC manager and current director Geoff Chapple to the school to talk to us all in assembly. On Tuesday Year 3 all dressed as Ancient Egyptians and shared a wonderful play with the rest of the school. On Tuesday we also had our Year 6 Leavers' Barbecue. Thank you very much to Mr Byne and Mr and Mrs Meaney for their help with this. On Wednesday Fr Alexander celebrated a whole school Mass to mark the end of the school year and then in the afternoon we enjoyed jelly and ice cream, a film and some amazing dancing (not just from the teachers!) as part of our celebrations for the school's 40th birthday.

As parents know, we are saying goodbye to two teachers at the end of the term. Mrs Samuels and Mrs Ashby are both moving on to pastures new.

Mrs Samuels has been a great teacher in Reception Class for a number of years. She has a great sense of dedication to our school, having been a pupil here herself in years past. In her time as a teacher she has shown great devotion to the young children in her care. They have learned well, as a result of the high and clear expectations that she has and the interest that she shows in each and every child. She has spent many weekends and holiday days in school working to make the Reception outdoor classroom the most attractive and purposeful learning environment she can. The children she has taught are very lucky to have had her as their teacher – we will miss her.

Mrs Ashby began at the school as Deputy Headteacher on the same day as I became Headteacher, 1 September 2012. In addition to being Deputy Headteacher Mrs Ashby has been a classteacher in Years 3 and 5, the school's SENCo, and a Designated Safeguarding Lead. She has contributed a lot to the extra-curricular life of the school, including sport. Mrs Ashby is always very busy, but always has time for other



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 Ashby are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads: any concerns regarding safeguarding should be raised with either of them.

Congratulations to the 47 children in the school with an attendance record of at least 99% this year!

people. She always has time for children, always has time for parents, and always has time for fellow staff. We will miss Mrs Ashby because of all that she has done wearing each of the many 'hats' that she has worn in her five years at St Hugh's. We are very lucky to have had the opportunity to have had Mrs Ashby at our school for this time.

The end of the school year is a natural time for reflecting on the year gone – the successes and the disappointments, the challenges and the lessons learned, the joys and the sadnesses. As a school we are focused on learning – not just the children but all of us in the school; we are all learners. So to conclude the year, here are some things I have learned this year:

- **We are stronger with others than we are on our own. This is the first year in which we have been part of a multi-academy trust. Although children won't have noticed a difference the change has been a very positive one from a school leadership perspective.**
- **The school family will pull together with extraordinary energy and commitment to support those in need.**
- **We have children who are truly exceptional in what they do in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.**
- **Large photographs of children displayed in the school enhances the school environment and helps engender a sense of pride.**
- **We have children so committed to their learning that they will willingly come in at 8.00am five days a week for a whole term.**
- **You can't always get everything you want; you have to trust in God that He will give you everything you need.**
- **Having our own minibus increases the range of opportunities and experiences we are able to give our children.**
- **Being able to play a musical instrument well is a great gift, and anyone who can should practise and play regularly so they don't lose the gift.**
- **Being merciful was not just something for the Year of Mercy. Being merciful is a requirement for all Christians, all the time.**
- **Children like outdoor table tennis tables.**
- **The deanery choirs music event is a brilliant event.**
- **Swimming lessons at The Spectrum are a strength in our PE curriculum.**

Enjoy the Summer holidays with your wonderful children. Stay safe. We will look forward to welcoming back all those in next year's Year 1-6 at 8.50am on Tuesday 5 September.

God bless,

Mr George

u

In saying 'goodbye' to our Year 6 children we are also saying goodbye to a number of families, some of whom have been part of our school for many years. Our very best wishes go to the families: Burke, Frangiamore, Swift, Meaney, Mecionyte, Bidas, Patter, Winter, Tyldesley, Pargeter-Vincent, Daly, Byne, Cook, Poonyth, Varghese, Watkins. We are also sad to say goodbye to the Cheadle family, the Procope family and the Emmanuel-Ejiogu family who are also leaving the school at the end of term. Our prayers go with all of them.

Next year's term dates:

4 September 2017 - School closed - staff training day

5 September 2017 - Start of Autumn term

6 October - School closed - staff training day

23 - 27 October 2017 - Half term holiday

1 December 2017 - School closed - staff training day

21 December 2017 - End of Autumn term

8 January 2018 - Start of Spring term

12 - 16 February 2018 - Half term holiday

14 March 2018 - School closed - staff training day

29 March 2018 - End of Spring term

16 April 2018 - Start of Summer term

28 May - 1 June 2018 - Half term holiday

20 July 2018 - End of Summer term

2 further staff training days to be announced.