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Dear Parents,

We had our first sports fixture of the school year this week, and what an amazing match it turned out to be. Our Year 6 football team played against our friends St Dunstan's, with St Dunstan's finishing 5-4 winners. There was never more than a goal between the teams. Well done everyone who played.

On Friday our girls' football team will be playing in the Woking District Girls' Football Tournament – the first regional stage in a national competition. Last year we were runners-up in the Woking regional stage; we were winners back in 2011 and 2012. In 2011 we actually went on to become Surrey champions, progressing to be finalists in the South-East England championships. Good luck to the girls who will be playing this week.

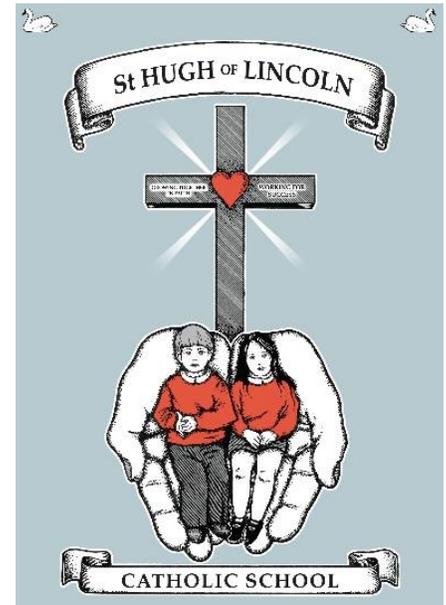
Next Tuesday morning we will have an Open Morning for parents of children who will be starting school in September 2018. The morning will start at 9.30am and will last for approximately an hour. Please do invite anyone you know who as a child due to start school next September to come along. There will be another Open Morning, and an Open Afternoon, later in the term.

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> The closing date for applications is Tuesday 10 October.

Remember that Friday 6 October is an INSET day, with the school closed to all pupils.

Opportunities to sign up for the forthcoming Parent Consultation meetings will again be managed through Teachers 2 Parents. This facility will be made 'live' shortly – keep an eye out for a text / email alert to indicate when you are able to book an appointment.

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.

Forthcoming events:

- 6 October – School closed to pupils (INSET day)
- 6 October – District girls' football tournament (St Peter's Rec)
- 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
- 6 November – Year 6 football match v Sythwood (away)
- 7 November – Open afternoon for September 2018 admission (1.45pm)
- 10 November – Year 6 class assembly

On Wednesday we welcomed the Engage team into school – they led us in reflecting on all the wonderful gifts that God gifts to us, and how we have to look after and share the gifts of creation. Thank you to the Engage team.

Bishop Richard has written to me to say how much he enjoyed meeting all of the children in their classrooms during his recent visit to our school – we enjoyed meeting him too.

We will be marking CAFOD's autumn family fast day on 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.

In Memory of Hope for Alix

The In Memory of Hope For Alix Fundraising Ball shall take place on Saturday 4th November 7pm-midnight at Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking. The ticket includes arrival drinks and a three course meal with lots of entertainment. There shall be an auction and raffle with some amazing prizes.

Tickets can be purchased individually at £65 - please email shellie@zestsupportsolutions.co.uk before Friday 20th October.

You can visit the Hope For Alix Fundraising Ball Facebook page or speak to Dueyna Chinere (year 2) or Louise Hall (year 4) for more information.

A complimentary coach service shall be available from Knaphill on request.

The organisers of the ball and the Hope For Alix committee would like to fulfill Alix's last wish of taking the boys to Florida by sending Alix's family there with Alix in their hearts, minds and thoughts. Without their mum, sister, aunt and daughter they would never have had this opportunity and this would mean so much to Alix.

A percentage shall be donated to Woking Hospice in Alix's memory.

Online safety

At the start of each term the children in all classes focus on aspects of online safety.

A quick non-scientific poll this morning showed me how many children (from Reception to Year 6) view material on YouTube at home.

YouTube has an 'autoplay' feature, which will be the default setting and needs to be switched off if you don't want it. If you search for a clip in YouTube and play it, YouTube will then choose the next clip which it will automatically play, based on what it deems to be similar to the original clip (ie also likely to appeal to you). Research has shown though that by the time of the sixth consecutive autoplay clip the content has nothing to do with the original one. There are obvious dangers in this – a child watching something completely appropriate on YouTube could, without doing anything else themselves, find themselves watching something wholly inappropriate because YouTube autoplay is deciding what they would like to watch, rather than them deciding themselves.

This is a reminder of how easy it is for any of us, with no intent at all, to encounter inappropriate material online. Please make sure that privacy and security settings are suitable, and that children who are online are in a shared space, rather than alone in their room. Do ensure that children know what to do if they do come across something that makes them feel uncomfortable – ie. tell you or another trusted adult about it straightaway.

Parent volunteers

We welcome parent volunteers, supporting children with their learning in class. We are also looking for some volunteers who could help to run our library. Please speak with Mr George if you are interested. All volunteers are required to undergo a DBS check, and to attend a meeting with Mr George.