

## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

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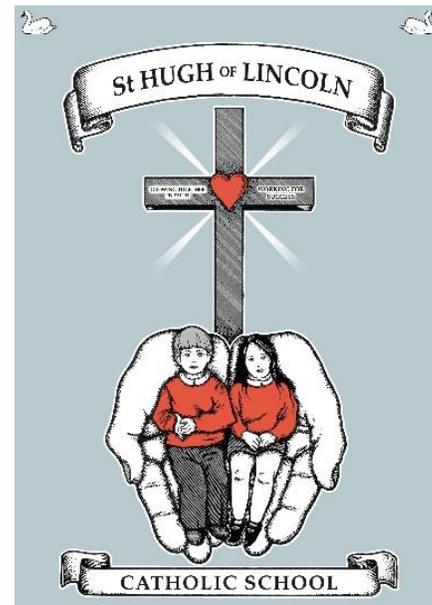
Dear Parents,

On Wednesday it was a pleasure and privilege to welcome more than 30 visitors to our school when they came for the first of our three Open Mornings / Afternoons this term, for parents looking for a school place for September 2018. Being able to welcome visitors to our school, exercising the Christian virtue of hospitality, is one of the greatest privileges for me as Headteacher. I was very proud of our Year 6 children, all of whom acted as hosts and took our visitors around the school. As the visitors left there were so many comments about what a wonderful school we have, and what wonderful polite, confident, happy and articulate ambassadors our Year 6 pupils are.

Last Thursday evening we had our Friends AGM. Thank you to those who were able to attend. On behalf of the whole school I would like to extend a very big thank you to Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Wright who have stepped down from their roles as Joint-Chairs of the Friends. They have been extremely committed to their roles and have done a great job. The mantle of Chair of the Friends has been passed to Mrs Amy Wills, and the new Vice-Chair is Mr Tom Creaven. I am very grateful to them for accepting these responsibilities, and to Mrs Wazydrag who continues as Secretary, and Ms Linnell who continues as Treasurer.

Last Friday our girls' football team took part in the Woking District football tournament. Our girls won all their group games without conceding a goal, then defeated St Dunstan's in the quarter-finals and Goldsworth in the semi-finals, again without conceding a goal. In the final they came up against Beaufort in a repeat of the final from last year. Just like last year Beaufort proved the stronger side in the final, winning 3-0. There are more than 20 schools in Woking district who are eligible to take part in district sports events. None of those schools are smaller than us, and the large majority have 2 or 3 times the number of children that we do. To finish as runners-up is a tremendous achievement. Very well done to all the girls: Orla, Charlotte, Eva, Alexa, Jessie, Kini, Ciara. Thank you to Mr Sales from Ultimate Coaching who accompanied our team. This Friday it is the turn of the boys.

God bless, Mr George



### School Values

#### God our Father, help us all to ...

**L**ive like Jesus,  
**O**ne family, learning together,  
**V**aluing everyone,  
**E**ach 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:

- 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 – Girls football match v The Marist (away)
- 19 October – Friends Happy School Bag collection
- 20 October – Friends cake sale
- 23-27 October – Half term holiday
- 27 October – Friends Bingo / Games evening
- 30 October – Friends meeting (7.00pm)
- 1 November – All Saints' Day whole school Mass (9.00am)
- 6 November – Year 6 football match v Sythwood (away)
- 8 November – Open afternoon for September 2018 admission (1.45pm)
- 10 November – Year 6 class assembly
- 10 November – Mufti day for Christmas wrapping paper etc
- 13 November – Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

**Birthday treats**

We love celebrating children's birthdays with them at school. Please do not send in chocolates or sweets to share out on birthdays though. This is always a kind gesture, but we are a healthy school and more importantly we do have a number of children in our school family who are vulnerable to allergic reactions, potentially extremely serious, if they come into contact even with traces of ingredients including but not exclusively nuts, which are commonly found in factories where sweets and chocolates are manufactured.

Last Friday our teachers and teaching assistants joined with colleagues from all of the other primary schools in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust for a day of working together sharing best practice and reflecting on what it is that makes outstanding learning. We shared some practical strategies and reflected on research-based evidence related to effective pedagogy (the science of teaching and learning). Our main focus was maths, but actually the principles apply to all subjects. The other schools in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust are St Augustine's (Frimley), The Marist (West Byfleet), St Anne's (Chertsey), St Charles Borromeo (Weybridge), Holy Family (Addlestone), Cardinal Newman (Hersham), St Alban's (Molesey), Salesian (Chertsey) and St John the Baptist (Woking).

**Parent consultation meetings**

These will be taking place in school next week. Appointments are 10 minutes in duration and meetings will take place in the classrooms. We encourage children in Years 5 and 6 to attend meetings with their parents. We are unable to supervise any children who are in school during the parent consultation meetings – children remain the responsibility of their parents. All parents coming to meetings will need to come in through the front of the school and make their way to the classrooms; children's books will be available to view while you are waiting.

## Our Golden Children

**Reception:** Olivia – for working very hard and showing excellent manners; Isla – for being very friendly and caring and for bringing a big smile to school every day. **Year 1:** Jack – for careful listening and for working really hard on handwriting; Harry – for setting maths work out well and using apparatus well; Nesta – for lovely writing in her journal and for using a word bank to help with spellings. **Year 2:** Theo and Kaja – for following steps to success well and showing a lot of imagination in story writing; Gus and Calum – for use of the inverse operation in maths work. **Year 3:** Christina – for showing great curiosity and for demonstrating the school's values in all her behaviour and work; Rebecca – for great kindness and thoughtfulness, and for persevering in all her work. **Year 4:** Hayden – for being very helpful and for working hard in all areas of the curriculum; Felicity – for being a great role model and for approaching all her work with a smile; Isabel – for showing a great focus on learning and for being able to learn from mistakes. **Year 5:** Eva – for being a superb role model as a cheerful and willing learner; Emilia – for showing a super work ethic. **Year 6:** Amelie – for demonstrating an exemplary learning behaviour and a thirst for knowledge; Ethan – for a confident approach towards learning and some outstanding RE work; Charlotte – for a kind and caring attitude and for consistently outstanding work.



## School Uniform

A reminder that Summer uniform may be worn up until half-term, but from 30 October until the end of the Spring term all children will need to be in smart Winter uniform.

## 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.

Very well done to the children and parents who swam in the Woking Swimathon last Sunday. I am in awe at the number of lengths that were swum. Very well done Mia, Jesse, Reuben, John, Denver, and the parents who took part.

School will close for the half-term holiday at the normal time of 3.15pm next Friday.