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TO: ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

17th December 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

CHRISTMAS 2021 NEWSLETTER

We have come to the end of a very busy term. It has been wonderful to have returned to pretty much normality for the majority of the time. We have remained vigilant in terms of the Covid virus and unfortunately the end of term has seen us take more precautions in the light of the new variant. That said, I would like to sincerely thank you all for supporting restrictions imposed and together we have managed to have a happy and enjoyable Christmas period. Thanks certainly go to all the children who have remained remarkably focused and hard working.

YEAR 6 APPOINTMENTS

Children and staff have been voting for responsibility posts in Year 6. This Year Deputy Head Boy is Ryan and Deputy Head Girl is Connie. Joseph and Claudia are this year's Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. Jack is School Football Captain and Niamh is Netball Captain. Many congratulations.

Mini Vinnies

The new mini Vinnies have been selected and will be working with Mrs Pallister to support charities and follow in the footsteps of St Vincent helping those less fortunate.

MUSIC, DRAMA AND CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

We were pleased to be able to film Key stage 1 as they performed their Nativity and Christmas production. Each class performed their own Christmas section and the results were brilliant! We saw the Christmas story by Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Garcia's classes alongside the 'Nutcracker' by Mrs Pallister's class and 'Come to the manger,' by Mrs Rutherford's class. Well done to all. Thank you to Mr Berezin for organising the production. We hope you enjoy watching the videos which are on the Dojo system.

Choir

Congratulations to the school choir for their recent performance in aid of Age UK. They performed alongside the Catholic Deanery Choir and professional soprano Clare Wheat at St Peter and St Paul's Church. It was a fabulous concert which you can watch here: <https://t.co/hHbqbOY3zK>

SCHOOL MASSES

Mass for St Hugh

We celebrated our Feast Day on Wednesday 17th November with Canon Geoffrey. All classes took part with Key stage 2 in the hall and the Infants in their classrooms. We dedicated the Mass to Peter Brogan and his family were represented and thanked the school for dedicating the service to his memory.

PTA NEW

A special thank you must go to Mrs Shaw and the entire PTA for all their fundraising activities. Many thanks for their hard work organising the Halloween theme, as well as raising funds for the school. They have organised a number of exciting virtual and online events.

The Virtual Christmas Festival and the supporting events including the sale of hampers, were well supported. Also thanks to Mr Berezin who coordinated the Christmas Jumper pictures and school calendars.

FOUNDATION UNIT INTAKE 2021

The closing date for applications for next year is Friday 14th January 2022. Once again the school has received a high interest for places. Parents will be notified in April if their child has been accepted. If you know of any children who are new to the area please ask the parents to contact the school as soon as possible.

SUBJECT NEWS

Judaism week

This term the children learnt about Judaism. Classes had a virtual visit from Rabbi Zvi. They learnt about Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Bat/Bar Mitzvah and Passover.

Anti-Bullying week

The school had an anti-bullying week and began it by wearing odd socks to highlight that everyone is different and yet equally valued and important.

School visits

This term Year 5 and 6 have visited Snipedaes as part of their Geography Rivers topic. The children undertook a number of field studies and enjoyed their day outdoors. The lower juniors went to on their Geography field trip to Bradgate Park in Leicester.

Sport news

The netball team entered two teams at the local Branston school tournament recently. Both teams performed really well. The A team were 4th and the B team were 5th out of 7 schools. Similarly, we entered two football teams into a City School tournament. The B team won 1, drew 3 and lost 1 game. The A team won 4, drew 1 and lost 1 game coming 3rd overall. Well done to all our sporting children.

SCHOOL PARKING

Thank you for your continued careful driving on the premises. If you are parking and walking to school can I respectfully ask that driveways of local houses are not obstructed to allow neighbours to leave and return at all times.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

For Mass times over the Christmas period please see:

<http://www.sthughslincoln.org.uk>

<http://www.peter-paul-lincoln.org.uk>

FINALLY

Thank you all for your attendance at recent Virtual/phone call Parent teacher meetings. Your continued interest and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the teachers for provided such good teaching and learning throughout the day and to the children for working so hard and with such enthusiasm. I would also like to thank each Governor for the time they have freely given. I am also grateful for the considerable extra time given by the Teaching Assistants, Administrators, Cleaners, Midday Supervisory Assistants, Site Manager and Bus Drivers who all contribute to make St Hugh's such a successful school.

On behalf of Mr John O'Connor our Chair of Governors, Staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 4th January 2022.**

Yours sincerely

Gregory Hughes

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