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TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

9th February 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

FEBRUARY 2022 – NEWSLETTER

We finish the term optimistically looking forward to returning to a more normal routine next term. It has been a challenging few weeks and once again I am very grateful to everyone involved with the school for keeping everything positive. The children have remained focussed and happy. Teaching staff have coped remarkably well supporting each other to deliver quality teaching and learning throughout the school. Thank you to all parents for supporting rules and regulations as we have all dealt with the Omicron strain of the Corona virus.

Assemblies and Liturgies

Assemblies have been online this term for all classes. Next term we will be returning to the hall as we begin to return to a normal routine. Similarly, all children will return to the hall for their dinnertime meals.

Feast of the Epiphany

The school celebrated the Epiphany at the start of the term with a special Liturgy. All classes participated remotely. Year 6 led the service and Fr Eddy was in attendance to give the school a blessing.

Mayor's Visit

The Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor Jackie Kirk, visited school on Tuesday 8th February 2022 for the mayor's official birthday. The Mayor answered a number of children's questions and they sang "Happy Birthday" and gave her a card with an illustration by Mia in year 6.

Demi in year 6 received a special birthday certificate as they shared the Mayor's special birthday. She is the 815th Mayor of Lincoln!

Meatless Monday

The school has initiated Meatless Monday. We have been thinking about reducing our global footprint. We have invited all children and staff to take part. Pope Francis asks us all to promote 'Healthy planet, Healthy people.' Thank you to all the families already supporting this campaign.

The children have been learning about the virtue linked to simplicity for the past few weeks. The children watched this video from CAFOD to help them think about his message, 'Healthy planet, healthy people'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOgF2Kgel6k>

E Safety Week

The whole school have spent this week learning about E safety. This year's theme was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online. Thanks to Mrs Cook for co-ordinating this important part of the curriculum.

Mental health week

This week was Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year was growing. Children and adults were encouraged to think about how they have grown and changed and how they could help others too.

The School Council launched an exciting challenge for all over the course of the week to prioritise well-being. (See the previous Do Jo message for further details.)

Music News

The Junior Choir and the Drummers have entered the Music and Drama Festival. They will perform on Tuesday 15th March. Thanks go to Mr Ballard for all his hard work and preparation in difficult preparation times.

Swimming

Yarborough Leisure Centre's main pool remains closed for necessary repairs. Hopefully we will return sometime in the summer term

Charity News

The last day of term was a non- Uniform day for the St Therese of Lisieux - Little Acts of Kindness fund. Children wore non-uniform and the voluntary contribution of £1 went towards the Kindness fund. Many thanks for your support.

Mini Vinnies

Next term Mini Vinnies will be celebrating Fairtrade fortnight by selling Fairtrade crispy cakes on Friday 25th February. Children can bring in 50p to buy cakes at playtime. Fairtrade Fridays will start again on Friday 4th March. Chocolate bars and biscuits will be sold by Year 5 children at playtimes for £1 with all profits going to Fairtrade.

Requests for Holidays / Exceptional Circumstances Form

Please note that the school is unable to authorise holidays for any child unless there are exceptional circumstances. In the first instance you are asked to discuss your request for any leave of absence with myself. It is really important to ensure your child attends school. There is clear evidence to show that non-attendance has a detrimental effect on the progress and achievement of potential for a child. Whilst there are always legitimate and understandable reasons for absence, the National average attendance per pupil is currently 96% for an academic year. St Hugh's is proud that its attendance figure is always above the National average. Anything below 90% is a cause for concern and may require the involvement of the school's Education Welfare Officer to verify and support the maximum attendance possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Final Note

I hope everyone has a well-earned and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing the children returning for their learning on **Monday 21st February 2022**.

Yours sincerely

Gregory Hughes

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