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TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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Dear Parents/Guardians

SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

As we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to thank you all for your valued support and involvement in the school life of St Hugh's throughout 2022-2023. This year we commemorated the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the Coronation of King Charles III.

This has been another very successful year with the school maintaining very high standards and achieving so much in terms of sport, music and drama. The choir also sang at the Royal Albert Hall and the Epic Centre. The school Infant Choir and Drummers were first in the Music and Drama Festival the Juniors performed brilliantly. The Girls Football team reached Regional Finals and the boys were runners up. The Netball team won the Lincoln league. In short, it has been a year to celebrate the many talents of all the children at St Hugh's Catholic Primary and I am extremely grateful for all the support parents and family have given the school at all the events we have entered.

On Friday 21st July, our last day of term, the children had a picnic to celebrate the end of the school year and the start of the summer holidays.

Staff and Personnel

We say goodbye to Mrs Kate Darby. Kate has had a long association with St Hugh's with her children attending school. She then became a valued member of staff as a long serving Teaching Assistant. We are grateful for her valued input and hard work will be missed by all stakeholders. She enjoyed a farewell assembly on the last day of term led by Year 6 – the children used this opportunity to express their thanks to the school community and many parents were able to attend an emotional send off. We wish the children in Year 6 a happy and prosperous future.

Results 2022/23

I would like to thank all staff and pupils for another year of excellent end of year results, with all pupils making very good progress. All the children can be very proud of their hard work and effort.

Early Foundation Stage

The percentage of children achieving a good level of development = 68%

Key Stage 1 results

Year 1 Phonics Screening

The percentage meeting the required standard 89%

The National expectation is to be working at the expected level at the end of Key Stage 1. The Year 2 results for expected level and above are as follows.

Reading	70%
Writing	58%
Mathematics	63%

Key Stage 2 SAT's results

The National expectation is to be working at the expected level at the end of Key Stage 2. The Year 6 results for expected level and above are as follows.

Reading	72%
English Grammar	69%
Writing	72%
Mathematics	79%

Well done to all children for their excellent and deserved high achievement.

Religious Education News

Holy Communion

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion this term. It was a special occasion and it will be a day that they will all fondly remember.

On the Feast of St Peter and St Paul's, Miss Webster's class attended Mass at SSPP at 9.30am.

Canon Geoffrey then travelled to school to say Mass at St Hugh's at 10.45am. Parents and parishioners attended. The Mini Vinnies led the school with readings and drama.

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies have indeed been busy. They decided to have a box dedicated to collecting food bank donations all year round. Parents and children have been sending in any items and placing them in the box outside the chapel. Thank you for your generosity.

They have also been fundraising with a Smarties challenge for Barnardos. Children have been challenged with raising money for children and young people in Lincolnshire who are supported by Barnardos. Thank you to everyone who has returned their smarties tubes. We made an impressive £70.85 for Barnardos.

Neighbourhood involvement

As our Religious Education topic is neighbours and our Catholic social principle is promoting peace by being a good neighbour, Mrs Pallister's class went and posted cards with positive messages on to brighten our local neighbour's day. We received heartfelt thanks and enjoyment from a number of happy recipient neighbours.

Sporting Achievements

Football

We received new home and away kits ready for next year. Thanks go to our new sponsors, Camper UK and former parent Mr Hyde.

Netball

The netball team finished top in the Lincoln division. Thanks go to Miss Blood and Mrs Heathershaw for their continued excellence in preparing the children.

Music and Drama Achievements

The choir completed a busy year schedule singing with St Peter and St Paul's School choir in a special end of year concert at the Parish church. They followed this up with a wonderful concert evening at the Epic centre where they joined many Lincolnshire schools as part of the Kyra teaching alliance of schools. Well done to Mr Ballard for all his hard work and expertise.

As part of the Music package the school has paid into, Mrs Cook's/Mrs Kendall Piperissa's class have had a term's whole class tuition on the ukulele finishing with a performance to the school.

Years 5 and 6 performed 'Rock Bottom' to a packed audience over two nights. The children's acting and singing was once again of a very high standard. Well done to Miss Blood and Mr Andrew, for music and choreography. A special thank you to, Miss Noor, Mrs Heathershaw, Mrs Boyn's, Mrs Paterson and Jack and Bethany Paterson, Miss Webster, Berezin and Year 6 pupils for the artwork, sound and lighting.

Year 6 Prom

Year 6 had an enjoyable celebratory evening which began with a presentation and finished with Pizzas! Congratulations to John who won the Christine Tovey Pupil of the Year Award and all the children who received certificates for all their hard work in education and trophies and medals for music and sport.

Enrichment

The Reception children had a special visit from the Fire Brigade. The children received guidance on keeping safe as well as seeing inside the fire engine and using the water hose!

Outings

All years have enjoyed summer outings to celebrate the end of the academic year. Year 5 pupils were especially privileged, as they were given the opportunity to go on a four-day residential trip to Ampleforth in North Yorkshire. This was a wonderful experience for them, which they thoroughly enjoyed and their behaviour was excellent. All the children have had an enjoyable day out with their Year group to various places.

Building Work

In the summer holidays we are having an outdoor play area installed. This will be ready to be used and enjoyed when we return in September.

PTA and fundraising

A special thank you must go to Mrs Francis and the entire PTA who have once again raised a large sum of money for the school this year. The Christmas Fair, Sports Day, Discos and various charity days and the end of year production have all contributed to this year's total of approximately £4500. Well done and thank you to all who have been part of this success. This phenomenal sum of money will pay towards the new play area.

At the start of the term we had a Coronation Souvenir and Cake Sale. This was really well supported and we raised an amazing £440!

We used these funds to purchase brand new exciting books for our Reading Corners in all 10 classrooms. The children really enjoyed browsing and picking out their new books.

Full 100% Attendance

Many congratulations to the children who achieved full attendance for this academic year. Here is the list...Ivy Warman,Bhavayami Ganesh,Madison Gray,Christadel Green,Alice Moore,June-Rose Saundeers and Kiera Warman.

Finally

The school is currently over subscribed in every year group and has a number of applications for the next academic year. If parents do wish to apply for a place please contact the school office for details at the earliest opportunity.

Once again I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday on behalf of Mr John O'Connor, Chair of Governors, the Governors and all the staff. Good luck to all the Year 6 pupils and those pupils who will be leaving us at the end of term. We hope you take with you happy memories of the time spent at St Hugh's and we wish you well for the future.I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents who have helped in classes and also to the students who have worked with us this year and wish them every success in the future.

We all look forward to seeing the children ready for learning for the new academic year on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**.

Yours sincerely

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