



Dear Parents

### **Thank You**

As the end of the first term approaches, I would like to thank you all for your continued support since the beginning of September. We have had a happy and productive return to school. The children have all settled into their new classes and the new play equipment which was installed in the summer holidays has been an exciting addition to play times.

### **Religious Education Update**

Our new Prayer leaders and Mini Vinnies have been established and they have chosen their Charities and where any allocation of money will be spent. The Mini Vinnies have voted in a Chair, Finance lead and Secretary. They have led the school in praying for other children in the world involved in natural disasters and areas of conflict.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, children wore brightly coloured clothes and accessories to school. A donation of £1 went to CAFOD. CAFOD are currently helping global emergencies in Libya, Turkey, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Pakistan and Ukraine. In total we raised £144.18. Well done.

For the Harvest Festival period the children have been bringing in donations for our school foodbank to help people locally in Lincoln. In school, we celebrated our first mass of the Year with Canon Eddy as the celebrant.

To coincide with the first session of the synod taking place in Rome, we joined our Trust on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 to come together at the ALIVE church in Lincoln, 10:00am – 2:00pm to share in the first Trust Synod. We discussed some of the same questions being debated by the Synod Fathers, learned about synodality and hopefully this will be used as a springboard to help shape the culture and direction of our communities and wider trust.

As part of Judaism week, a visitor, Mr Griffiths came into school to discuss his faith. Children

asked lots of questions about Judaism and found his knowledge and links between other faiths very inspiring.

### **Infant Reception Class**

The reception class shared their first 'official' assembly with parents and friends. Many thanks to all the teachers who prepared the children and the parents who found the time to spend time with the children. The year group has settled in really well and are making good progress. Well done!

### **Building**

We are creating a Well-being 'Forest room' within the school. This will be located in the former Music room. It will principally be a work space for teaching and for staff to work. Emotional literacy support assistant (ELSA) groups will have their meetings as will any Safeguarding meetings. The room will be a place to hold the newly established Well-being team meetings that consists of staff and parents.

Externally we are looking to create a forest school area replacing the planters outside Key stage 1. This will be an area for children to learn outdoors as well as being a well-being space.

### **Enrichment**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 we celebrated Lincolnshire day. Each class looked at an aspect of Lincolnshire life and history following an introductory assembly.

This term welcomed 'Magical Maths' club after school for Keystage 1 and 2. The children who attended engaged in fun activities linked to Mathematics.

Years 5 and 6 visited Newark Air Museum as part of their forthcoming World War II topic. The children worked with two tutors exploring Art with Ruth Piggott and Poetry with Ash Dickinson. KS1 visited Castle square for their Geography topic 'Why is Lincoln special? The children received a lot of positive comments from the general public about their behaviour and politeness.

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## Parent/Teacher Association

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The PTFA hosted a coffee morning at the beginning of term to welcome new and existing members.

We are grateful for their hard work organising the end of term disco, as well as raising funds for the school.

If you are interested in helping the PTA at school events, please contact Mrs Paterson through school.

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## Sport

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Tony and Ben from Year 6 represented St Hugh's at Lincoln City FC by being junior imps' commentators for the duration of a whole 90 minutes match. We are really proud of their quality commentary!

In school, Year 4 have enjoyed their Gymnastics sessions with PremierEdLincs with Mr Crockett and Miss Byers. Netball club has been enjoyed by large numbers and will resume in the Spring term.

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## Parents' Evenings

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The Year 6 SAT's evening was well attended on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The curriculum coverage for this year was explained together with the contents of the end of year SATs testing in the second week of May. Mrs Hewerdine spoke to parents about transition to St Peter and St Paul's Secondary School. Individual parent teacher evenings will take place early next term.

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## Secondary School Applications

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All parents of children in Year 6 will need to make sure that their application for Secondary School is submitted to Lincolnshire County Council on or before the closing date of Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Any late applications may mean you will not be able to get the school of your choice.

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## Primary School Applications

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All parents of children starting in Reception 2018 will need to make sure that their application for Primary School is submitted to Lincolnshire County Council. Applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Any late applications may mean you will not be able to get the school of your choice. Visits to the school are most welcomed.

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## Crossing patrol

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This year celebrates 70 years of the School Patrol Crossing Service in Lincolnshire.

Mr Presswood, our Lolly Pop man, has been our local School Crossing Patrol Officer for the past 11 years serving all the surrounding schools - come rain or shine! Alison Garfoot from the

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership presented him with a certificate for his dedicated service to us all.

I'm sure you will all agree that he does a fantastic job keeping everyone safe. He has subsequently been unwell but we wish him a speedy recovery and would like to take the opportunity to say - thank you Mr Presswood!

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## Final Note

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We finished the term raising awareness about the need for anti-racism. Children wore red to show their support of equal rights of all and the need to celebrate the protected characteristics of all in society.

I do hope you all have an enjoyable half term break. We all look forward to seeing the children **for Term 2 on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

Yours sincerely

Gregory Hughes

G Hughes - Headteacher

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## Future Dates

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<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Back to School after ½ term
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	All Saints Mass – 10.45 am School Hall
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Feast of St Hugh – Mass 10.45 am School Hall
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Christmas Fair 6.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Joint Catholic Schools Carol Service at Our Lady of Lincoln Church 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of Term 2. School closes at normal time for the Christmas break.
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	School reopens for the start of Term 3
<b>Mon 13<sup>h</sup> May – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATs week. It is important that Year 6 pupils are in school all week.