

# SAINT HUGH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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GREGORY HUGHES ~ Headteacher

**TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

## **FEBRUARY 2023 – NEWSLETTER**

It has been a very busy and productive term. Well done to all pupils for working so hard and thank you to parents for your continued support.

### **Assemblies and Celebration of the Word**

At the start of the term Mrs Rutherford's class received some lovely thank you cards after delivering Christmas cards to St Clare's nursing home.

The school celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany prepared with our chaplain Miss Cafferkey and led by our prayer leaders. We then chalked the blessing on each classroom door.

Mr Ogunyemi visited renewing links with our school and 'The Shepherd's Food Ministry. In the past, we raised money to buy land in Nigeria. We launched an initiative to raise money to aid their digital literacy programme. Well done to everyone for raising nearly £200 at the end of term towards our target.

Thanks go to Deacon Kevin from St Hugh's Church and Miss Webster as Eucharistic Minister for our celebration of the exposition and adoration of the Blessed sacrament. It was a very moving service with the children showing reverence throughout.

All children received a talk on online safety with former pupil Joanna Knight. Joanna also spent time with Year 6 with a workshop on pornography effects and realities.

### **Mayor's Visit**

The Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor Biff Bean, visited school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for the mayor's official birthday. The Mayor answered a number of children's questions and they sang "Happy Birthday" and gave him a card. He is the 816<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Lincoln!

### **Mental health week**

This week was Children's Mental Health Week. Thanks to Mrs Kendall Piperissa for the workshops and also to the WellBeing Champion children for such a wide selection of midday activities supporting mental health.

### **Music and drama festival**

The Infant and Junior Choir as well as the Drummers have entered the Music and Drama Festival. They will perform in March. Thanks go to Mr Ballard for all his hard work and preparation. In difficult preparation times Mrs Hargrave-Nanton has been busy preparing children for the public speaking competitions. Good luck to everyone!

### **Trips**

Year 5 were invited to watch the musical ,’We Will Rock You’ at St Peter and St Paul’s Secondary school in the last week of term. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performance by the students.

### **Year 3-4 Football**

Well done to the Year 3-4 football team that played St Peter at Gowt’s on the astroturf at Sincil Bank. The team won their game and then both teams combined to play an extra friendly. The future is bright for this very talented group of footballers. Thank you to parents for your support.

### **Netball for Year 6**

Next term Netball will return for Year 6 initially to begin with.

### **PTFA news**

Thank you to everyone for supporting our PTFA. Thanks to their fundraising, we have furnished and established our new Forest room. They have also funded a brand new Yamaha piano which will get plenty of use for individual lessons and events in the future.

The last day of term was a non- Uniform day. The PTFA provided a special Valentine’s disco enjoyed by both key stages with food and entertainment.

### **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 19th February 2023**.

Yours sincerely

*Gregory Hughes*

Mr G Hughes – Headteacher