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**TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **SUMMER 2024 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 2023-2024. This has been another very successful year with the school maintaining very high academic standards and continuing the long tradition of excellence in sport, music and drama. We finished on the last day with a picnic lunch in the sunny weather.

## **Staff and Personnel**

We say goodbye to two members of staff. Thanks go to Mrs Webster who has been with us for many years as a bus guide, breakfast club worker, midday supervisor, and valued higher level teaching assistant. We thank her for all she has done for the school and wish her a very happy retirement.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Garcia who has worked in Key Stage 1 for many years finishing her years as phonics lead and as Key Stage 1 leader. She has taught many children and has been a wonderful colleague. We will miss them both greatly and thank them for their hard work, warmth and friendship. Good luck in the future.

## **First Holy Communion**

In the last term, the children in Year 3 received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 1st June at St Peter and St Paul's and Saturday 8th June at St Hugh's. Thanks go to our catechists, Mrs Cook, Mrs Kendall-Piperissa and Miss Webster. Congratulations to all the children and their families.

In school we took time for the service of Adoration with Deacon Kevin. The children were prayerful and reverent throughout this time of prayer.

## **SAT's Results 2023/24**

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.

## **Key Stage 1 Results**

**EYFS** Good level of development: 64%

**Year 1 Phonics Screening** The percentage meeting the required standard 92%

## **Key Stage 2 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	80%
English Grammar	73%
Writing	71%
Mathematics	78%

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

## **Enrichment**

Sports day was a great success with all children taking part in a number of track and field events. Parents could accompany the children around the field events and everyone had a great day of sport. Thank you for supporting this day in such large numbers. Feedback was really positive and much appreciated.

## **Sporting Achievements**

This year has once again been a really successful one. I am extremely grateful for all the support parents and family have given the school at all the events we have entered. To celebrate the Olympics all classes took part in an Olympic Eiffel day, participating in 10 events as part of either the USA, Great Britain and Jamaica. Well done to Mr Gosling for all his hard work coordinating all the summer sporting fun!

## **Lincoln City Football Club links.**

Recently Mr Gosling's class had a stadium tour at Lincoln City. A group of children from throughout Key Stage 2 also visited the club for an author day.

## **Football**

The football team has played a number of matches. Their most recent games included a 4.1 victory against Saxilby and a victory over Sir Francis Hill School. There have been further games for children not in the first team. The joint Year 4 and 6 team won 4.1 against South Hykeham. Another set of players from years 5 and 6 played All Saints in early July. Well done to all our footballers, we are proud of you all for representing the school. All received medals of gratitude at the end of the year.

## **Netball**

The netball team finished a very successful league in third place. Their last match was against Minister School. They won 12 - 1. They defended tightly, attacked well and their shooting was on top form. Well done. They are only 1 point behind Washingborough, who have finished 2nd and 3 points behind the winners, Branston. Well done to the team and Miss Blood, Mrs Heathershaw and Mrs Sadler for their expert coaching. Once again, all players received recognition with a trophy at the end of the year..

## **Music and Drama Achievements**

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. The children enjoyed playing to a large number of watching parents.

The choir took part in the Kyra school's summer concert. They sang together with numerous local schools as well as their show stopping Music and Drama festival winning song, 'Supercalifragilistic.' The drummers also performed their first place entry. It was a very enjoyable evening. Well done to the choir and Mr Ballard for such an excellent year's work.

Years 5 and 6 performed 'Star Wars - The umpire strikes back' 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, Mr Andrew, for music and choreography. A special thank you to Mrs Heathershaw, Mrs Webster, Miss Webster, Miss Noor, Mrs Boyns, Mrs Paterson, Miss Paterson, Mrs Rudge and Mr Berezin for their part in the production. Mr Berezin filmed the first night capturing the excitement and humour of the play.

## **Year 6 Prom**

Prior to the performance we celebrated Year 6's time at St Hugh's with Mass, followed by a certificate presentation and disco. Congratulations to Helbin who won the Christine Tovey Pupil of the Year Award. Thank you to all those involved in organising the Leavers celebrations including Mr Garcia who provided the pizzas.

## **Outings**

All years have enjoyed summer outings to celebrate the end of the academic year. We visited The Deep, the Yorkshire Wildlife zoo, local parks for den building and pond dipping amongst other treats!

Year 5 enjoyed their excursion to Ampleforth. They received numerous compliments about their good manners and behaviour from staff at the school as well as the general public when they were on the days out to places like Eden Camp, Robin Hood's bay.

## **PTA**

A special thank you must go to Mrs Paterson, Mrs Moore, 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, Fun Run, various charity days and the end of year production have all contributed to this year's total. The children particularly enjoyed a disco during June. Key Stage 1 took place in the afternoon and Key Stage 2 enjoyed their session after school.

## **School Charity Work**

Thank you for all your financial and food donations this year. We managed to take two boxes and six bags to Lincoln Food Bank at Arise Church on Birchwood Avenue. The Mini Vinnies made snack bags for the homeless too. Well done.

We presented Mr Ogunyemi, the director of Shepherd Food Ministries, with a check for £810. This is an amazing amount of money and will go towards purchasing chromebooks for a school in Lagos, Nigeria.

## **Full 100% Attendance**

Many congratulations to the children who achieved full attendance for this academic year. The children received their certificates today.

## **Changes of Address and Contact Details**

If you have moved address or changed any of your contact details can you please inform the school office so that your child's records can be amended in case of an emergency. Thank you.

## **Building Work**

In the summer holidays we are looking to replace the tarmac at the front of the school and complete repair work connected with the mini bus fire.

## **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.

On behalf of Mr John O'Connor, Chair of Governors, the Governors and all the staff, I would like to wish you all a wonderful, happy and safe holiday.

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.

We all look forward to seeing the children ready for learning for the new academic year on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the new starting time of 8.45am.**

Yours sincerely

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