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TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

FEBRUARY 2025 – NEWSLETTER

We have enjoyed a very happy and busy first term of the new year.

Assemblies and Liturgies

The prayer leaders have been busy leading our weekly whole school Celebration of the Word. They have also worked with Year 4 and Year 2 leading three prayer stations which focused on some of the key principles of Catholic social teaching: stewardship, the common good, and promoting peace. The children had the opportunity to reflect on how they can live as missionary disciples in their daily lives. They also travelled to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Sleaford, to deliver a retreat day.

As a school we met with all the schools in the Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy Trust. The meeting was part of the synodal journey that began in 2021. All delegates spent time listening to scripture, sharing ideas, and building relationships. The pupils representing St Hugh's shared their knowledge and thoughts with other pupils within our MAT.

We also launched a "Super Book Bible Club" during Wednesday lunchtimes which allows children to listen to Bible stories during lunch time.

At the start of the term, we held a special hand writing assembly celebrating children who have worked hard on their presentation and who have shown pride in their presentation. Well done to all our winners.

E Safety Week

The whole school have spent this week learning about E safety. This year's theme, "Too Good to Be True?", focused on the importance of recognising and avoiding online scams—helping pupils become more aware of how to spot suspicious online behaviour and protect their personal information. Thanks to Mrs Cook for co-ordinating this important part of the curriculum.

Mental health week

This term we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was about 'knowing yourself and growing yourself'. The children spoke about things that they are good at and how they could become better at things. The Well-being Champions came and made some positive love bugs. School Council held a competition to create some beautiful artwork for Children's Mental Health Week. There were some amazing entries of flowers and trees linked to the theme.

Visitors

The children had a fantastic day working with the poet Ash Dickinson. He showed them how they could write their own poetry. This was followed by workshops for all where a variety of poetic techniques were explored. Many great poems took shape and I hope that the children continue to write in their own time!

The theatre performance of The Jungle Book was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you for your support with these two school ventures.

Thank you to all our Early Years parents who joined us for Family Reading Time. It was a special time for the children to spend time in school sharing their chosen books.

Mayor's Visit

The Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor, Alan Briggs visited school on Wednesday 13th February 2025 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 designed by Mr Berezin.

Charity News

Well done to Miss Blood's class and the group from Mr Gosling's for all the cakes that they provided for the local charity, "Let them Eat Cake. "A staggering £239 was raised for this local charity that supports the homeless.

PTA news

The end of term disco was a great success with both key stages enjoying their time together. Thank you to the PTA for organising the event.

Outdoor Forest area

The outdoor Forest area is taking shape. Our Eco Team are busy designing wildlife and allotment sections. We are looking forward to receiving the seating next term.

Well-being news

Our new playground buddy seats have arrived and will be on the yard for the new term. Thank you to Mrs Kendall-Piperissa for organising this new welcome addition. Enjoy sitting on the seats and meeting new people!

Hall news

We have had brand new curtains installed in the hall. They are a very nice shades of blue to match the school colours.

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 24th February 2025**.

Yours sincerely

Gregory Hughes

Mr G Hughes – Headteacher