



St Hugh's
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Autumn Term 2017 Headmaster's Circular Thursday 14th December

Welcome

It has been a wonderful end to a very busy term with the children enjoying a number of festive activities in recent days! The children have worked so hard over the course of the whole term and it has been a pleasure to witness the many lessons and extra-curricular activities that have provided the children a wealth of learning opportunities.

End of Term Reports

Reports for pre-prep pupils are already available on the parent portal via the school website. Reports for main school children will be accessible from Friday 15th December via the portal. You will have the option to view or download the reports from the portal. If you experience any difficulties accessing these reports, please contact the school office.

Staff News

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to a number of members of staff this term. Firstly, David Broadbent (more commonly known as Mr. B) will be retiring from St. Hugh's after four and a half years in the role as site manager and bus driver. His dedication to the role, in particular looking after the school's playing fields, has meant that the children have really benefitted from playing on super playing surfaces in recent years. We wish Mr. B a long and happy retirement. Peter Hainsworth and Alex Nutt will be undertaking David's site manager role on a job share basis. Lee Wilson will be driving the Lincoln bus route and Alex Nutt will be driving the Boston bus route. Miss Sophie Nash (KS1 Teaching Assistant) leaves St. Hugh's after three years and we wish Sophie every success in her future endeavours. An interview process will be undertaken this week to replace Sophie. This week we welcomed back Mrs Bernie Costello to St. Hugh's following her maternity leave. I would like to thank Mr Russell Sault for his contribution over the past two terms and we wish Russell every success as he takes up a Physics teaching position at Hill House School, Doncaster. Mr Anthony Baldery, peripatetic piano teacher, also leaves at the end of the term and I would like to thank Anthony for

his contribution to the musical life at St. Hugh's. Miss Kerby is in the process of appointing a new piano teacher.

Spring Term Information

An electronic copy of next term's calendar will be available on the school website over the next few days. A printed version of the Spring term 'What's On' will be sent in the post during the holidays. Copies of the prep school hobbies have already been e-mailed. For all main school hobbies queries, please email Mr Goodhand on rgoodhand@st-hughs.lincs.sch.uk

Spring Term Diary Date

On Tuesday 13th March we will be holding a Future Schools' Evening in the Forbes Hall from 5.00 – 7.00pm. A large number of senior schools have been invited to attend and I will confirm details of those schools attending next term.

St. Hugh's Parents' Association

My thanks go to the PA for their contribution to school life this term. The Christmas Fayre was a huge success with over £1700 raised and I am grateful for their support at recent Christmas events. The PA will be looking to support the school in numerous ways, in particular they are raising funds to re-develop the adventure playground and we look forward to some exciting events in the forthcoming terms. I would like to congratulate the following parents on their election to the PA Committee following the recent elections:

Chairperson – Tracey Baxter

Vice-Chairperson – Jo Nelstrop

Secretary – Ian Richmond/Kyle Richards

Treasurer – Meryl Shirley

PA Event Diary Date – The PA will be holding an Italian Evening Supper Party on Friday 2nd March, all parents are invited to attend. Do keep an eye out for further details closer to the time.

St. Hugh's Website

Thank you for all the many positive comments about the new website. I am extremely keen to make sure that the website is a useful tool for you as parents to find out all the information you need about life at the school. For example, the weekly menu has now been added. If you have any comments or suggestions for additional information then please contact myself or Cathy Twigg (Marketing Officer) on marketing@st-hughs.lincs.sch.uk

Sports Fixtures

The introduction of our all-weather pitch has certainly raised the profile of hockey at St. Hugh's and this has been particularly evident in the level of participation and enthusiasm shown by our pupils. In conjunction with numerous other schools the level of participation in hockey has grown and more schools are looking to play boys' hockey fixtures in Years 5 & 6. Therefore, you will notice a number of hockey fixtures for this age group on next term's calendar. The boys will maintain a number of football fixtures next term also.

School Shop – Opening Times

The uniform shop will be open on Friday 5th January 2018 between the following times:

9.30 – 11.30am & 2.30 – 4.30pm

Sports Kit

Please can I ask parents of pupils in Years 3 - 8 to look carefully at the Spring term sports kit list to ensure the correct kit, including quantities of items, are brought into school at the beginning of term.

School Office – Opening Times

The office will be open on Monday 18th December from 9.00am – 12.00pm. The office will close over the Christmas holidays and will re-open on Friday 5th January 2018 at 8.30am

St. Hugh's Governors

On behalf of the Chair of Governors, Mr John Harris, please note the following changes to the governing body: Mr Nick Cudmore leaves the Board and has been replaced Mr Tom Bogg (Accounts and Tax Manager at Duncan Toplis) and will sit on the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Mr Chris Burch leaves the Board having completed his term of office and we welcome

Mrs Cathy Twigg to the Board who will join the Marketing Committee.

And Finally.....

Thank you for your attendance at recent events, I know that the staff and children really do value your presence. I would also like to thank you for your continued support of St. Hugh's, it is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr Chris Ward - Headmaster