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Welcome

It was a real pleasure to welcome the pupils back to school on Monday for the start of term, unfortunately the weather has been a little unpredictable but the smiles on the faces of the children have certainly made up for it! Our new Year 2 classroom is up and ready and both the Art and DT rooms have been relocated. We also have a new bank of laptops in school that the children are already using in their Computing lessons. I spoke in assembly on Monday morning about new beginnings and taking opportunities; I look forward to seeing the children thrive in the coming weeks ahead.

Staff News

This term we welcome the following members of staff to St. Hugh's: **Mrs Flora Bonner-Mackenzie** and **Miss Sam Kerby** join us as Head of English and Director of Music respectively. Congratulations to **Mrs Sam Wright** (nee Workman) who got married over the summer holidays. Sam is our peripatetic woodwind teacher and will also be a part-time teaching assistant in KS1 along with **Mrs Sarah Harvey**. **Miss Emily McCarroll** and **Miss Jordan Pagram** will be working with our youngest pupils as nursery assistants and Emily will also be looking after the breakfast club for pre-prep pupils. **Miss Lauren Bingham** and **Mr Joseph McDonnell** will be our resident assistants this year. Finally, we welcome **Miss Rececca Atkinson**, assistant cook and **Miss Georgia Futter** as a dining room assistant. **Miss Katy Wood** will be undertaking her PGCE training year with us and will be co-teaching Year 4 English, Year 5 Science & Maths and PE.

What's On – Autumn Term 2017

I trust that you have received a copy of this term's calendar that was issued with invoices at the end of the summer term. If you are missing a copy please contact the School Office.

****Amendment – Pre-Prep Parents' afternoons will take place on Wednesday 11th October and not at the end of term****

Computing Curriculum

We are also delivering much more of the curriculum through Internet based tools. In school this includes the use of new Chromebooks for lessons to supplement the tablets already in place. Pupils will also be able to access many of the tools they use in school at home by going to <https://sthughs.rmunify.com/>. Once they type in their username@sthughs and school password, pupils will see many of the tools they use in school. As we have also introduced Single Sign On, they will not need to enter separate passwords to access any of the resources. This includes both creative tools such as Google Apps used by the older pupils and Purple Mash by the younger pupils as well as websites such as Quizlet, TT Rockstars and Languages Online used to enhance aspects of the curriculum. We will be looking to develop this functionality further over the forthcoming academic year.

Years 3 – 8 Hobbies

It has been great to see hobbies for the pupils in Years 3 – 8 commencing this week. If you have any queries about hobbies please contact Mr Goodhand on: rgoodhand@st-hughs.lincs.sch.uk

E-Mail Contact

If you have any queries regarding your child's progress, either academically or pastorally, please make the class teacher or form tutor your first point of contact. Staff e-mail addresses include the first letter of the Christian name followed by their surname. For example, Mr Richard Goodhand is: rgoodhand@st-hughs.lincs.sch.uk

Boarding

Please keep an eye out for an email from Miss Hainsworth to book boarding nights. Alternatively, boarding bookings can be made on: boarding@st-hughs.lincs.sch.uk

Year 8 Positions of Responsibility

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been appointed positions of responsibility this term:

Head Boy – Harry Nelstrop

Head Girl – Grace Pocklington

Deputy Head Boy – Isaac Tyler

Deputy Head Girl – Emily Reynolds

Captain of Rugby – Henry Hargreaves

Captain of Hockey – Bridie Mason

Red Set Captain – Horatio Eversfield

White Set Captain – A'ishah Bee

Blue Set Captain – Bridie Mason

Sports Fixtures

As a school we work extremely hard to organise and fulfil fixtures against a range of schools in order to provide the very best competition possible for the children. The fixtures are clearly indicated in the termly 'What's On' and I would ask that requests for absence are not made when fixtures are planned. If changes to fixtures are made we will look to notify you as soon as possible.

Years 3 – 8 Games Kit

All games kit brought to school on Monday has been checked. If any items are missing you will be contacted by the school to make you aware. I would ask that arrangements are then made to ensure your child has a complete set of games kit in school; thank you.

Church Service at St. Peter's – Friday 13th October

We look forward to our church service at St. Peter's Church at 2pm on Friday 13th October. All the pupils from Reception to Year 8 will be in attendance. Parents and family are warmly invited to attend.

Open Morning – Saturday 4th November

We will be holding our termly open morning between 10.00am and 12.00pm on Saturday 4th November. On this morning we will also be holding a sports festival for pupils in Years 1 – 4; ALL WELCOME! If you know of any interested families, please be sure to invite them to both the open morning and the sports festival.

Mr Chris Ward
Headmaster