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Learn Love Pray

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year! We are excited to welcome everyone who has started the new school year with us. The staff and I are looking forward to working with you. If you need to speak with a member of our team, please visit the school office. We would like to wish you a happy half term and we will see you on **Monday 4th November at 8.45am.**

Mission Statement Launch Day

Today we have been celebrating the launch of our new Mission Statement:
Learn Love Pray

At St. Hugh's, we grow together with Christ in our hearts. We reach our potential in a learning community and we welcome all with respect and understanding.

We also have three new **values** which link to our Mission Statement and to our school rules. They are: **Respect, Kindness, Honesty.**

The children have been learning about our values and Mission Statement, and today, we celebrated with a day full of fun! After our special Mission Statement assembly, we enjoyed a magician/entertainer, a gigantic bouncy castle, a firepit, and some party food. The children had an absolutely fabulous time!

Reward Parties

Children who consistently follow our school rules are invited to attend a special reward party with Miss Bower and Mrs. McCausland. They receive a golden ticket as their invitation to join the celebration. These parties have been taking place this week. If your child didn't attend this time, there's always a chance to earn their place by following the school rules next half term and join the next party!

The school rules are:

- Be respectful
- Use kind words and good manners
- Work hard and try your best
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Tell the truth
- Move around the school sensibly

St. Hugh's Helpers

Each half term, selected children from each class are chosen to be St. Hugh's Helpers. These children assist teachers in the classroom, on the playground, and in the dinner hall. They wear purple hi-vis vests to be easily recognised. A big thank you to this half term's helpers! New helpers will be chosen for the next half term.

Black History Month

During the month of October, the children have been celebrating the contributions of black people to society, culture and history. Each class studied a different person.

Reception: Trent Alexander-Arnold

Y1: Mary Seacole

Y2: Pablo Fanque

Y3 Wangari Maathi

Y4: Katherine Johnson

Y5: Martin Luther King

Y6: the Windrush generation



School Uniform

Grey trousers/skirt
Yellow polo shirt
Burgundy sweatshirt/cardigan
Black shoes, NOT trainers

PE Kits

White t-shirt and Black shorts-
provided by school
footwear (trainers or pumps)
Hair **must** be tied back and plaited
No shaved lines in hair
No big bows
Leggings are not allowed
No nail varnish
Small plain stud earrings



Hungry Hugh's Breakfast Club

Starting **Monday, 4th November**, breakfast service will close at **8:20 am** to ensure that all children attending breakfast club have enough time to enjoy a nutritious meal. The cost remains unchanged at £1.00 per child, per day.



Contact details

If you update your mobile phone number or email address, please inform the office.



****New Government Guidelines around School Attendance and Fixed Penalty Notices****

There is a single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered in England. This is 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span over different terms and school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where a second Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. (Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a prosecution)

Third Offence and any further Offences (within 3 years of the First Offence)

The third time that an offence is committed for either a term time holiday and/or Irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may be proceeded straight to prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'failure to secure their child's regular attendance at a school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1,000.

Attendance 3/9/24—25/10/24

Year 1 - 91%
Year 2 - 95.5%
Year 3 - 95.5%
Year 4 - 93.4%
Year 5 - 95.1%
Year 6 - 91%
Whole School 93.4%
DFE expectations 96%

Lates

Year 1 - 3.2% (16 children) Year 2 - 2% (13 children)
Year 3 - 2.4% (19 children) Year 4 - 2.7% (15 children)
Year 5 - 2.2% (17 children) Year 6 - 1% (11 children)

A late child:

- Will miss the start of the lesson
- Find it more difficult to settle
- May feel embarrassed when walking into assembly/class
- May not know what is going on in their class

