



# NEWSLETTER



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A very warm welcome to you all, especially to those children and families who are new to St Ippolyts Primary School. Our new Reception children have already settled in brilliantly; we have just one more group to start next week and then we will be a full house once again. We look forward to a long and happy partnership with you all throughout the years ahead.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Bean as Class 3 teacher and Miss Gray as Sports Apprentice onto our staff team, both of whom are already well known to many of the children and parents.

There is always a lot of important information in this first newsletter of the year so please do find a moment to read it through.

## PLEASE



Newsletters go out on Thursdays and they are your 'go to' place for all you need to know, the latest news and important reminders. We will also continue to put a copy on the school website. If you would prefer to receive a paper version, please just let the office know and we will make sure your child brings one home in their book bag.

You would be amazed how many times parents need to ring the office with queries and questions that have been covered in several editions of the newsletter so it would be really helpful if you could get into the habit of reading our newsletters. Thank you!

## New school website

Some of you may already have noticed that over the summer we have been working hard to develop a new school website. The site contains lots of useful information and although there are a few sections awaiting some updated content, most of it is complete. We hope you like it!



# NPQML

National  
Professional  
Qualification  
for Middle Leadership

# Congratulations!

# NPQH

National  
Professional  
Qualification  
for Headship

## The grown-ups never stop learning...

Over the last couple of years three of our teachers have been working towards National Professional Qualifications (NPQs). This has involved lots of study alongside whole school projects and written assignments, made all the more complicated by the additional challenges caused by Covid. During the summer we heard the fantastic news that all three have passed with flying colours, such wonderful achievements and we are very proud of them all! Congratulations to:

**Mrs Stewart:** NPQH (National Professional Qualification for Headship)

**Miss Abbott & Mrs McCabe:** NPQML (National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership)



## St Ippolyts Church Flower Festival

If you visited the flower festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend, you may have noticed the school's exhibit on display. Our arrangement was based on sport, using the big 'school of the year' trophy that we were awarded at the end of the summer term.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our admin assistant Miss Webb who made our beautiful arrangement for the festival – such talent!

## Please be aware...

Lots of our older children in Classes 5 and 6 walk to and from their classroom unaccompanied. Sometimes when the pavement is blocked with parents having a chat, children have no choice but to walk in the road. Please could all parents allow them to pass on the pavement safely without having to step into the road. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Year 6 Parents

Applications for secondary schools are now open. All the information you need to apply can be found online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk). The deadline for secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.



# Homework

We will be once again using our online platform, Google Classroom, for setting homework, starting from next week. The children's accounts have been moved into their new classes and teachers will be doing refresher sessions in school so that children can log on independently at home.

All spellings and homework tasks will be set on Google Classroom on a Tuesday, with the deadline being the following Monday, allowing plenty of flexibility for completing things.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Daily reading	Daily reading	Daily reading	Daily reading
Bug Club Phonics 10 mins twice a week	Bug Club Phonics 10 mins twice a week	Bug Club phonics and reading	Bug Club
	Spellings – out on Tuesday, tested Monday	Spellings – out on Tuesday, tested Monday	Spellings – out on Tuesday, tested Monday
	From the spring term one short task per week either English or Maths, around 10 mins	From the autumn term, one short task per week either English or Maths. 15 mins	From the autumn term, one task per week either English or Maths. 20 mins
		Times Tables Rockstars	Times Tables Rockstars
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Daily reading	Daily reading	Daily reading	
Bug Club	Bug Club	Bug Club	
Spellings – out on Tuesday, tested Monday	Spellings – out on Tuesday, tested Monday	Spellings – out on Tuesday, tested Monday	
From the autumn term, one task per week either English or Maths. 25 mins	From the autumn term, two tasks per week, one English and one Maths. 20 mins per task	From the autumn term, two tasks per week, one English and one Maths. 30 mins per task	
Times Tables Rockstars	Times Tables Rockstars	Times Tables Rockstars	
		SAM learning	



## SWIMMING: YEARS 3 AND 4

Swimming lessons start next week, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Please make sure your child remembers to bring their swimming kit and that all items of clothing and belongings are named clearly.



## Extra-curricular clubs

Thank you for returning your clubs letters so promptly. Tomorrow, children will bring home a sheet detailing the clubs they have been allocated. **Clubs start next week, w/c 12<sup>th</sup> September.** Please let the teachers know if there are any different collection arrangements for your child, or if they have permission to walk home (Y5/6).

## Curriculum overviews for parents

The class teachers will soon be emailing a copy of the term overview which sets out what learning is being covered in class this term. There will also be copies on the school website if you need them.

# Class 1 curriculum evening

Miss Ingle and the Class 1 team will be holding the Class 1 Curriculum Information evening on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 6pm. For the first time in a couple of years, we are delighted to be able to hold this session face to face in the hall.

The session will give you lots of useful information about how children learn in Class 1 and how you can support your child at home so we do hope you can make it.



## Class 1 Parents Coffee Morning Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9.00am

Class 1 parents are warmly welcomed to join us for a coffee after morning drop off on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This is a lovely opportunity to chat informally with the class 1 team and get to know other parents and families. Younger siblings are very welcome to come along too.



## VALUES:

### perseverance

Our value for this half term is 'perseverance' In worship on Monday, we talked about how we have to 'stick at it' when things are challenging and that this is how we learn.

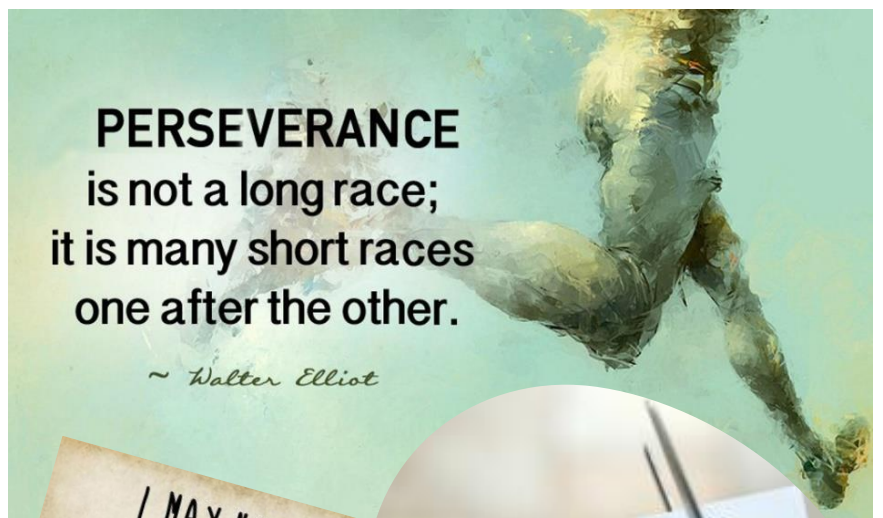
Over this half term, children will be thinking about the importance of persevering. We will be awarding the Values badge in Friday Fellowship to the children who demonstrate perseverance in school.

**PERSEVERANCE**  
is not a long race;  
it is many short races  
one after the other.

*~ Walter Elliot*

I MAY NOT  
BE THERE YET  
BUT I'M CLOSER  
THAN I WAS  
YESTERDAY

I can't  
do it





# Packed lunches

Please ensure that packed lunches are healthy and balanced for your child so that they have a good meal to get them through the afternoon.

- No chocolate or sweets
- No **hot foods or flasks**
- Unlimited drinking water is provided, cartons of juice/fizzy drinks should not be included
- **No nuts or nut products (including things like peanut butter, cereal bars and Nutella)**
- If your child will need a spoon or cutlery for their lunch (yogurts/salads etc), please provide this for them in with their lunch.

If you would like any advice on lunches or ways to encourage your child to eat well, please talk to Mrs Stewart who would be happy to help.



Parking near schools will never be an easy task, especially for schools like ours in rural locations with narrow roads and pavements. It is particularly challenging at the moment with the village green spaces all being taken by the contractors doing work locally.

I do understand that it is tempting to try and park as close to school as possible, particularly when the weather is unpleasant.

However, some parking choices are simply dangerous. **One of the worst places to park is on the double yellow lines close to the school gate. When this is blocked, if cars need to pull in to give way to oncoming traffic, their only option is to pull into the top of the drive by the gate – which is filled with parents, pupils, toddlers and prams.**

**Thank you so much for your cooperation to keep our community safe.**

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW PUPIL JOURNALIST, ANNIE

What a wonderful start to the school year. We have already welcomed some of the new children in reception to St Ippolyts and the year sixes are very excited as reception buddies will soon be announced.

Good luck for those applying for the sports ambassadors and captain.

As well as having lots of new students there are also a few new teachers, Miss Gray our new PE teacher and Mrs Bean for class 3. We welcome all the new children and staff to the St Ippolyts community!



Class 6 enjoyed a wonderful time at their first Fit Kidz session this week, building their strength and stamina for the year ahead!





# PTA QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps>  
[pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk)

**QUIZ, CURRY, BYOB, RAFFLE**  
**£15 PER PERSON**

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**7 PM, FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

School Hall  
Teams of 6 – Maximum 10 Teams  
**Last Tickets 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

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Select your choice of curry (chicken, lamb, vegetarian)

Come along, meet some new people and above all make sure  
the teachers don't win again!

For those new to the school, we can put you in a team if you don't have one



# Diary Dates

Autumn term 2022



Date	Event	Information
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>INSET Days</b>	Staff training, no school for children
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Autumn term begins</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class 1 Curriculum Evening</b>	Class 1 parents, 6pm in the school hall.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Class 1 Coffee Morning</b>	Class 1 parents, 9.00am in the hall, younger siblings welcome
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	Service in church for children and staff. Children are asked to bring a harvest gift of non-perishable food items.
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Diocesan Schools Harvest Festival</b>	Trip to St Albans Abbey for children in choir and Young Worship
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Quiz Night</b>	Evening fundraiser in the school hall
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPEN SESSION 3.30-5.30pm</b>	A chance for parents & families to visit classrooms, look at books and chat informally to teachers, no appointment needed
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class 6 Assembly</b>	Assembly for C6 Parents at 9.15am
<b>17-21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>WELLBEING WEEK</b>	A week of themed activities and visitors to support children's mental health and wellbeing
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Class 6 Cake Day</b>	Class 6 are asked to provide the cakes to sell at breaktime. All children can bring money to buy a cake instead of their usual snack.
<b>24 – 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Back to school</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>School photos – individual and siblings</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Movie and Munch</b>	Fundraiser after school, finishes around 5pm
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b>	Service in church for children and staff
<b>w/c 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK</b>	
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children in Need Appeal</b>	Non-uniform in exchange for a charity donation to CIN
<b>24 &amp; 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Book Fair</b>	Fundraiser – travelling bookshop in the school hall before and after school
<b>w/c 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PARENT CONSULTATIONS</b>	A blend of face to face, vide and telephone appointments will be on offer.
<b>DECEMEBER</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Class 5 Assembly</b>	Assembly for C5 Parents at 9.15am
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class 1 Nativity</b>	2pm in the hall for C1 parents
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fair</b>	Format TBC
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Movie &amp; Munch</b>	Fundraiser after school.
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Carol Service</b>	In church for children and staff
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class 5 Cake Day</b>	Class 5 are asked to provide the cakes to sell at breaktime. All children can bring money to buy a cake instead of their usual snack.
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Parties</b>	Children can wear non-uniform/ Christmas outfits for the day
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of term 2pm</b>	



## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO MAKE A NOTE OF

*(please note that there is always the possibility that dates may need to change as the year goes on; make sure you keep an eye on newsletters for any changes)*

Spring term		Summer term	
18-19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Arts Days	28 <sup>th</sup> April	C2 Cake Day
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	C4 Cake Day	5 <sup>th</sup> May	C2 Assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Open Session	w/c8thMay	Y6 SATs week Y2 assessments
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	C4 Assembly	18 <sup>th</sup> May	SPORTS DAY
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Movie & Munch	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Reserve date for sports day
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 Parent Consultations	29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term
13-17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> June & w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer assessments for Y1,3,4,5
23-24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair	9 – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 PGL School Journey
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	World Book Day	16 <sup>th</sup> June	C1 Assembly
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Spring Assessment Week	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	PGL Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	C3 Cake Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	C1 Cake Day
15-16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Days	7 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fair
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day	10-12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production
w/c20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations	13 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Service	17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	End of term 2pm	18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term 2pm

## AUTUMN TERM 2022

<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn term begins for children
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term week
20 <sup>th</sup> December	END OF TERM 2pm

## SPRING TERM 2023

<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins for children
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term week
31 <sup>st</sup> March	END OF TERM 2pm

## SUMMER TERM 2023

17 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins for children
29 <sup>th</sup> May-2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term week
18 <sup>th</sup> July	END OF TERM 2pm
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Occasional Day. School closed to staff &amp; children</i></b>

