



Tomorrow, children and staff will be going to church for this year's Harvest Festival. We ask that children bring a contribution of non-perishable food to help support local families through the foodbank and Rev Ginni's Parish Pantry. ***Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.***

Hitchin Partnership Christmas Hamper Appeal

You are probably aware of the role of the Hitchin Partnership, a schools-led local charity which provides a family support service to schools in Hitchin and the surrounding villages. The partnership works alongside families giving practical support and user-friendly parenting strategies.

One of the things the partnership does around Christmas time is provide hardship support to local families through help with shopping vouchers and hamper items. To help with the hampers, each school has been asked to donate certain items. Our contribution is:



45 rolls of wrapping paper

45 selection boxes



If you could help to provide a roll of wrapping paper or a selection box towards our school donation we would be very grateful, please just send them into school over the next few weeks.

To find out more about the support Hitchin Partnership can offer, visit their website <http://www.hitchinpartnership.org/>

Please don't suffer in silence...

We know that many families are facing financial struggles as the cost-of-living crisis takes hold. If you need help, please reach out and talk to Mrs Peddie as we can often access support for food, uniform etc. Your situation will be treated in the strictest of confidence and you don't have to be eligible for free school meals or benefits to need help. Please don't suffer in silence. Email Mrs Peddie directly on head@stipps.herts.sch.uk

SATs Information evening for Y6 & their parents

Next week: Tuesday 4th October 6pm

Miss Walker is holding an information evening for Y6 parents and children about the 2023 Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). You will be able to find out all about what the tests entail, look at past papers and find out how best you can support your child with their learning over the coming months to prepare for the tests. We do hope you can all make it, it will last around an hour. The session will take place in the hall and you are welcome to park on the school playground.

Open Session – save the date!

Monday 10th October 3.30-5.30pm

For those parents and families new to the school, Open Session is when you are invited to come with your child to visit their classroom after school, meet the teacher, see your child's books and ask any questions you may have. It is an informal afternoon; you do not need an appointment and can 'drop-in' any time during the session and stay as long as you want. It isn't a one-to-one discussion with the teacher about your child's progress – these take place in Parent Consultation appointments later in the term.

Classes 3, 5, and 6: Use the Class 5/6 doors

Classes 1, 2 and 4: Use the main entrance

Please be aware that buggies and prams cannot be brought into the building.

We do hope you can come along and that you will enjoy seeing your child's new classroom, their books and teacher.

Class 6 Assembly Friday 14th October 9.15am

Class 6 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 6 assembly on Friday 14th October. The assembly will start at 9.15am in the hall.

If you have babies or pre-schoolers they are very welcome to attend, all we ask is that you take them out if they are unsettled or making noise. **Please also note that we do not permit photographs or videos at class assemblies.**



Hertfordshire
**Family Centre
Service**

With this week's newsletter you will receive information from the school nursing team with lots of useful guidance and information. It will also be available on the school website.

This week's article from our Pupil Journalist, Annie

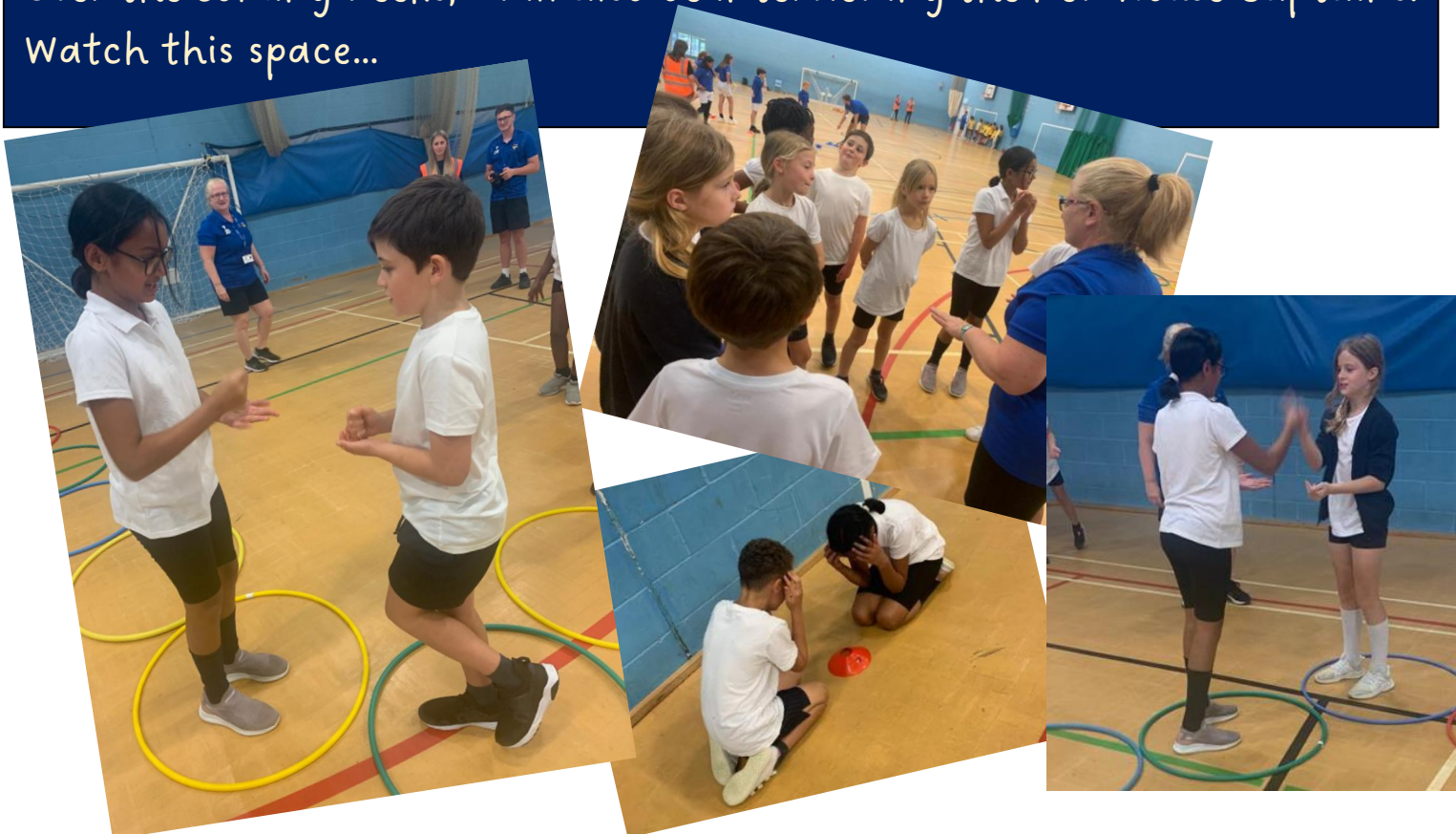
This week we have been very busy again.

The new year 5 sports ambassadors did a training day at Barnwell Upper School. They have been chosen to represent the school in the Stevenage Sporting Futures events . We hope that they have a fun and exciting year.

On Friday, it will be the Harvest Festival. All of the classes have been working hard on their contributions to the service and learning the Harvest hymns as well as the Young worship group, who have been practicing for the church service which is on Friday.

We will be giving thanks for the food we have and donating food to people who need it more than us. It is also a time to remember that food does not come from supermarkets, but it comes from the Earth.

Over the coming weeks, I will also be interviewing the new House Captains. Watch this space...



BOOKINGS CLOSE ON MONDAY!

PTA QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps>
pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk

QUIZ, CURRY, BYOB, RAFFLE
£15 PER PERSON

7 PM, FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER

School Hall
Teams of 6 – Maximum 10 Teams
Last Tickets 3rd October

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