



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last Friday we held our Remembrance Service in church. The Young Worship group did a brilliant job of leading the service and the choir sang beautifully. Every child laid a poppy at the altar before the two-minute silence, which were then used by Rev Ginni to decorate the church for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to you all for generously supporting the sale of poppy appeal items over the past few weeks.



School photos deadline

The last date for placing orders for school photos is next Wednesday, 23rd November.

TOMORROW

To support Children in Need, this year children are invited to go 'dotty and spotty' in return for a small donation to the appeal. **Children are still expected to wear school uniform** but can accessorise it – for example, Pudsey ears, a spotty tie instead of a school tie, spotty socks, spotty hair bands, a bandana etc. (Please remember that participation is completely optional).



DON'T FORGET YOUR BAUBLES!

The Christmas tree arrives very soon! Make sure you place your 2022 Christmas bauble order ASAP to secure your spot on the school tree this year.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will take place in the week commencing 28th November. We are offering face to face appointments in the hall on Monday 28th November, or you may choose to have a phone call or video meetings with your child's teacher on the other days that week.

Please see the separate paper letter coming home today which details the options for your child's class and return the form by next Wednesday 23rd November.

Class 5 Assembly Friday 2nd December 9.15am

Class 5 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 5 assembly on Friday 2nd December. 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.**

Class 1 Nativity Thursday 8th December

The children in Class One have started preparing for their performance of 'The Bossy King'. We are especially excited because we haven't had a 'proper' class one nativity since 2019!

Class One Parents and relatives are warmly invited to come and watch: Thursday 8th December at 2pm. (Please do not arrive before 1.45pm)

You will soon be able to book a maximum of four seats per family on Arbor.

We will send a text when bookings open.

So that Class 1 can give you all a wonderful performance without disruptions, we ask that younger siblings are not brought to this event and ask that you make alternative arrangements for babies and pre-schoolers. While you are organising childcare it may be useful for you to know that we anticipate the performance will last around 30-40 minutes and we thank you for your cooperation.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.



Please note that for safeguarding reasons, photos and videos cannot be taken during the nativity performance, although there will be an opportunity for you to photograph *your own child* only at the end.

Notices from Rev Ginni

St Ippolyts Parish Pantry

With food prices rising fast, we know that sometimes it's a struggle to make ends meet.

St Ippolyts Church has set up a Parish Pantry, a mini version of a food bank, which has a supply of food and toiletries that are available should you need them. We don't have enough resources to offer long term support but we can help bridge a gap.

If you would like to access the Parish Pantry then please contact Revd Ginni at revginni@gmail.com or Mrs Peddie at head@stipps.herts.sch.uk Any emails will be treated with the strictest confidence.

St Ippolyts Church Nativity Crib Festival 3rd and 4th December

Our wonderful nativity crib festival is back, and we have many wonderful nativity sets ready to display but we could really do with a few more to make it even more spectacular!

If you have a nativity set, whether it's homemade or a family heirloom, and you'd be happy to let us borrow it for the weekend please do let Revd Ginni know on revginni@gmail.com We promise to take good care of it and return it to you on Monday 5th. Thank you!

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



Winter footwear

A reminder that our school uniform consists of **shoes not boots** for both boys and girls. Children are most welcome to wear boots or wellies to travel to and from school and wear at playtimes, but they need to have their usual school shoes to change into in school. Please make sure footwear is named and it is also really useful to provide your child with a peg to clip their boots together in the cloakroom.

Looking ahead, if we have snow, we usually still have outdoor play but only if children have wellies/boots so that they don't end up with wet, cold feet all day.

SPORTS



Basketball

A big well done to the children who competed in the Sporting Futures Basketball tournament last week.

They played against 11 other schools and showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout every game.

Girls Football

Congratulations to the girls' football team who won their (cold, wet, dark and windy) match against Purwell yesterday 5-0, which means they progress to the semi-finals - well done team!

This week's article from our Pupil Journalist, Annie

On the 11 of November we had our remembrance service in church, to reflect on the soldiers that died in

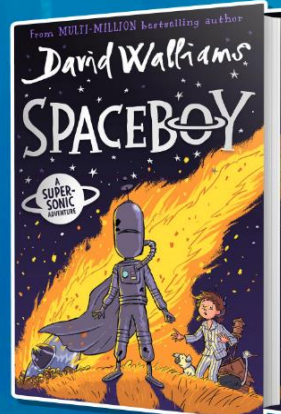
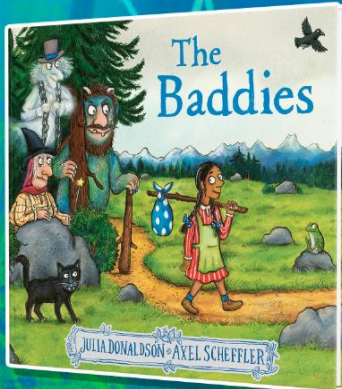
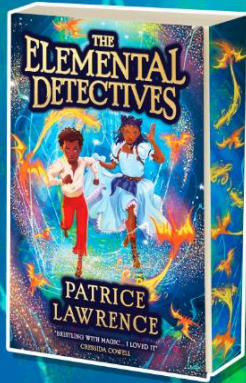
Wars. There were poems and prayers read, and a two minute silence, along with laying poppies that the classes had made at the altar.

This Friday we are allowed to wear spots on our shirts, a spotty tie and many more, just as long as we keep to our school uniform, this is to raise money for children in need.

As well as all of this, the dodgeball team were taken to an event where they came first place! Well done.

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



Free books for our
school library!



Christmas
stocking fillers!

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

The autumn book fair is coming soon – we are excited to have the fair returning after a Covid absence in the last couple of years.

Thursday 24th November: 8.15am-8.45am and 3.15pm-4.00pm

Friday 25th November: 8.15am-8.45am and 3.15pm-4.00pm

The fair takes place in the school hall before and after school where you can come and browse and buy books. The fair is a wonderful way to support reading in school, because

for every book you buy, we get one free for the school library!

The book fair is open to the public too, so please spread the word amongst your friends, relatives and neighbours who might like to come along and do some Christmas shopping!

COMPETITION

Don't forget the book fair competition
where you could win a £5 book token!

Closing date for entries:
9am Tuesday 22nd November





Christmas
IS COMING!



Christmas Trail

Friday 25th Nov - Wednesday 1st Dec

Bring £2 to the School Office to collect your Trail sheets

Fill in 10 pictures on your trail sheet to earn a treat.

Fill in 12 or more pictures to earn a treat
and be entered into a prize draw



Draw on 9th December



Christmas Crafts

Monday 5th December 3.15-5pm £4 per child

Get in the Christmas spirit with an afternoon of Christmas arts and crafts. There will be a variety of activities suitable for every year group and you will be able to take your creations home at the end!

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment on the PTA website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Do you have any unwanted or outgrown Christmas jumpers at home?

At the Christmas Fair we will be having a pre-loved Christmas jumper stall. If you have any good condition unwanted jumpers at home, please send them in!

We are hoping to have a great selection of adults and children's jumpers - please ask around your family and friends too, it's a great way to recycle!



Pre-loved uniform

We are collecting donations of good condition uniform items to sell on a pre-loved uniform stall at the Christmas Fair. Please remove any name labels before donating, and we would also be very grateful if items are washed. Children outgrow their uniform very quickly, so this is a great way avoid clothing waste and to save money too!

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS



Thursday 1st December

The Grand Draw at the Christmas Fair is always very popular with lots of lovely prizes to be won. This year we will be doing the **Hamper Raffle** that has been so popular in the last couple of years. There will be lots of different hampers to win, for example: Festive Food, Sweet Treats, Pamper Hampers, Winter Warmers, 'Bottoms Up' and children's treats.

We are asking for contributions to help us make up our hamper collection and will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for hamper donations on **Thursday 1st December**

Please bring items from the class lists below

(Examples are just to give you an idea, please make sure food items are in date and do not require refrigeration.)

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Anything chocolate e.g. boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc Things suitable for the children's hampers (KS1, age 4-7) e.g. colouring books, games, activities, small toys, arts and craft packs, jigsaw, board game etc	Men's and Women's Toiletries for the 'Pamper Hampers' e.g. bubble bath, shower gel, body lotion, moisturizer, body scrub, scented candles, soaps, body spray, shaving foam, make up etc etc etc! <i>All items must be new and unused for hygiene reasons</i>	Festive Foods e.g. Christmas cake, Yule Log, Christmas pudding, Christmas biscuits, savoury snacks/crackers, after eights etc Sweet Treats e.g. Christmas candy, sweets, fudge, cookies etc	Anything chocolate e.g. boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc Things suitable for the children's hampers (KS2 age 8-11) e.g. puzzle books, games, activities, small toys, arts and craft packs, jigsaw, board game etc)	Winter Warmers e.g. fancy tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, marshmallows, coffee syrups, herbal teas, etc) Bottoms Up! e.g. wine, beers, spirits, mixers etc to make drinks hampers for grown-ups!	Bottoms Up! e.g. wine, beers, spirits, mixers etc to make drinks hampers for grown-ups! Savoury snacks to go with the tipples!

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets will be sent home soon; please do your best to sell them to friends and family. The Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair

Other donations needed:

Please also send in: used toys and books in good condition for the pre-loved stall, unwanted gift items suitable for the children's 'Secrets Room' (where they can buy presents for their family), pre-loved uniform and Christmas Jumpers