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# NEWSLETTER



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## THANK YOU

...for going spotty and dotty for Children in Need! The school council collected an amazing £232.60!



## Stir Up Sunday

On Monday, all the children had a wonderful time making Christmas puddings for Stir Up Sunday. There is a delicious smell in school and Mrs Harrington-Smith is going to cook them for us – yum!

## Our recipe

This is our school Christmas Pudding recipe; it is vegetarian and nut free. These quantities make an extra-large pudding so you may want to halve them to make a smaller family sized pudding.

170g plain flour  
170g vegetable suet  
230g dark brown sugar  
1tsp baking powder  
1 ½ tsp mixed spice  
230g raisins  
230g sultanas  
340g currants  
115g mixed peel  
4 medium eggs  
Juice of one orange  
Juice of one lemon  
Juice of one lime



## Class 5 Assembly Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.15am

Class 5 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 5 assembly on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

## Last week of clubs for the autumn term

Please note that next week is the final week of clubs this term. Clubs will resume after Christmas when a new sheet will be sent out to sign up for the spring term activities.

Choir and Dance clubs will still go ahead the following week for their performances to which parents are warmly invited.

# Class 1 Nativity Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Bookings not yet open due to a technical glitch on Arbor, we will send a text when it's fixed!**

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)

**Class 1 parents can have a maximum of four seats (adults) per family.**

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.

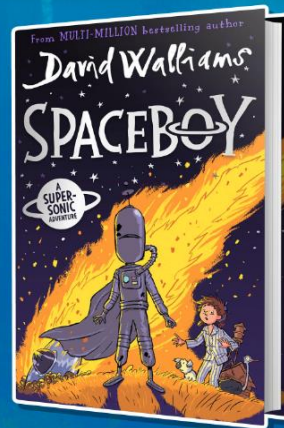
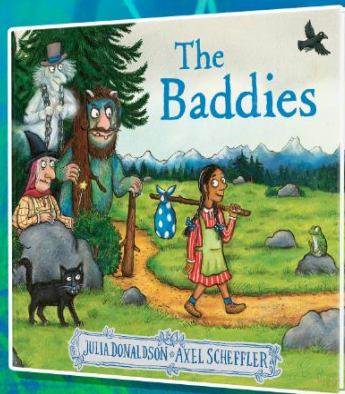
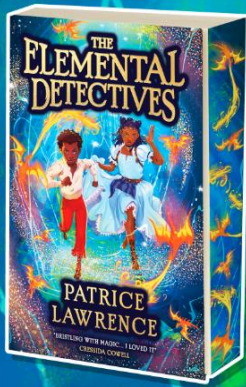


Please note that for safeguarding reasons, photos and videos cannot be taken during the nativity performance, although there will be an opportunity for you to photograph *your own child only* at the end.



# COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



## The Book Fair is here!

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November: 8.15am-8.45am and 3.15pm-4.00pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November: 8.15am-8.45am and 3.15pm-4.00pm

There were so many entries for the wooden spoon Book Fair competition – your creativity is amazing!





# IMPORTANT: Sickness and illness

I am sure that it won't have escaped your notice that the winter 'bug' season has well and truly arrived. I thought it might be helpful to remind you all of the following:



**Sickness and diarrhoea:** Children need to stay off school for **48 hours** after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea to avoid the spread of tummy bugs.

**Covid:** Children need to stay off school for a **minimum of three days**; this is the current government guidance: *If a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.*

**Coughs and colds:** If your child has a light cold and is otherwise ok to be at school, please remind them about good hand hygiene and ensure they have tissues in their bookbag.

**Thank you for your vital cooperation to help us keep everyone fit and well this winter.**

## Mrs Rule

Mrs Rule has decided to hang up her calculator and take her well-earned retirement next term after a long connection with our school as a parent, a TA and then our Office Manager. This is obviously very sad news for us but an exciting new chapter for her.

Mrs Rule leaves a very important hole to fill in our team so we will be starting the recruitment process for a new Office Manager very soon – I will keep you posted!



## Au Revoir Madame Twomey!

At the end of term we will be waving goodbye to Madame Twomey who teaches French across KS2. We will miss her fun lessons, especially the French café! From January, French will be taught by Madame Quinn who will deliver the sessions across Years 3-6.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS POST BOX

This year we will once again be running our school postbox for Christmas Cards. Cards can be brought in and posted from **Monday 5th December**. Envelopes need to be clearly labelled with the name and class please so that the Year 6 posties can make sure they get delivered to the right person.

CHRISTMAS

MOVIE

&

MUNCH

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 3.30-5pm**

More details and booking information to come.

# 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 until payday.

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

## Parent Governor Vacancy

After Christmas, we will be inviting parents to stand for election as a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. If you think you might be interested and would like to find out more about the role and the time commitment involved, please do come and have a chat with Mrs Peddie, although there is also a summary of information below which may be helpful.

**Parent governors are representative parents, rather than representatives of parents.**

To effectively fulfil the role, parent governors:

- Attend half termly governing body meetings and serve on committees
- attend training sessions
- guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures
- present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community
- make themselves known to the parent body
- support school activities, fundraising and events

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

Although being available to advise parents on appropriate routes of action is a very important aspect of the role, it is vital that parent governors do not personally become involved in individual concerns. Apart from the possibility of this jeopardising appropriate complaints and appeals procedures, no governor has the authority to act individually on behalf of the school.

Although this is a very delicate role, there is ample support and training available. Effective parent governors will find working alongside the other members of the governing body both interesting and rewarding in that their efforts will ensure that the work of the governing body fulfils its duties to all children.

# SPORTS



## Rural Netball rally

It was a very cold and wet morning for the Year 5 netballers who weren't going to let the weather get them down!

Two teams competed in the rural schools' rally and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place - well done!

## Football league

Well done to the football team who played an exciting league match against Whitehill on Tuesday, winning 4 - 2!

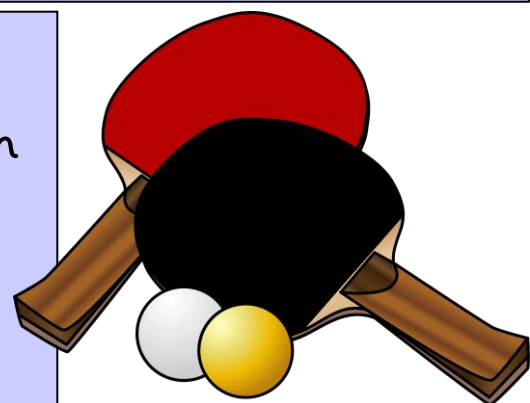
## ESFA Football Tournament

On Wednesday the girls team played in their first tournament of the year. They played amazingly well, coming second in their group and third overall, beating some much larger schools in the process.

The boys team won all their games up until the final, narrowly missing out on the top spot in a penalty shootout. Well done to both teams!

## Table tennis County finals

Good luck to the boys table tennis team who are playing in the county finals today - we are really proud of you!





## This week's article from our Pupil Journalists, Annie & Lily

On Monday, we gathered in the hall for a Collective Worship to talk about Stir Up Sunday and Advent. We were thinking about the traditions for making Christmas puddings.

Mrs Peddie quizzed us all to see what we could remember. One of the traditions is stirring clockwise, as that was the way the three wise men travelled to see baby Jesus. Another tradition is having thirteen ingredients to represent Jesus and his 12 disciples. We also used to throw a coin into the mixture and the lucky person to find it was said to have fortune and wealth in the coming year! This hasn't continued in school, as it could be unfortunate to bite into the coin!

Mrs Stewart very kindly measured out all the ingredients for each class during the weekend. Back in classrooms, after some children could add the ingredients and everyone was given the chance to make a wish whilst stirring.

Mrs Harrington-Smith is now busy cooking the Christmas Pudding mix in the kitchen and every child will be given a chance to try some of theirs soon!





Christmas  
IS COMING!



Christmas Trail starts tomorrow!

# 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 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 to avoid clothing waste and to save money too!

## Raffle tickets coming home today

Raffle tickets are coming home in bookbags today; please do your best to sell them to friends and family. The Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair.

## The Secrets Room

At The Christmas Fair, the 'Secrets Room' is a place where children can go and buy gifts for their family and have them wrapped ready for Christmas Day.

We need donations for the Secrets Room - unwanted gift items that would make good presents for mums, dads, grandparents, siblings etc etc etc. Thank you!

# NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS



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

