



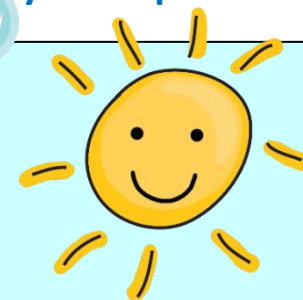
# NEWSLETTER



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## Hello SUNSHINE



A very warm welcome back to all our children and families at the start of this final term of the school year (where does the time go?!). This is a particularly special time for our Year 6 children who are embarking on their final term in primary school before flying the nest.

The summer term is traditionally packed with lots of exciting events and activities including school trips, sports day, the KS2 summer production and of course our residential School Journey and Y6 Leavers events. This newsletter includes all the latest diary dates but please be aware that some things could be added as the term progresses; do keep an eye on these weekly newsletters for any new dates or date changes.



St Ippolyts School PTA presents

## BREAK THE RULES DAY!

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL



Have squash in your water bottle!  
Bring an unhealthy (nut free) snack!  
Don't follow the uniform rules!

Have crazy hair!  
Wear nail varnish!  
Wear make-up!  
Have temporary tattoos!  
Wear jewellery!  
Trade cards at break time!  
Bring in a cuddly toy!



## Break the rules day extra info!

Lots of children are very excited about tomorrow's 'Break the Rules' Day! As this is a completely new event, they have had lots of questions and we have had a lot of discussion about what is acceptable. One of the key things we have explained is that is **has to be safe and within reason**. So for example, they may choose to not wear their usual school shoes, but flip flops/high heels would not be safe. Similarly, big, hooped earrings would not be a safe rule-break.

With regards to uniform, **it is not a straightforward non-uniform day & we have specifically explained that no football strips are to be worn** (although they could wear just the shorts as part of their uniform rule-break). The idea is that they break a uniform rule: eg: no tie, different coloured jumper, wear trainers not shoes, wear a hoodie instead of a school jumper, red shorts instead of grey shorts etc. I hope this helps to clarify a few points!

**50p per rule break: bring in the cash or pay online via the PTA website.**



# Coronation Picnic!

## Friday 5th May



We will be celebrating King Charles' Coronation with a whole school picnic on the school field. On this day, everyone is invited to come dressed in red, white and blue to mark the occasion.

At lunchtime, instead of eating in the hall, we will all head up to the field for our picnic and this is where we need you to make a choice if your child normally has school meals. Children who usually have packed lunches will bring their lunch as usual.

For school dinner children, the school kitchen can provide a packed lunch, OR you might want to provide your child with one from home if you prefer. Earlier this week your child brought home a paper form to fill in to tell us which you would prefer and to choose your child's options if you are ordering a school packed lunch. *Please return this by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.*

In the afternoon we will be playing lots of outdoor games on the field - so we have our fingers and toes crossed for lovely weather! Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather (raincoats or suncream - could be either!) and has footwear suitable for running about on the field.





# Class 2 Trip

Class 2 spent a wonderful day at Knebworth this week learning about The Victorians.

They explored all different aspects of Victorian life, including what school days were like, children's toys and games and what people wore.

In the afternoon they explored the different gardens at Knebworth, identifying if each part was used for growing food, fun & games or relaxation.

The children all looked amazing in their outfits so a big thank you to Class 2 parents!

Thank you to all the grown ups who helped and especially to Mrs McCabe for organising the day.



## Summer term after school clubs

The letter to sign up for summer term clubs was sent home this week. Please return the form by next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April so that clubs can be allocated. Clubs will start the following week, w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> May. As most of the clubs are outdoors, please ensure your child has summer PE kit, a sun hat and water bottle with them.

## Class 2 Assembly Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am

Class 2 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 2 assembly on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. 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.**



# Sun Safety

- There are plenty of shaded areas under the trees and by the gazebo and children are encouraged to **play in the shade** on hot sunny days.
- All children should have a **sun hat or cap** to wear when playing out. St Ippolyts School caps can be bought from the school office. Please ensure all are NAMED clearly. *(On very hot/sunny days, children without a hat will not be able to go out to play)*
- You may wish to apply **sunscreen** to your child at the start of the day; however, children should not bring bottles of cream into school for reapplication. There are many brands which offer long-lasting/all-day protection and a liberal application in the morning would see them through the school day.
- Children should have a bottle of water with them in school each day which should be named. These must have a '**sports cap**' and **not an open bottle neck** to prevent spillages on children's work. Bottles of water must **not be frozen** (although specially designed water bottles where the centre section can be frozen to keep the water chilled are permitted).
- Children should have **summer PE kit** for outdoor sports every day (not long trousers).

## Hats for sunny days

We will be spending a lot of time outdoors this term and all children need a sun hat or cap for playtimes and PE. Although it is only April, the sun can be surprisingly strong. In the same way we wouldn't let children play out without a coat in the depths of winter, children without hats will need to miss outdoor time. This is to keep them safe from the sun, especially when using the field where shade is much more limited. It's a good idea for children to have a named hat or cap that is left in school all the time so that they are never without one when the weather is good. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Jewellery & watches

A reminder that children can wear a simple watch for school, but not a smart watch or Fitbit. For safety reasons, **HOOPED EARRINGS are not allowed**; if your child has pierced ears, only studs are permitted. Thank you.



# THANK YOU!

## Have you spotted our fabulous playground signage?

A big thank you to the PTA for funding our lovely new playground signage. We have a selection of interesting outdoor 'posters' for children dotted around the playground and Class 2 outdoor space. They look brilliant!



# QUIZ



## AND CURRY NIGHT

### BOOKINGS STILL OPEN

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

AT THE BIRD IN HAND, GOSMORE

£15 – INCLUDES QUIZ ENTRY AND A CURRY

[www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps)

## Class 2 Cake Day – next week

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April



## IMPORTANT: SCHOOL DINNERS

As you know we always ask parents to stick to a regular pattern of school dinners or packed lunches.

Nevertheless, we will always help out on those days when unforeseen circumstances mean you need your child to have a school dinner that wasn't pre-booked (such as if they forget their packed lunch).

However, when this happens, please make any changes through the office and not the teachers – a quick email to [admin@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stipps.herts.sch.uk) is perfect. This will avoid any confusion and prevent you from being charged for dinners in error. Thank you!



## 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. We hope you find these useful for knowing what your child is learning.

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

It's the Summer term and there are plenty of exciting events!

Coming up very soon, the year sixes and twos will be doing their SATs, but afterwards there will be a number of enjoyable activities including PGL, end of year rounders, the production and more. Not to forget the other years, who are looking forward to so many fun events too.

On the 5th of May, we are all hoping for great weather and clear skies as we will be celebrating The Coronation of King Charles III with a picnic on the field followed by fun and games!





# SUMMER

Please note that some dates are yet to be confirmed - please keep an eye on the newsletters for details of more class trips and sports events

Date	Event	Additional Information
APRIL		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Term begins 8.45am	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Trip	
20 <sup>th</sup>	BAGS 2 SCHOOL	Bags on the village green by 9am
21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA 'Break the rules' day	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Cake Day	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Albert Hall Gala	Choir trip
MAY		
1 <sup>st</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
4 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Assembly	9.15am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Coronation Celebration	Details to come
8 <sup>th</sup>	CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
9-12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs WEEK	SATs breakfast for Y6 in hall Tuesday - Friday
12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz and Curry Night	At The Bird in Hand, Gosmore
16 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 trip	Details to follow
17 <sup>th</sup>	SPORTS DAY pm	At the school field <b>Please note that this is a date change</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve sports day	Date will be used if the weather is poor on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Class photos	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	PGL meeting for parents	6pm in the hall
26 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Assembly	9.15am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Finish for half term 3.15pm	
JUNE		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	Assessment week for Y1,3,4,5 Phonics check Y1, Multiplication check Y4
9 <sup>th</sup>	PGL Bawdsey Manor	Coach departs around 10am
12 <sup>th</sup>	PGL trip returns 5pm ish	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 & PGL staff not in	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Assembly	Parents at 9.15am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	PGL Assembly	Parents at 9.15am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Class 1 Cake Day	
30 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco	5.30-7pm
JULY		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 trip	Details to follow
6 <sup>th</sup>	New parents evening	6pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Fair	3.30-5pm

<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Production</b>	<b>matinee</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Production</b>	<b>matinee</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Production</b>	<b>evening</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TRANSITION DAY</b>	Y6 to secondary schools, new Reception intake visit
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Leavers Service 2.15pm</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of year family picnic</b>	After school at the field, details to come
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>END OF TERM 2pm</b>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Days</b>	No school for children
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Occasional day</b>	School closed

## Term dates: 2023 – 2024

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2023</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn term begins for children
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term week
19 <sup>th</sup> December	END OF TERM 2pm
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
<b>SPRING TERM 2024</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins for children
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half term week
28 <sup>th</sup> March	END OF TERM 2pm
<b>SUMMER TERM 2024</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins for children
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	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>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b><i>INSET Day, no school for children</i></b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Occasional Day. School closed to staff &amp; children</i></b>

