



St Ippolyts CE (Aided) Primary School

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# NEWSLETTER



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Issue 1: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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 are settling 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 have had a lovely first week in school, especially with the arrival of unexpected summer weather. Everyone has settled into their new classes and our new Year 6's are looking particularly grown up, ready to embrace their final year at St Ippolyts.

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 be assured that they aren't always this long!)



## 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 them. Thank you!

## Please be aware...

Many of our older children in Classes 5 and 6 walk to and from school unaccompanied. Sometimes when the pavement is blocked with parents, 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 2023.



## Class 1 curriculum evening

Mrs McCabe and Mrs Holmes will be holding our annual Class 1 Curriculum Information evening on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at 6pm in the main 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. Parking is available on the school playground for this

## Class 1 Parents Coffee Morning Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-10.00am

Class 1 parents are warmly welcomed to join us for a coffee after morning drop off on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. This is a lovely opportunity to chat informally with the class 1 staff and get to know other parents and families. Younger siblings are very welcome to come along too.



## SWIMMING: YEARS 3 AND 4

**Swimming lessons start next week, Wednesday 13<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. Please consent via Arbor, thank you.



## 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 11<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).



# Homework

We will be once again using our online platform, Google Classroom, for setting homework. This will be starting from next week. Your child will receive and invite to join their new class via their Google account 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	All homework tasks will be uploaded onto Google Classroom on a Tuesday and will be due in the following Monday.
Times Tables Rockstars	Times Tables Rockstars	Times Tables Rockstars	Children may submit completed tasks at any time over the week before the deadline.
		SAM learning	



## 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.



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# Early Bird Club: Important

Towards the end of last term we had significant numbers of children arriving at Early Bird Club who had not been booked in advance. This causes a lot of additional admin work in the office, and also could potentially mean that you bring your child when we are fully booked and don't have space for them.

**Please ensure that children are booked into Early Bird via Arbor in advance of the session.** Many thanks.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS: watches, jewellery & hair

A polite reminder of the following:

- Children can wear a simple analogue or digital watch for school. **Smart watches, Fitbits etc are not permitted.**
- If your child has pierced ears they may wear simple stud earrings which need to be removed for swimming or PE. If they cannot be removed, please supply your child with a roll of micropore tape in their PE bag so that they can cover them for sports. **Hooped earrings of any kind are not permitted.**
- To avoid the spread of head lice, please ensure that hair beyond shoulder length is tied back for school; plaits are particularly effective for this.
- Nail varnish and make up are not allowed.



## Book recommendation

For our first Collective Worship of the school year, we listened to the story of 'The Magical Yet'. It is a lovely story all about trying and persevering to achieve new things – even when you have to try over and over again. It is a great book to help children when they feel like giving up on something. We also thought about how the word 'yet' changes our mindset when we face tricky challenges and we set ourselves a target for something to work on this year.

# A reminder of important contact details



Your query	Who you need to talk to	How to get in touch
Anything to do with <b>your individual child</b> ...their progress, behaviour or something that has happened in school or on the playground	<b>Your child's Class Teacher</b> is always the first port of call for any of these queries; they may then involve the Senior Leadership Team or the Headteacher if necessary.	<b>Make an appointment</b> via the office or drop them a short note; each teacher will have different times available due to after school clubs and meetings etc. <b>Please try not to 'catch' your child's teacher in the morning as they need to make a prompt start to the day.</b> <b>Class email accounts:</b> <a href="mailto:class1@stipps.herts.sch.uk">class1@stipps.herts.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:class2@stipps.herts.sch.uk">class2@stipps.herts.sch.uk</a> etc
Anything to do with your child's <b>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</b> provision or any concerns you may have about possible SEND.  Anything health or medical related, including mental health concerns.	The <b>'Inclusion Manager'</b> Mrs Stewart	<b>Make an appointment</b> via the office or email <a href="mailto:senco@stipps.herts.sch.uk">senco@stipps.herts.sch.uk</a>
Any queries with <b>administration</b> , for example pupil records, dinner money, school trip payments	<b>Office Manager:</b> Mrs Joyce  <b>Office Administration:</b> TBC	Pop in, telephone or send an email <b>01462 432080</b> <a href="mailto:admin@stipps.herts.sch.uk">admin@stipps.herts.sch.uk</a> <b>Office Post box</b> in the main entrance for reply slips, letters etc (Not cash)
Any queries about <b>fundraising</b> in school such as ideas for events and to volunteer to help	<b>Chair of the PTA, Marta Casero</b> or any PTA Committee members	Leave a message via the office or send an email to <a href="mailto:pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk">pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk</a>
Anything to do with whole school issues or ideas for the future or to give some feedback	Headteacher: Mrs Peddie  Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Stewart  Chair of Governors Mrs Luxton	Make an appointment via the office or write a short note Email <a href="mailto:head@stipps.herts.sch.uk">head@stipps.herts.sch.uk</a> OR <a href="mailto:governors@stipps.herts.sch.uk">governors@stipps.herts.sch.uk</a> 'Suggestions and Feedback' Post box in the main entrance
Any concerns regarding <b>child welfare</b> or family circumstances which we need to be aware of or to discuss <b>serious issues or concerns</b> .  <b>For Child Protection or Safeguarding matters</b>	<b>Safeguarding Team</b> <b>Headteacher:</b> Mrs Peddie <b>Inclusion manager/Assistant Headteachers:</b> Mrs Stewart Miss Ingle for EYFS & KS1 (Reception Y1 and Y2 – currently on maternity leave) Miss Walker for KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)	<b>Make an appointment</b> via the office, telephone, write a short note, or email <a href="mailto:head@stipps.herts.sch.uk">head@stipps.herts.sch.uk</a>
<b>Messages</b> about medical appointments, childcare arrangements, who is collecting your child etc	<b>Office Manager:</b> Mrs Joyce  <b>Office Administration:</b> TBC	<b>A short not or email</b> is best for these matters. The office team will then ensure Class Teachers know and we have a record in case of any problems.







# Diary Dates

## Autumn term 2023



Date	Event	Information
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day</b>	Staff training, no school for children
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Autumn term begins</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class 1 Coffee Morning</b>	Class 1 parents, 9.00am in the hall, younger siblings welcome
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Class 1 Curriculum Evening</b>	Class 1 parents, 6pm in the school hall.
<b>29<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>9<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>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class 6 Assembly</b>	Assembly for C6 Parents at 9.15am
<b>w/c 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WELLBEING WEEK</b>	A week of themed activities and visitors to support children's mental health and wellbeing
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Movie and Munch</b>	After-school fundraiser, finishes around 5pm
<b>20<sup>th</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>23 – 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Back to school</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>School photos – individual and siblings</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b>	Service in church for children and staff
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class 5 Assembly</b>	Assembly for C5 Parents at 9.15am
<b>w/c 27<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>1<sup>st</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>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Festive Movie and Munch</b>	After-school fundraiser, finishes around 5pm
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class 1 Nativity</b>	2pm in the hall for C1 parents
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fair</b>	3.30-5.30pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Carol Service</b>	In church for children and staff
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Parties</b>	Children can wear non-uniform/ Christmas outfits for the day
<b>19<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 2024		Summer term 2024	
17-17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Arts Days	26 <sup>th</sup> April	C2 Cake Day
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Open Session	10 <sup>th</sup> May	C2 Assembly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Class 4 Cake Day	w/c13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	C4 Assembly	21 <sup>st</sup> May	SPORTS DAY
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 Parent Consultations	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Reserve date for sports day
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Half term	27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Spring Assessment Week	w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> June & w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer assessments for Y1,3,4,5
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day	7-10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 PGL School Journey
11-12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Days	14 <sup>th</sup> June	C1 Assembly
w/c18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations	20 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	C3 Cake Day	21 <sup>st</sup> June	C1 Cake Day
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Service	5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fair
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of term 2pm	8- 10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production
		11 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
		17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service
		18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term 2pm



## Term dates 2023 – 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET Day, no school for children</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>INSET Day, no school for children</b>
SPRING TERM 2024	
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
SUMMER TERM 2024	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>INSET Day, no school for children</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>INSET Day, no school for children</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Day, no school for children</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Occasional Day. School closed to staff &amp; children</b>



# Term Time Holidays

Please avoid taking children out of school for holidays. You might think that a week doesn't make much difference, **but it absolutely does** and children can miss key concepts of learning that they find it difficult to recover from, especially when trying to build new learning on shaky or missing foundations. ***Please also be reminded that holidays are not authorized and may incur a fixed penalty notice.***

# attendance ~~MATTERS~~

0 days absence	190 days in school	100% attendance
10 days absence	180 days in school	95% attendance
19 days absence	171 days in school	90% attendance
29 days absence	161 days in school	85% attendance
38 days absence	152 days in school	80% attendance
47 days absence	143 days in school	75% attendance

Attendance	Days absence	Weeks absence	Hours missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	59 hours
90%	19 days	4 weeks	124 hours
85%	29 days	6 weeks	189 hours
80%	38 days	8 weeks	247 hours
75%	48 days	10 weeks	312 hours
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	371 hours
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	436 hours





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# TRY RUGBY AT HITCHIN RUGBY CLUB OPEN DAY

## SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

**9:30am - Reception to Year 7 boys and Year 5 girls**

**11:00am - Year 8 to Year 13 boys**

**1:00pm - Girls Year 6 to Year 13**

Any suitable sports kit for running about on grass, bring a water bottle

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Hot Drinks 🍹 Refreshments

