



St Ippolyts CE (Aided) Primary School

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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 £214.15!



## Last call for 2023 Christmas bauble orders!

The Christmas tree is here! Be sure to get your name on this year's tree and add to your St Ippolyts bauble collection 😊





# ROOF UPDATE

On Monday we sent a second letter with all the latest information on the roof replacement works.

Please keep an eye on these weekly newsletters because it is through these that we will communicate the necessary information about any changes to events etc.



## This is the last week of clubs for the autumn term

Please note that this 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.

## Class 1 Nativity Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

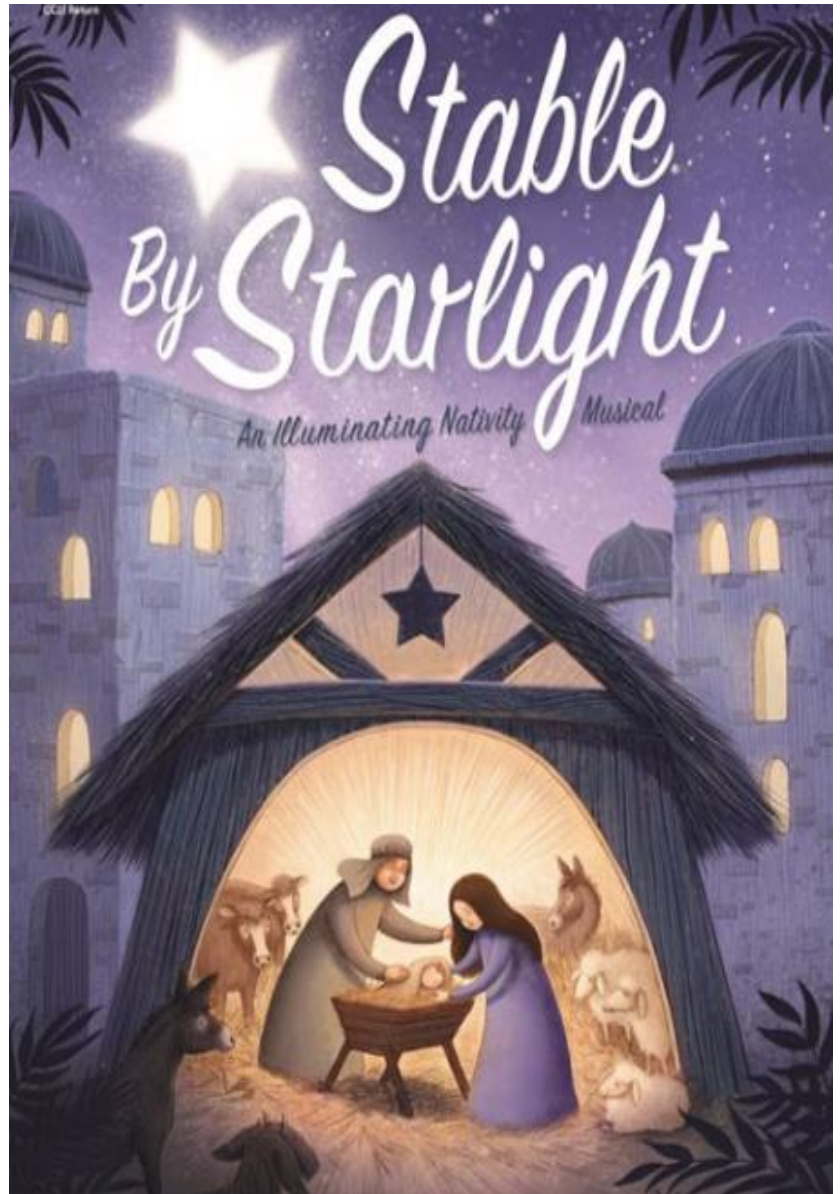
The children in Class One have started preparing for their performance of 'Stable by Starlight'.

Class One Parents and relatives are warmly invited to come and watch: Thursday 7th December at 2pm. (Please do not arrive before 1.45pm) **The nativity will take place in church.**

**You will soon be able to book a maximum of four seats per family on Arbor. We will let you know 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. Many thanks for your cooperation.**

# Early Bird Club: Important

Sometimes we have children arriving at Early Bird Club who have not been booked in advance. This causes a lot of additional admin work in the office and 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.



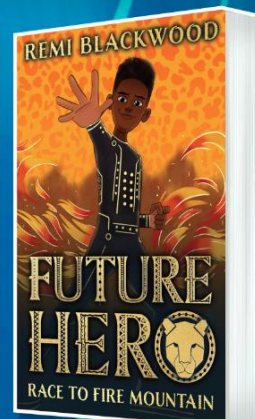
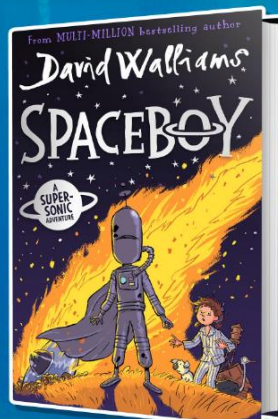
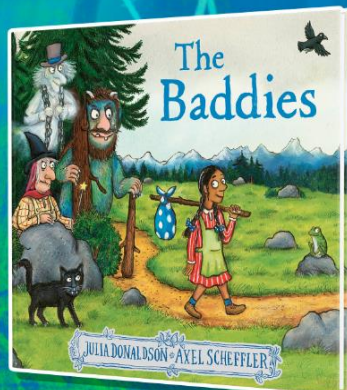
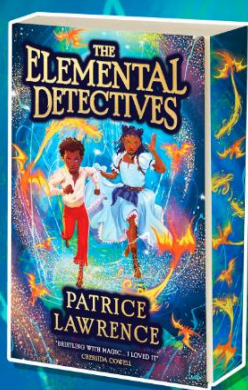
## Parent Consultations: New online bookings!

Parent consultations will take place in the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November. We are offering face to face appointments on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, or you may choose to have a phone call or video meetings with your child's teacher on the other days that week.

Bookings are currently open and **will close at 1pm tomorrow (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November).**

# COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



## The Book Fair is here!

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: 8.15am-8.45am and 3.15pm-4.00pm**

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

There were so many entries for the 'story in a jar' Book Fair competition – your creativity is amazing! Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winning entries!





**Even if you're late**



**DON'T PARK NEAR OUR GATE**

**Stopping here puts children in danger.**

I know that many of you share my concerns and frustrations around a small number of people who continue to park dangerously outside our school. I am very aware that it is a small minority of parents who do not comply with our plea to make safe choices, particularly by our main gates and at the top of the hill.

I have been in contact with both Hertfordshire Police and NHDC about the situation and I encourage you to also report your concerns to them too. *The more people who complain directly, the stronger my case is with them.*

You can do this by ringing the non-emergency police number on 101 or using the link on the Herts Police website: <https://www.herts.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/> This is taken directly from their website:

***You can report these to us online***

***If the vehicle is parked:***

***over a dropped kerb***

***on a pedestrian crossing (including the area marked by the zig-zag lines)***

***in spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, residents or motorbikes (unless entitled to do so)***

***in marked taxi bays, cycle lanes or red lines***

***near a school entrance, bus or tram stop***

On the North Herts District Council website, you can also report dangerous and inconsiderate parking here: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/dangerous-or-inconsiderate-parking>

**I urge you all to report your concerns and I thank you in advance for your support with this matter.**

## 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 4th 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.



### staff news

In a couple of weeks we will be welcoming our new Admin Assistant to work in our school office with Mrs Joyce.

Mrs Islam joins us with lots of school office experience and we are delighted that she is joining our team; do pop in and say hello to her if you get the chance.

# Come and join us for some Carol Singing! Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm

(or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2,15pm depending on the weather!)

Wrap up warm and bring your best singing voice to an end of term festive singalong with the whole school. All parents and families are invited to join us on the school playground for Christmas carols & songs.

*(We have earmarked two dates - if the weather isn't suitable on the Thursday, we will try again the following day)*



# CHRISTMAS

## MOVIE AND MUNCH

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

3.15-5pm £5 per child



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



Bookings are open now and will close at the end of the day on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November; we will not be able to accept any bookings after this date.

Class 1 & 2 movie: Beauty & the Beast, The Enchanted Christmas

Class 3 & 4 movie: Dr Seuss' – The Grinch

Class 5 & 6 movie: The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

For children in Years 5 and 6, please let the teachers know what the collection/pick up arrangements are for your child after Movie and Munch.

## PTA Christmas Crafts

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 3.15-4.45pm £5 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!

This session is limited to 40 places, so book early to avoid disappointment on the PTA website:

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

Bookings can be made between Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December



# SPORTS

By our brilliant  
Sports Reporter,  
Libby in Year 5

## ESFA Football Tournament

On Wednesday last week, a team of year 5s and 6s went to Baldock Arena to compete at a football tournament. We played 4 games and it was a combination of wins and draws. We made it to the semi-finals but unfortunately, we lost our last game against Wilshire Dacre on penalties. We still came in third place getting bronze. Well done team! Although you didn't get gold, a bronze medal is great!



## Congratulations to the trampoline team!

It was a very successful weekend for the trampolinists at the U11 regional round.

First place for the girls' team, the individual U11 girls competition and the Cat 1 competition - huge congratulations to you all!



## IMPORTANT

We have some items of kit missing, especially purple shirts. If your child has competed in an event and taken kit home for washing, please ensure it is always returned as soon as possible.  
Thank you.



# PTA Christmas Fair

## Please read...

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm - 5.30pm

**Due to our roof issues, a lot of our fair activities will now take place outdoors.**

**Wrap up warm!**

**If you can offer to help with the Christmas fair in any way – please get in touch:**

**[pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk)**

## Sshhhhh! Secrets Room

As usual we have the secrets room – this is where children can go and buy gifts for their family and have them wrapped ready for Xmas day.

We would be most grateful of any donations of unwanted gifts that would make good presents for mums, dads, grandparents and siblings –

**Please drop off any secret room gifts to box in reception.**

Thank you!



## Christmas Jumpers

We will be running again a pre-loved Xmas jumper stall – please send in any outgrown/unwanted Xmas jumpers that are in good condition. We are hoping to have a selection of adult and children's jumpers – please ask your friends and family too as it's a great way to recycle! Please drop off in reception. Many thanks!



# Toys and Books donations needed

Back by popular demand – we are bringing back the second-hand toy and book stall – An ideal opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas. Please drop off items to school week starting **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** as storage space at school is limited.

Please make sure that donated items are in good condition – for example puzzles and games must have all the correct pieces etc. Thank you.



## A Christmas Fair visitor

We are so excited to have a special visitor at our fair – be sure to visit him in his grotto!



## Tokens

Tokens for stalls and activities will be available to purchase for the first hour of the Christmas Fair – card payments are accepted. Alternatively, cash can be used at the stalls.



There will be an exciting outdoor activity at the Christmas Fair! Come and have a go on the inflatable helter-skelter!

## Reminder

Please remember that buggies and prams cannot be brought into the building on Christmas Fair day.

# NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS



**Next Week: Friday 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 **Friday 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!

**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





### Children In Need

On Friday, everyone showed up to school in colourful, spotty clothing. Many people made some very generous donations, which will be happily sent off to one of the Children In Need charities. After all the kind donations, our school managed to raise a whopping £210! This is an amazing amount of money which will make so many children's lives easier; a huge thank you to all students who contributed to the charity, as well as our School Council who gave up their time to count each and every penny!

To send more donations to Children In Need, go to:  
[donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk](https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk)

This week, our annual school Christmas tree was put up! I'm sure it looks fantastic with all of our amazing baubles hung up. It takes pride of place stood elegantly outside Mrs Peddie's office; we're already in the Christmas spirit!

#### Reminders:

- If you love reading, you are in luck! This week, our amazing book fair will be set up for all kinds of readers to find a book they love!
- A massive well done to all classes who survived the many assessments!

### Quote of the Week-

"You never fail until you stop trying."

-Albert Einstein



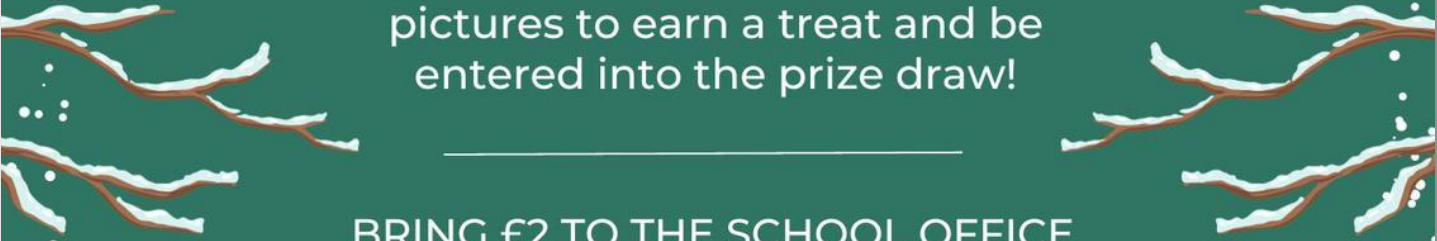
St Ippolyts CE School PTA Presents

# CHRISTMAS TRAIL



Sat 25th Nov - Thurs 8th Dec

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 the prize draw!



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BRING £2 TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
TO COLLECT YOUR TRAIL SHEETS

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DRAW ON 8TH DECEMBER  
AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

