



NEWSLETTER

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Stir Up Sunday



On Monday, all the children had a wonderful time making Christmas puddings for Stir Up Sunday. As we can't use the hall, we made our puddings simultaneously over Google Meet! There is a delicious smell in school and Mrs Harrington-Smith is popping back to help cook them for us – yum!

A very special thank you to Mrs Stewart for carefully preparing a set of ingredients and equipment for every class.

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

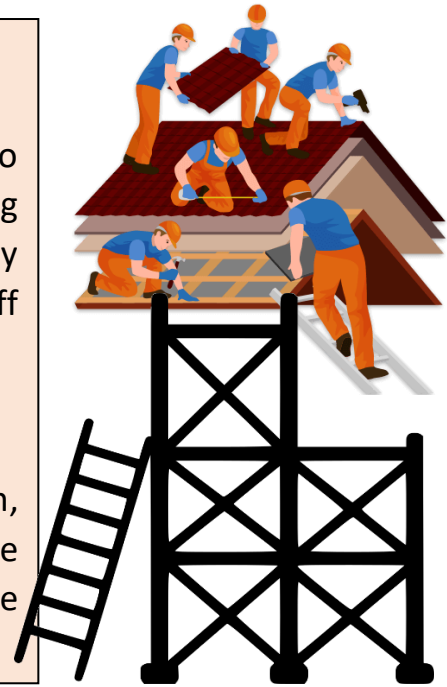


ROOF UPDATE

At the weekend the scaffolding will be built ready for the works to start. Classes 3 and 4 will still be able to use their doors in the morning for the time being, but please do supervise children closely, especially little ones. Please also be aware of the impact on parking because staff will now have to park off site until the works are complete.

IMPORTANT FOR EARLY BIRDS:

If your child attends Early Bird Club and you arrive later than 8am, please make sure you accompany them all the way onto the playground and not wave them off from the gate while we have site fencing etc in place. Many thanks.



Christmas Dinner

On **Wednesday 13th December**, we will be having our traditional Christmas Dinner. Classes 4,5 and 6 will not be eating in their classrooms but will come to the hall for our traditional lunch together. All children who usually have a school dinner on Wednesdays will automatically get a Christmas Dinner.

However, if your child usually has a packed lunch from home and you would like them to have a Christmas Dinner, please book with the office by Thursday 7th December.

Book Fair THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our recent Book Fair. Your generosity has provided an incredible **£964** worth of new books for our library and classrooms. **We are blown away – thank you so, so much!**
A special thank you also to Mrs Hayes for organising the fair and to all the parents who helped.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Christmas Turkey and
Chipolata Sausage,
Trimmings of Sage and
Onion Stuffing and Gravy

OR

Festive Quorn Fillet (v)
with a Veggie Sausage (v),
Trimmings of Sage
and Onion Stuffing
and Vegetarian Gravy

With Roast Potatoes
and a Choice of
Seasonal Vegetables

A Choice of
Christmas Desserts



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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.

Class 1 Nativity Thursday 7th December

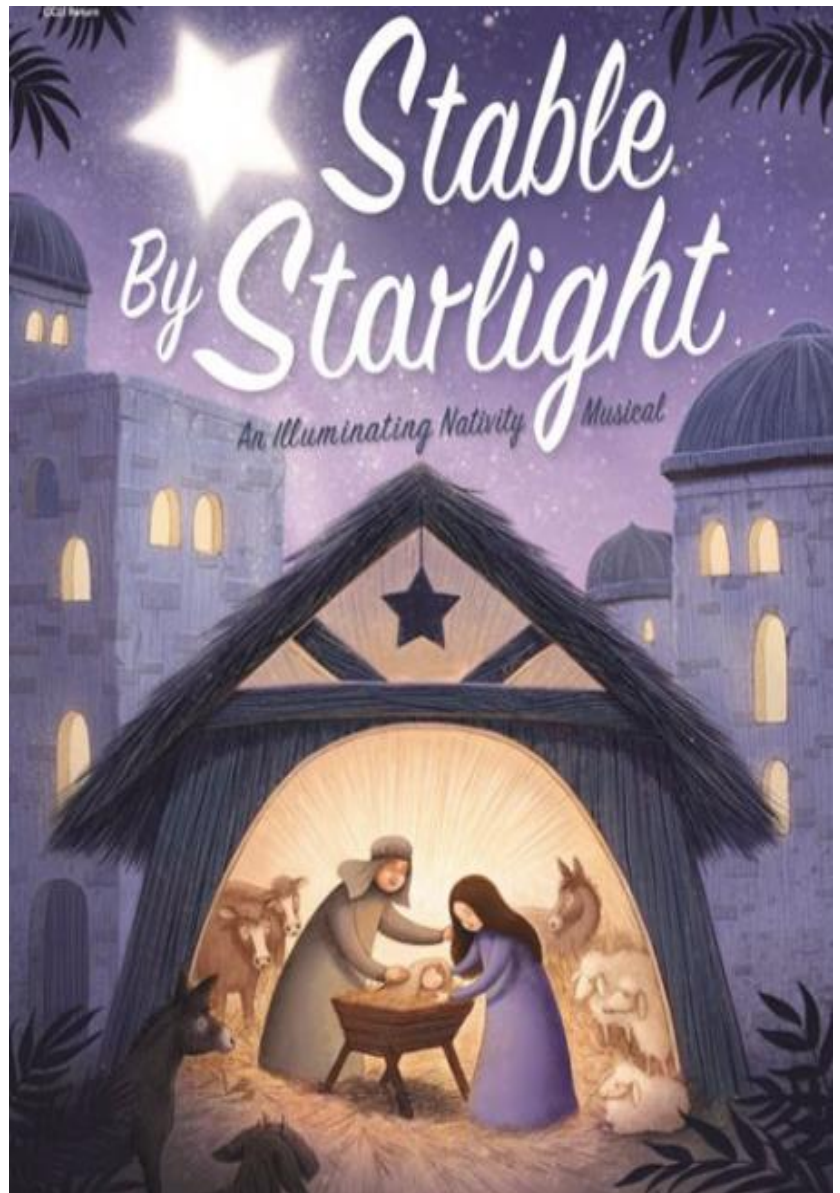
The children in Class One have started preparing for their performance of 'Stable by Starlight'.

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 can now book a maximum of four seats per family on Arbor.

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.



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.

Westminster Abbey Assembly

The children in Young Worship are busy planning an assembly to tell the rest of school all about their recent trip to Westminster Abbey. Parents of children in Young Worship are warmly invited to come along:

Thursday 14th December at 9.15am
In St Ippolyts Church



Come and join us for some Carol Singing!

Thursday 14th December 2.15pm

(or Friday 15th 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 4th December 2023

3.15-5pm £5 per child

Booking close today: www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps

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.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR

HAMPER DONATIONS

TOMORROW!



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...

...are bring sent home today. Please do your best to sell them to friends and family. There are some spare books of tickets at the office if you need more.
 The Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair.



Cool Milk Cool Milk Cool Milk

From January 2024, our school has a new school milk scheme with Cool Milk! A registration leaflet has been sent home with your child today and is also attached to this Newsletter email.

By registering your child for the school milk scheme they will receive a 189ml (third of a pint) carton of semi-skimmed milk delivered fresh and chilled to their classroom every day. **Please register by Tuesday 19th**

December for your child to receive milk when the scheme starts on 5th January 2024.

“How much does it cost?”

Thanks to government subsidies, school milk is free for all under-fives and is subsidised at around £18 a term for children aged five or older.

“Why should I register my child?”

School milk provides your child with essential nutrients such as calcium and protein, for strong, healthy teeth and bones. It is also rehydrating and energy boosting, helping to bridge the long gap between breakfast and lunch so children stay focused.

“How do I register my child?”

If your child is under five-

1. Go to www.coolmilk.com/register
2. Just register by a Tuesday for your child's free milk to start the following week.
3. Free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's 5th birthday. You will receive a payment request three weeks before this time- if you wish for your child to continue to receive school milk simply make a payment.

If your child is over five-

1. Go to www.coolmilk.com/register
2. Pay Cool Milk online.
3. Just pay by a Tuesday for your child's milk to start the following week.

How do I find out more?

Visit www.coolmilk.com or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248.

Class 5 Cake Day Friday 15th December

Dear Class 5 parents,

The PTA are holding a cake sale on 15th December to raise funds for school. This time it is the turn of Class 5 to each supply small cakes or biscuits to sell on the day. Please make sure that any tins, plates or containers are clearly named.

We would be very grateful if you could **donate 15 cakes for cake day**, to ensure that we have enough to go around & the children are not left disappointed. These cakes /biscuits can be either homemade or bought. You may want to plan some kitchen time to make or decorate the cakes with your child! **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CAKES MUST BE NUT-FREE.**

The cakes will be sold during the morning break to the whole of the school, any remaining cakes will be sold outside school at home time. We hope that you will be able to support us with this event, and we thank you in anticipation. Thank you from The PTA



SPORTS

By our brilliant
Sports Reporter,
Libby in Year 5

Year 6 Table Tennis County-Finals

Last week, a team of year 6s went to Watford Private School to play at the table tennis counties. There were 9 schools including St Ipps and we came 8th overall. We played 8 rounds, but unfortunately, we only won 4.

Here is a comment from the team captain, Amelie F:

“Even though we did not win like we’d hoped, me and my team had a great time and we still did really well to even get to Counties!”



Weston Football Match

Last week, a team of year 5&6 boys went up to our school field to play a football match against Weston School. Unfortunately, we lost 4/1 to the opponents. Our goal was scored by Zayn in year 6. This is what the captain, Rufus, had to say: “Even though we didn’t win, 1 goal is better than none!”

Boys Football Tournament

On Wednesday last week, a team of year 5s went to Barnwell school to play at a football tournament. There were 7 games played, but unfortunately, we only won 4. In our group, we came 2nd, and overall, we came 4th. This is what the captain, Rufus, had to say:

“Even though we didn’t win, we had a great time and I think our team did really well!”



5&6 Rural Schools Netball Tournament

Two days ago, a selection of year 5 and 6 pupils went to the Priory School in Hitchin to take part in a Netball tournament. There were 2 St Ipps teams and team 1 came 1st, leaving the other team coming 2nd. Team 1 won every game and team 2 lost 2. In the finals, our teams played against each other and team 1 won.

Y6 Rowing Tournament

Two days ago, some pupils in Y6 went to Barnwell Upper School to compete in a rowing tournament. There were 6 schools including us and we came 3rd overall. Everyone in the team rowed 4000 metres in total. Well done everyone!





PTA Christmas Fair

Please read...

Friday 8th 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

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 4th 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!

Pre-book a time slot when you arrive.



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.

*Will you find
any of Willy
Wonka's
Golden
Tickets?*



*Find Willy
Wonka's
Golden Tickets
and win
amazing prizes!*

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!

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

DRAW ON 8TH DECEMBER
AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR



Thank you to Mrs
England for
organising another
fantastic Christmas
Trail. It's a lovely way
to get out in the fresh
air for a local walk.
Get your trail sheets
from the office.

There are a very few
baubles left for this
year's tree - last call
for orders!



St Ippolyts Christmas

First of all, we're sure all students received amazing results in their parent teacher consultations and were very happy with their feedback. It must have been nice to have a chat with your teachers as well as hear about your learning.

Christmas Trail-Saturday 25th November-Thursday 8th December. This year's Christmas trail will be lots of fun and we are sure that you will love it!

PTA Christmas Fair-3:30 pm-5:30 pm on the 8th December. This year we have a special visitor; I'm sure this will place the Christmas spirit in the air!

Secrets Room-Held at the Christmas Fair 8th December. This is a great way to prepare Christmas gifts for friends and family!

Reminders

Christmas jumpers will soon be on sale in mint condition! Buy one to brighten up your Christmas lights!

Movie and Munch on Monday 4th December 3.15-5pm.

Non-school uniform day on Friday 1st December. It is always great fun to turn up to the school gates in your own comfy, warm clothes!

Quote of the Week-

"Cheer up dude. It's Christmas"

-The Grinch (Dr. Seuss)

