



November

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! I do hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. This time of year is always a very busy one in school with lots to fit in on the run up to Christmas; this week's newsletter includes another copy of the updated diary dates list with all the latest information.

Link to Hope 2023
Our boxes are being collected tomorrow.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported this year's shoebox appeal!



REMEMBRANCE 2023

We are now selling Remembrance poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion. We suggest a minimum donation of 30p, although you can of course donate more which would be very gratefully received. In addition to traditional poppies we also have a range of other poppy merchandise.

Any money to buy poppy items should be brought in a named, sealed envelope or purse please. We are unable to give change because the money goes into the sealed charity collection box.

Friday 10th November

We will be holding our whole school Remembrance Day commemorations in the morning in Church. This service has been planned and will be led by the children in Young Worship, and I know they will do a brilliant job.



Christmas Baubles 2023

This year we are once again running the popular 'personalised bauble' fundraiser. For those of you who are new to the school, the children can purchase a bauble which is decorated with their name and 'St Ippolyts School 2023'. These are then used to decorate the school Christmas tree in the hall. It's always great fun as the children try hard to spot their own name on the tree. At the end of term, the baubles are given to the children to add to their trees at home.

Please see the separate letter coming home today for more information and to order your baubles asap!



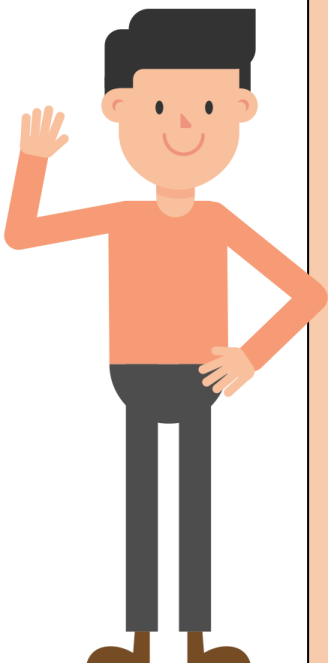
AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

This term's assessment week will take place in the week commencing Monday 13th November.

Parent consultations will then take place in the week commencing 27th November. We will be offering face to face appointments in the hall on Monday 27th November, or you may choose to have a phone call or video meetings with your child's teacher on the other days that week. We will send home a letter closer to the time for you to choose which you would prefer.

RECEPTION 2024 APPLICATIONS

Applications for places in Reception starting September 2024 can now be made until January 15th, 2024. Parents are asked to apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be returned directly to our school office.



PLEASE HELP US AT HOME TIME

Home times can be a little chaotic at the main gate when the staff are trying to dismiss your children to you safely at the end of the day. This gets even trickier when the evenings are darker and there is a sea of people with hats, scarves and umbrellas! It would really help us if you could please:

- **Make eye contact with the teacher or give them a wave so that they know you have seen them**
- **Stand in a place where we can safely send your child over to you**
- **If you see that the teacher hasn't sent your child over to you yet, it will be because they haven't seen you; please come forward to get your child.**

Hopefully this will make home-times a little more efficient; thank you for your cooperation.



Flu Vaccinations

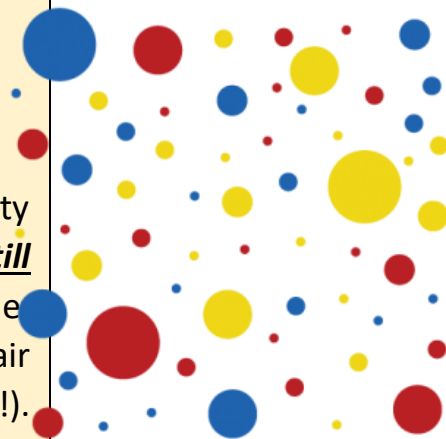
Thursday 16th November

A reminder to please read the letter recently sent via email and follow the instructions to accept or decline for your child.



Friday 17th November 2023

To support Children in Need, this year children are invited to go 'dotty and spotty' in return for a small donation to the appeal. **Children are still expected to wear school uniform** but can accessorise it – for example Pudsey ears, a spotty tie instead of a school tie, spotty socks, spotty hair bands, a bandana etc. (Please remember that participation is optional!).



PTA Christmas Fair Planning Meeting Tonight

At The Bird in Hand, Gosmore, 7.30pm

PE KITS REMINDER

A reminder that children need both indoor and outdoor kits in school. Long trousers cannot be worn for gym in the hall, so please make sure your child has shorts as well as joggers.

We still try to do as much outdoor sport as possible through the winter months so you may wish to put a spare woolly hat and some gloves in their PE kit bag (please ensure they are named clearly).



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We will soon be sending out election information for parents to fill our parent governor vacancy.

For the first time, we are holding the election electronically so are keeping all fingers and toes crossed that we don't have any technical glitches!

Please do keep an eye on your emails for information on each candidate and instructions on how to place your vote.



Y5/6 Residential School Journey Booking deadline tomorrow

A reminder that the deadline for reserving a place and paying an initial deposit via Arbor is **Friday 3rd November 2023.**

Class 5 Assembly Friday 24th November 9.15am

Class 5 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 5 assembly on Friday 24th November. 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.** We hope you can come!

PTA Thank yous

Class 6 Cake Day raised an amazing £111.30!

The next Cake Day is Friday 15th December when it will be Class 5's turn to provide the treats 😊

Movie & Munch raised £490! Wow!

Thank you so much for supporting the PTA's efforts!



Westminster Abbey Assembly: Young Worship

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: **Monday 20th November at 9.15am**

SPORTS

By our brilliant
Sports Reporter,
Libby in Year 5

Year 3 & 4 Boccia Tournament

A few days before half term, a team of year 3 & 4 children went to a Boccia tournament at Barclay School in Stevenage. In total, there were 8 teams including us but our team only played 3 teams and one for fun. The year 4s played the proper games listed here and year 3s had some warmup games in preparation for next year.

The first team we played was Leys School. Unfortunately, we lost this match 2/1 to the opponents.

The second match was against Codicote B School. This time we won 2/1.

The third match was against Round Diamond. Again, we won. This time the score was 4/2 to us.

The final game was against Codicote A School. This was just for fun as the event had just ended. The score was 9/1 to us.

Overall, we came 7th and Codicote A came 1st. The runner-up teams were given certificates and special bookmarks.

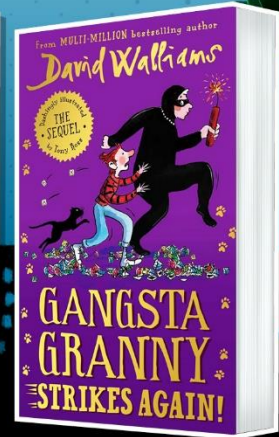
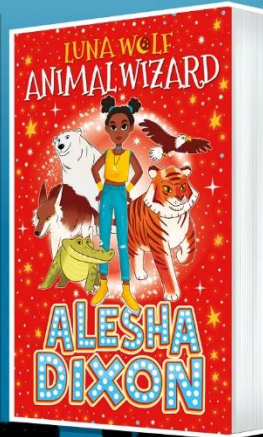
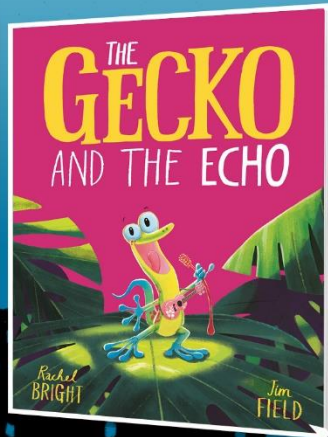
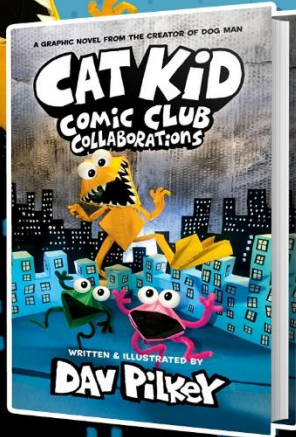
Well done all of you; you were outstanding!



 SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE **BOOK FAIR**

AND EARN **FREE BOOKS** FOR OUR SCHOOL



Art © Dav Pilkey

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November
2023 before and after school!

COMPETITION

Make a 'Storybook in a Jar'



Closing date for entries: 9am Tuesday 21st November

LEARNING



Poppies for remembrance

All the children are busy making poppies for remembrance. Each class is using a different art or craft method. Some of the poppies will be used to decorate the school foyer, and others will be taken to church to use during our service next week.



This week's article from our Pupil Journalists Amelie and Barney

This week we all returned back to school after a long, restful half term. We're sure you all loved to have a small break! We hope you all had a great, peaceful holiday and are all back and raring to learn.

I'm sure plenty of us have noticed the small changes throughout the school! Many pupils who make their way through the library may have become aware of the difference in theme. It is no longer a busy circus, it is now a soothing under the sea themed place to read and relax. You may have also noticed the change of our value this term. The new value is trust; this is now what the values badge will be awarded for.

Reminders:

- Poppy money in this week as we will be selling poppy related items.
- Shoeboxes in by Friday.

Quote of the week:

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says "I'm possible"

-Audrey Hepburn





Diary Dates

Autumn term 2nd half 2023

New or changed dates are highlighted.



Date	Event	Information
OCTOBER		
30 th	Back to school	
NOVEMBER		
1 st	Poppies and Remembrance merchandise go on sale	
2 nd	School photos	
2 nd	PTA Christmas Fair meeting	7.30pm at The Bird in Hand Gosmore
3 rd	Shoebox Deadline	Being collected at 2.30pm
3 rd	Deadline for Y5/6 PGL deposits	
10 th	Remembrance Day	Service in church for children and staff
w/c 13 th	AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK	
16 th	Flu Vaccinations	Please ensure you have consented via the link sent home
17 th	Children In Need Appeal	
23 rd & 24 th	Book Fair before and after school	
24 th	Class 5 Assembly	Assembly for C5 Parents at 9.15am
w/c 27 th	PARENT CONSULTATIONS	A blend of face to face, video and telephone appointments will be on offer. Letters will come home after half term
DECEMBER		
1 st	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair donations	Information will come home beforehand
4 th	PTA Festive Movie and Munch	After-school fundraiser, finishes around 5pm
7 th	Class 1 Nativity	2pm in the hall for C1 parents
8 th	PTA Christmas Fair	3.30-5.30pm
11 th	PTA Christmas Craft Afternoon	After school
12 th	Carol Service	In church for children and staff
13 th	Christmas Dinner	
15 th	Class 5 Cake Day	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.
18 th	Christmas Parties	Children can wear non-uniform/ Christmas outfits for the day
19 th	End of term 2pm	



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STEVENAGE FIRE STATION

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

10AM - MIDDAY



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