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NEWSLETTER



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REMEMBRANCE 2023

Tomorrow we will be going over to church to hold a Remembrance Service, which has been planned by the children in Young Worship. As part of this service, every child has made a poppy to lay at the altar in church and we will be joining together for the two-minute silence.

The children have all made poppies to decorate the school main foyer – it looks beautiful!

We still have poppy merchandise on sale which children can buy during the day, or you can pop into the office after school.



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.

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.

NHS

Link to Hope 2023

We donated 42 shoeboxes to this year's appeal, along with some individual items too. Our boxes have now been collected and will soon be making their way to Eastern Europe.
Thank you so much for your generosity.



AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

This term's assessment week will take place next 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.



Whole school theatre trip February 2024

The children were very excited to find out that we have booked a theatre trip to see 'Shrek the Musical' at Milton Keynes Theatre in February. By now you should have received all the information via Arbor.

We have not been able to do a whole school theatre trip since 2018 so this will be a very memorable day out for everyone. This trip has been made possible by the amazing generosity of the PTA who have paid for all the tickets and refreshments, so a huge thank you to them!

Bauble making is underway!

Mrs Peddie's bauble factory is up and running! Make sure you place your 2023 Christmas bauble order ASAP to secure your spot on the school tree this year.



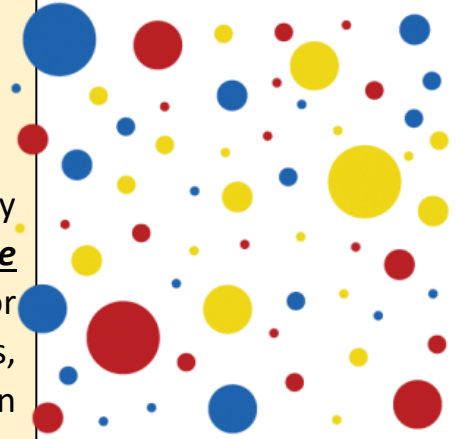


In aid of

BBC

Children
in Need

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!).



Even if you're late



DON'T PARK NEAR OUR GATE

Stopping here puts children in danger.

Parking near schools will never be an easy task, especially for schools like ours in rural locations with narrow roads and pavements. It may be tempting to try and park as close to school as possible, particularly when the weather is dark and unpleasant. However, some parking choices are simply dangerous.

One of the most dangerous places to park is on the double yellow lines close to, or even worse, overlapping the school gate (which is sadly becoming increasingly common).

When this is blocked, if cars need to pull in to give way to oncoming traffic, their only option is to pull into the top of the drive by the gate – which can be filled with parents, pupils, toddlers and prams.

Please ensure that you make safe, legal parking choices; this applies to Early Bird Club drop off, and after school clubs.

Thank you so much for your cooperation to keep our community safe.

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 Christmas Fair!

Friday 8th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm

It's that time of year again when we are starting to plan for the Christmas fair – 8th Dec after school. Thank you to all who came along last week to the meeting and everyone who has offered to help so far. 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 from next week. 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 from next week. Many thanks!

Toys and Books

Back by popular demand – we are bringing back the **second-hand toy and book stall** – An ideal opportunity to have a clear out before Xmas. 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.



Save the date: non uniform day for hamper donations.

Non-uniform day for Christmas fair/hamper donations – **1st December**. The grand draw at the Christmas fair is always very popular and this year we will again be doing our Hamper raffle. There are lots of different themed hampers to be won such as sweet treats, pamper hamper, winter warmers, 'bottoms up' and children's treats. We are asking for contributions to help us make up the hampers and will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for hamper donations. **MORE INFO COMING HOME NEXT WEEK!**

SPORTS

By our brilliant
Sports Reporter,
Libby in Year 5

Year 5&6 Mixed Football Match

Three days ago, a team of year 5s and 6s went to St. Andrews to play a game of football.

It was a mixed boy and girl team so there were 2 matches that were split into two halves each. The girls played their first half, then the boys. The girls played their second half, then the boys.

The girls won their match 3/1. Our goals were scored by Megan in year 6 (2 goals) and Elsie in year 6. The boys drew 2/2. Our goals were scored by Zayn in year 6 and Woody in year 5.

Well done to both teams! Another football match winning achievement! Excellent work!

Year 5 Benchball Event

On Monday, a team of year 5 boys and girls went to Barnwell School to take part in a benchball event. There were 13 schools taking part including St Ipps and we played 12 games. Sienna in year five was on the bench ready to catch the ball!

We won 10 rounds and lost 2, meaning that the team came in third place winning the bronze medal. The winning school was Almond Hill. Here is a quote from our team captain, Jaxon in year 5:

"We did really well to come third. Well done Almond Hill for getting 1st place. Even though we didn't get gold, I'm still proud of my team's achievement."

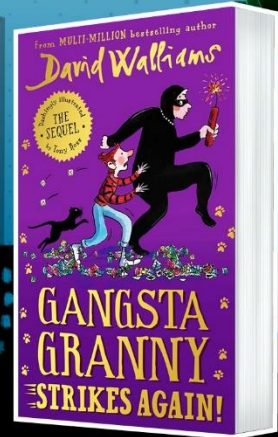
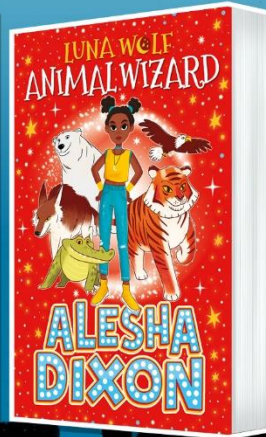
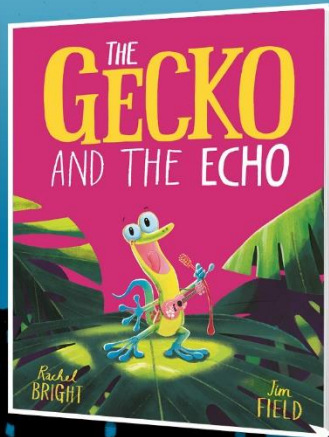
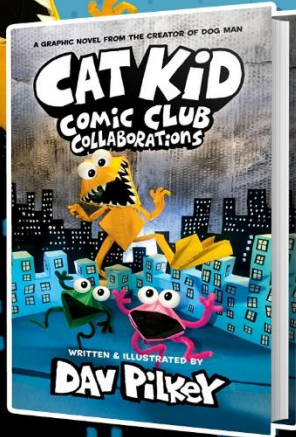
Well done everyone. Although you didn't get what you hoped for, we are all still proud of your medal winning position.



 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!**



Make a 'Storybook in a Jar'



Closing date for entries: 9am Tuesday 21st November

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

As we're sure you will know, it is Remembrance Day on Sunday and we are marking this in school on Friday with a special church service dedicated to those who died in the First World War.

There will be a two-minute silence to remember the people who passed and this will take place on the 11th of November at 11am. This is because peace was declared at 11am on November the 11th 1918.

On Remembrance Day you might see poppies. This is because John McCrae was writing a poem called 'In Flanders Field' after his friend was killed in the war in 1915. The poet noticed poppies growing in fields that were previously battle grounds and they are now the national symbol of Remembrance Day and show support for the armed forces.

Classes have been very busy making poppies and they all look fabulous in the corridor!

Reminders:

- Poppy service on Friday 10th November
- Assessment week next week - good luck and try your hardest!
- Children in Need Day - Friday 17th November- remember to prepare your spotty outfit with just over a week to go!

Quote of the week:

If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams, and you will always look lovely. Roald Dahl

