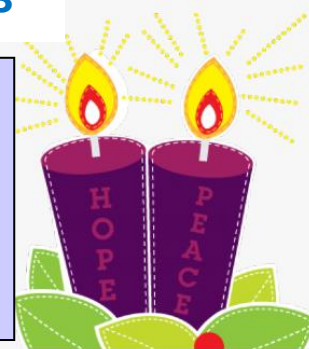




ADVENT WEEK 2

In Collective Worship on Monday we lit the second candle on our Advent wreath which represents PEACE. We talked about what peace means, what it looks like and what it feels like.



Thank you...

...to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Fair such a success!

Whether you donated items, helped to set up, manned a stall, spent your money... we are so grateful for your support!

A special thank you to the PTA Chair, **Marta Casero**, who has worked tirelessly for weeks to ensure the event ran smoothly, especially considering the extra challenge of it being held outdoors! The fair raised an amazing **£1450!**



Carol Service

On Tuesday we held our annual Carol Service in church; Young Worship told the Christmas story while Class 2 showed us their wonderful drama and dance skills.

Each class sang a different Christmas Carol during the telling of the story and choir gave a beautiful performance of 'Peace Be Still'. It was a really lovely service for everyone.

There are lots of photographs on the school website in the gallery.



Christmas Dinner!

An enormous thank you to our team of school cooks for providing a delicious Christmas Dinner for everyone yesterday. It was particularly tricky this year because of the hall, but with the magic of the St Ipps staff we managed to pull off a wonderful festive lunch! Thank you to Year 6 for creating fabulous table decorations and to the PTA for providing lemonade and crackers.



Reception places 2024

Parents wishing to apply for a Reception place commencing September 2024 are reminded that the **deadline for applications is 15th January 2024**.

Copies of our SIF (Supplementary Information Form) can be collected from the office or downloaded from the school website. Please note that applications **MUST** be done using the Hertfordshire online system as well as our paper form.

PE kits

All PE kits will soon be coming home for washing over the holidays. Thank you for making sure that your child has kit suitable for indoors and outdoors.

Please bring PE kits back on the first day of term in January.

Pencil cases

At the end of term, we will be sending children's pencil cases home so that they can be checked /replenished. Please remember to bring them back at the start of term. If children have any new stationery items over Christmas, please could you make sure they are named to avoid any upset if things get misplaced. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday 18th December

Class parties take place in the afternoon, but children may wear a non-uniform party outfit to school that day as long as it is suitable for normal school activities in the morning. Please also ensure your child has appropriate footwear and a warm coat to wear for the day as they will still be playing outside as normal.

Party food and drink contributions (**nut free**) should be brought in on the Monday morning.

€5 Cake Day tomorrow!

Instead of a morning snack tomorrow, children from all classes can bring a small amount of money to buy a cake or two. **Cakes are 25p** each, so please provide coins in a clearly named purse or envelope. Any cakes left over will be sold at hometime by the main doors.

Thank you to Class 5 for supplying the cakes!

Thank you for
supporting the PTA
fundraising events!

The Christmas Trail
raised £104

Movie & Munch raised
£390

Christmas Crafts raised
£140

The work of the PTA makes
such a huge difference to all
children in school, through
on-going funding for
resources, activities and
enrichments. It will soon be
time for our amazing Shrek
trip, which would not have
been possible without the
PTA paying for every child's
theatre ticket – so thank you
for supporting their efforts!



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

Our school has a lot coming up in these last few days of term as it is nearly the Christmas holidays, including parties, Christmas dinner and more! In this last week, I'm sure everyone who has been feeling a bit "bah humbug!" will now be feeling a bit of Christmas spirit. On Wednesday, we will be having our annual Christmas dinner, where all pupils who have ordered it will be served a mouth-watering Christmas meal. Classes 4,5 and 6 will be eating their lunch in the hall; we hope all students will enjoy their amazing meals!

School Carolling

Come and join all classes on Thursday 14th to view and singalong with our entire school! Wrap up snug and warm and come to join in with the fun at our Carol Singing! Friends and family, meet us on the playground at 2:15 for a whole school get together.

On Tuesday, the whole school made their way to church, full of anticipation in the chilly December atmosphere. After constant practising, it was finally time to perform our Carol Service. Everyone had a song prepared, and all classes were amazing. There was even a fantastic bit of acting from the Class 2s!

Christmas Parties

On Monday 18th, all classes will celebrate Christmas with parties with their friends and classmates. All party food and drink contributions can be brought in the same morning and the parties will take place in the afternoon. Make sure you come in your own clothes and bring your party spirit!

Reminders

If you have not yet posted your Christmas cards, now is your chance! Our postbox will still be open, but hurry up; if you would like to do some cards, make sure not to be too long.

Carolling on Thursday 14th - 2:30pm

Parties on Monday 18th.

Quote of the Week

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

-Buddy the Elf



Bag2School collection

Wednesday 17th January 2024



Collection bags are coming home today, but do remember that you can also use bin bags if you have more to donate. We get paid by the weight, so the more we collect, the more we raise!

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Items that are NOT accepted:

Duvets and blankets
Pillows and cushions
Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
School uniforms with and without logo
Corporate clothing and workwear
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Leave your bags on the village green by 9am on the morning of 17th January

Date change for the spring term

Please note that the date for the next Open Session has been changed to Monday 5th February.

End of term Early finish 2pm

A reminder that term finishes on **Tuesday 19th December** at the earlier time of 2pm. The Spring Term begins on Thursday 4th January 2024.

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors of St Ippolyts Primary School, we wish you all a very Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

