



# NEWSLETTER



Issue 28: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## *Class 2 trip to Knebworth*

Last Thursday, Class Two set off on a trip to Knebworth House to learn all about what life was like in the Victorian era! We were greeted by 'Mr Scruff' and 'The Duchess', who took us on a tour of the building, learning all about Victor Lytton, a famous explorer and resident of Knebworth House who lived there in 1880. We visited his old bedroom, got to dress up in some amazing Victorian outfits, explored artefacts around the house and even got to play with some Victorian toys. In the afternoon, we explored the grounds where we viewed the fruit and vegetable plots and played some Victorian lawn games. We finished the day with a trail through the woodland and our favourite part of the day, exploring the maze! The children behaved absolutely brilliantly, and we were fortunate to have the sun shining all day, so a great day was had by all. We look forward to sharing some Victorian facts with our parents soon during our class assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> May!



## THE VICTORIANS





## Staff news

At the end of this school year, Mrs McCabe will be leaving us as she is relocating to Derby with her husband in the summer. Mrs McCabe has been with us since 2017 and in that time has taught lots of different age groups, led and developed RE and RSHE, planned our brilliant Wellbeing Weeks, survived SIAMS, Ofsted and teaching through a pandemic! Mrs McCabe has always gone the extra mile for the children at St Ippolyts and we will all miss having her on our team very much; however, we are also happy for her having this exciting new chapter ahead. We have started the recruitment process for a replacement teacher and will let you know who will be joining our team as soon as possible.

## Class 2 Assembly Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am

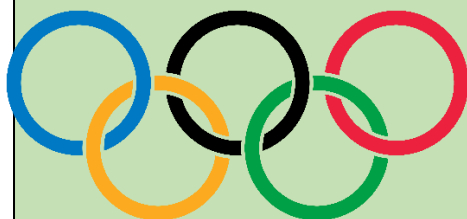
Class 2 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 2 assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The assembly will start at 9.15am in the hall.

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.** Hope you can come!

## Class 2 Cake Day

**TOMORROW!**

**Cakes 25p**



## OLYMPIC SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Ridlins

Excitement is building for our very own Olympics next month! By now you should all have received a letter from Mr Jefferies with the finer details. Please could you remember to:

- Send in the reply slip about collection arrangements at the end of sports day
- Give consent and coach contribution on Arbor
- Plan your child's team T-shirt (details in the letter)

Any queries please email Mr Jefferies on [cjefferies@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cjefferies@stipps.herts.sch.uk)

# Save The Date!



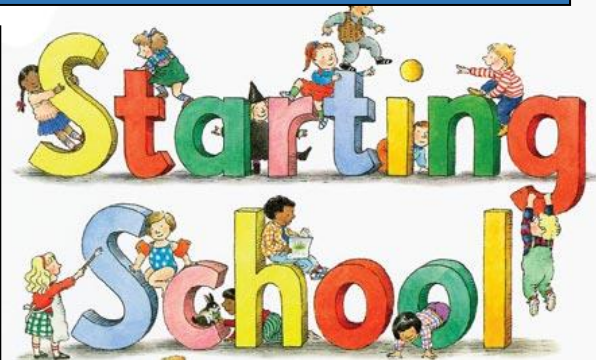
We will be holding an information evening for Y5 & 6 parents about our upcoming trip to

**PGL Newby Wiske Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm in the school hall.**

We will be giving you lots of important information about timings, kit lists, medical information, activities, accommodation and so on. Even if you have had a child go on school journey before, it is really worth coming along so that you know exactly what will be happening and how you can prepare. You will also receive a pack of paperwork that needs completing and returning to school before half term. **Please note that this meeting is for parents only.** Children will be having their own preparation sessions in school time.

## Admissions reminder New Reception children

If you have been offered a Reception place for September 2024, please remember that it must be accepted online by 1<sup>st</sup> May. Thank you!



## Parking update

Following the letter from our Governing Body at the end of term, **thank you** to everyone who is making a conscious effort to improve the parking situation outside school; we absolutely acknowledge that our rural location is tricky, but it is possible to have a smooth drop off and pick up time if everyone plays their part.

However, this week we have received the following email from a local resident; please do be mindful of people's residential properties as it is important that we have strong, positive relationships with our local community.

We are one of the closest neighbours to your school, down the hill from the Church. Please could I request that you ask your school community not to block or partially block residential or agricultural entrances at drop off and pick up times. Blocking the agricultural gateways inconveniences people getting on with their day but parking across the dropped curb outside Long Barn and Brookend Farmhouse is dangerous.

We appreciate these times are busy and parking can be difficult but if a car parks across the dropped curb to the entrance of Long Barn and Brookend Farmhouse and we are leaving our properties by car we cannot see cars coming up or down the hill when we exit or see if pedestrians are coming or going up and down the hill when we return. It is a generous amount of space for a driveway and tempting to park in for a short time, but it's obviously been done for good reason, safety.

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

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a lovely easter holiday. There is a lot to look forward to at St Ippolyts this term, including: Sports Day, School productions, school trips and much more. The preparations have begun for our exciting sports day this year, where we will be representing countries from around the world in our Olympic themed event. Do you know which country you are, and have you thought about your kit?

Other things that have happened this week are:



Monday 22nd of April was **Earth day**, which reminds people to lead a sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle. Have a think about what you do to help the environment - do you walk or use public transport instead of going in your car? Do you recycle at home, and switch lights off when you don't need them? If not, why not start now and help to build a healthier planet.

Tuesday 23rd was **St Georges day**, which celebrates St George, who is the patron saint of England. St George was born in the third century and when his father died, his mother took him to live in the middle east. When he was old enough he joined the Roman army but didn't like the way they treated Christians. He was put in jail for his beliefs and trying to stand up for Christian believers and eventually he was executed.

There is also a famous legend about St George of when he slayed a dragon that was feeding off sheep at a Libyan village, They ran out of sheep and the dragon tried to eat the villagers - until St George slayed it.



Don't forget **National Skipping day** on Wednesday 24th April. This is a great physical activity and all you need is a skipping rope, or a long piece of string and you can do it anywhere.

Thursday 25th April is **World Penguin Day!** It's the day most penguins migrate (travel) north and is a great opportunity to learn more about these amazing creatures. Click here to find some fun facts about penguins [Celebrating World Penguin Day](#).



As we said, there's been lots going on!!

### Reminders

- Class 2 cake day on Friday
- Return sports day sheets

### Quote of the week

*"The Earth has enough resources to meet the needs of all but not enough to satisfy the greed of even one person"*

*-Mahatma Gandhi.*

# SCHOOL UNIFORMS



In the main entrance there are some rails of pre-loved uniform items looking for new homes.

**Please come and take what you need.**

**There is no charge**, but if you wish to make a small donation to the PTA there is a donations box at the office.

Thank you to the parent volunteers for sorting and laundering it all 😊

Thank you for supporting our Bag2School fundraiser – we collected 380kg and earned over £150 for the PTA!



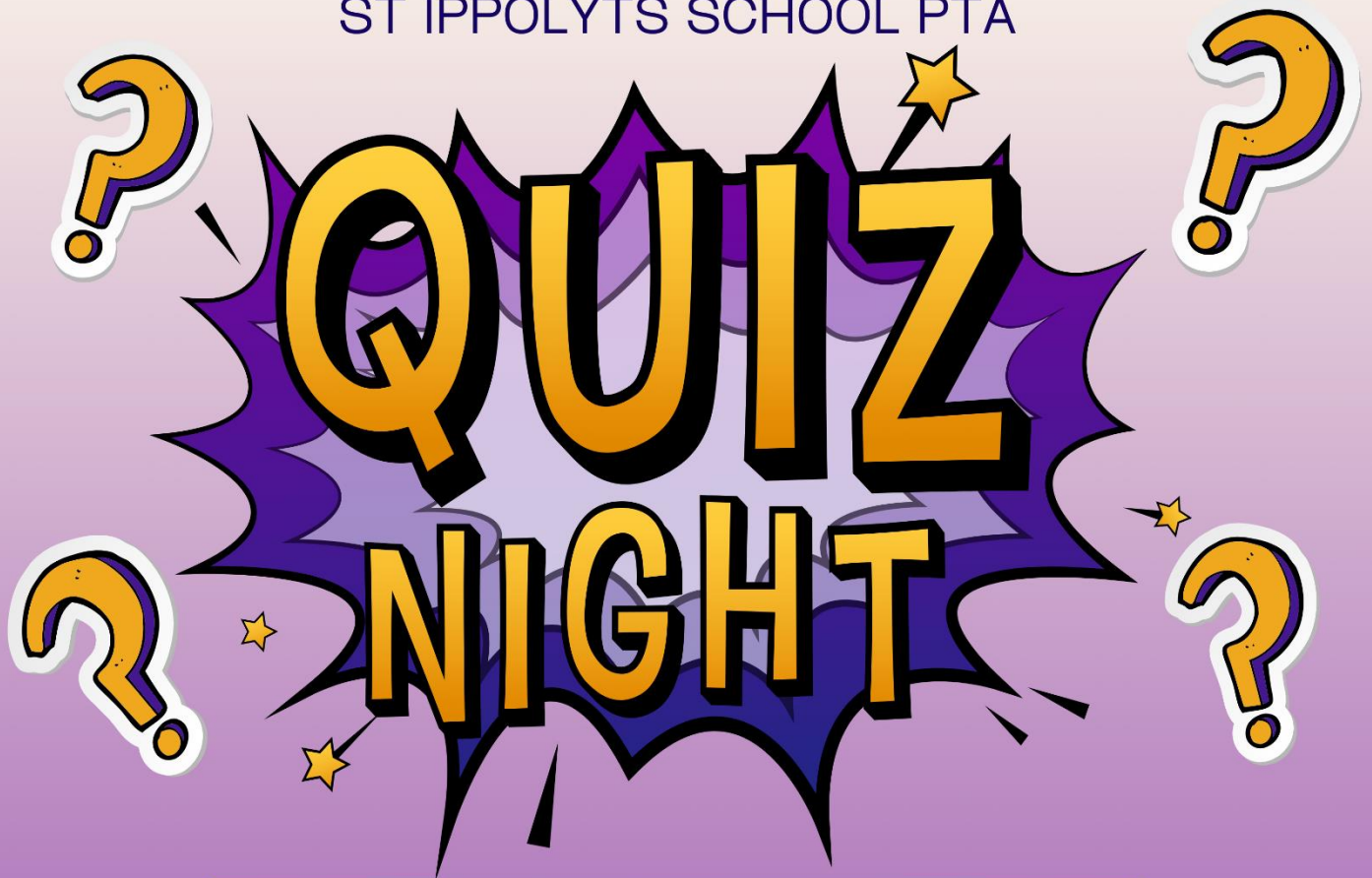
# SUMMER FAIR

## PLANNING MEETING

### TONIGHT!

### AT THE BIRD IN HAND 7.30PM

ST IPPOLYTS SCHOOL PTA

A large, stylized graphic for 'Quiz Night'. The words 'QUIZ' and 'NIGHT' are written in large, bold, yellow letters with black outlines, set against a purple, jagged, starburst background. Surrounding the text are several yellow question marks with white outlines and small yellow stars, all on a light purple background.

# QUIZ NIGHT

**QUIZ & CURRY**

**FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024  
7PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Teams of 6 adults - get together with friends or make up  
a team on the night

Bring your own drinks (and glasses)

Final date for bookings Friday 26th April

**£15 PER PERSON, CHICKEN, LAMB OR  
VEGGIE CURRY**

Book online:

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