



NEWSLETTER

Issue 12: Thursday 28th November 2024



Stir Up Sunday

The Great Stipps Bake Off!

On Monday we had a wonderful time making our traditional Christmas puddings for Stir Up Sunday. This year the class teachers were challenged to make the best pudding, judged by our very own Paul and Prue! It was lots of fun and every child gave the puddings a stir. The puddings are now resting and will be cooked later this week. Thank you to the staff for being such great sports!

Our school 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



Christmas Dinner

On **Wednesday 18th December**, we will be having our traditional Christmas Dinner together.

All children who usually have a school roast 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 12th December.



MAIN MENU

Christmas Turkey & Chipolata Sausage with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy
or
Quorn Fillet (v) & Veggie Sausage (Ve) with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy

SERVED WITH

Roast Potatoes with a Choice of Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT

Choice of Christmas Dessert



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*Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability | Christmas Menu Option 1



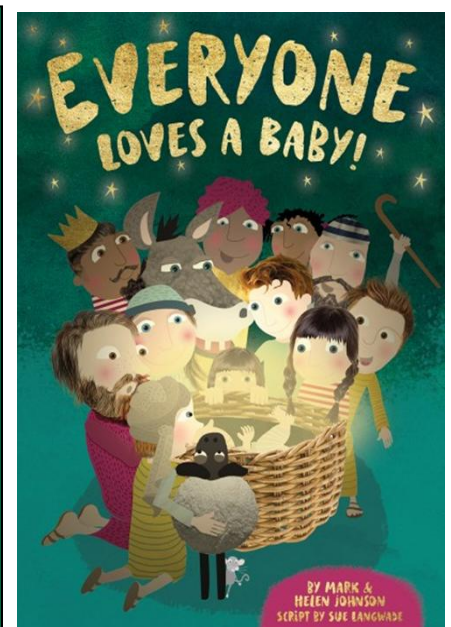
CHRISTMAS CARDS POST BOX

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 One Parents and relatives are warmly invited to come and watch: Thursday 12th December at 2pm.

Bookings are now open on Arbor and close Friday 6th December.
Class 1 parents can book a maximum of four seats per family.

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.



Book Fair: an ENORMOUS THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our recent Book Fair. Your generosity has provided an incredible **£1280** worth of new books for our library and classrooms.

We are absolutely blown away – thank you so, so much! A special thank you to all the parents who helped to organise and run the fair, we are very grateful!

Class 5 Cake Day Friday 13th December

Dear Class 5 parents,

The PTA are holding a cake sale on 13th 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



Christmas

MOVIE AND MUNCH

Monday 2nd December 2024

Bookings close today

www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps

Reports by the Sports Ambassadors

SPORTS



ESFA Girls Football Rally

On Thursday (last week), our girls football team went to The Priory school for an ESFA tournament. Everyone did very well and they won five and drew two. They ended up winning the whole tournament.

We then talked to Alba and she said "Everyone did very well and we came first!".

Rowing

On Tuesday the rowing team went to Barnwell upper school, there were 12 schools there and they came 3rd. Robuck came 2nd and Peartree came 1st. We beat 4th place by one second! We spoke to Alana who was in the team and here's what she had to say, "It was a very fun event and everyone did really well!"

Amazing job everyone!!!



Rural football

On Monday the 18th we took two teams to a rural tournament and the year 6 team won and the year 5 team came 6th. Woody, who is the year 6 teams captain, had this to say, "Both teams did very well and worked very well together as a team." Mr Jefferies was very pleased with the performance from both teams. The year 6 team won 3-1 in the final against Offley. A huge congratulations to everyone, WELL DONE.

Benchball

On Monday (last week), people from class five went to Barnwell upper school to compete in a bench ball competition. They played eight teams and everybody did very well and ended up coming forth place by one point. We spoke to the captain Tabitha this is what she said "We did very well, and we are proud of each other and ourselves"



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!

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 2nd 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

This year, to avoid big queues at the Fair, people will be able to buy Tokens in advance at a discounted rate. Tokens will be available to buy online between 28th Nov and 4th Dec. This offer only applies to tokens bought in advance.

50p = 1TK £5 = 10TK £10 = 22TK - Save £1 £20 = 45TK - Save £2.50

You will be able to collect your tokens from the office on 5th Dec.

There will be an exciting outdoor activity at the Christmas Fair so wrap up warm! Watch this space!

Important reminder

Please remember that buggies and prams cannot be brought into the building on Christmas Fair day. Many thanks

IMPORTANT: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that next week is the final week of after school clubs for this term. There will be a letter sent home to sign up for spring term clubs after Christmas.

St Ippolyts CE School PTA Presents

Christmas TRAIL

SAT 23rd NOV - THURS 5th DEC

FOLLOW THE TRAIL MAP AROUND ST IPPOLYTS TO FIND THE HIDDEN PRESENTS

FILL IN YOUR TRAIL SHEETS AS YOU FIND EACH PRESENT AND EARN A TREAT FOR FINDING 10 OR MORE!

FIND 14 OR MORE TO EARN A TREAT & BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW AT THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR!

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

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 school office. When you return your completed sheet there is a lovely prize for every entrant.

Completed sheets will be entered into a prize draw at the Christmas Fair too. Good luck and have fun!

Coming soon.....

Sing, Make, Play presents.....



Music Safari (KS1)

at



North Herts Music School

Fun, 1 hour sessions, where members start exploring general music skills, creativity and understanding, through singing, musical activities and games.

Suitable for pupils in years 1 and 2

Starting January 2025

Location :

North Herts Music School
Highbury House
Hitchin, SG4 9RU



Why not come along to our free taster session taking place at Stevenage Music Centre on Saturday 14th December at 10am?

To register your interest please scan the QR code or use the following link to fill in our survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/jD3K8kLPsM>

How can you help children

with their body confidence?

We get asked that question a lot during our **free** healthy lifestyle programme, Beezee Families. And because we work with so many families like yours, we understand the challenges of body positivity.

So, as a parent or carer, what can you do to help?

- **Become a role model** – look in the mirror with your child and say three positive things about your bodies.
- **Health matters** – promote nutrition, exercise and good sleep.
- **Celebrate diversity** – teach your children about different body types, abilities and cultures.
- **Personal qualities** – value kindness, intelligence and creativity.

- **Express themselves** – encourage your children to use art, music, sport or play for self-expression.
- **Misleading media** – help your children see beyond unrealistic images of body and beauty.

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Scan the code

...or click here
to find out more

Sign up today!



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Beezee
FAMILIES



SEND PLAYGROUP

At the British Schools Museum

1pm - 2.30pm

Every Monday (from 25 Nov)

No booking necessary - all welcome
ages 0-5.



FREE

The Café @ The Museum
The British Schools Museum
41 Queen St, Hitchin,
SG49TS

britishschoolsmuseum.org.uk
01462 420144

Children must be accompanied
by a responsible adult



Hertfordshire
Family Centre
Service