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NEWSLETTER

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helping herts homeless

Most needed donations

Cereals
Porridge oats sachets
Crackers
Microwavable pasta meals
Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
Lentils, beans and pulses
Tinned meat – for example curry, stew, hot dog sausages, tinned pies…
Tinned soup
Baked beans
Tea/coffee
Tinned fruit
Biscuits
UHT milk
Long life Fruit juice or squash
Toiletries, sanitary products, nappies, toilet roll

On **Friday 2nd October,** children and staff will be going to church for this year's Harvest Festival.

On this day we ask that children bring a contribution of non-perishable food or toiletries to help support local people through **The North Herts Sanctuary.** Your donations will be very gratefully received.

The list is not exhaustive but gives you some ideas of what to donate. *Please make sure any donations are unopened and in date.*

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

Settling into the New School Year

We have started this school year by revisiting our School Code of Conduct and the expectations we have for behaviour across our school. Everyone is working hard to settle into the routines and expectations.

It has been lovely to walk around school during lessons and see everyone working so well. Last week, I showed our new HfL School Effectiveness Advisor around the school, and she commented on how calm, purposeful and positive the atmosphere in our classrooms was.

We know that moving into a new class can be a big adjustment for children. Sometimes things can feel a little harder at first, as they get used to new routines, expectations and ways of working. This is a natural part of settling in, and we are giving children the time and support they need to become familiar and confident in their new surroundings.

There is a copy of our School Code of Conduct at the end of this newsletter, which you may find helpful to read through with your child.

OPEN SESSION

Monday 5th October 3.30-5.00pm

For those parents and families new to the school, Open Session is when you are invited to come with your child to visit their classroom after school, meet the teacher, see your child's books and ask any questions you may have. It is an informal afternoon; you do not need an appointment and can 'drop-in' any time during the session and stay as long as you want. It isn't a one-to-one discussion with the teacher about your child's progress – these take place in Parent Consultation appointments later in the term.

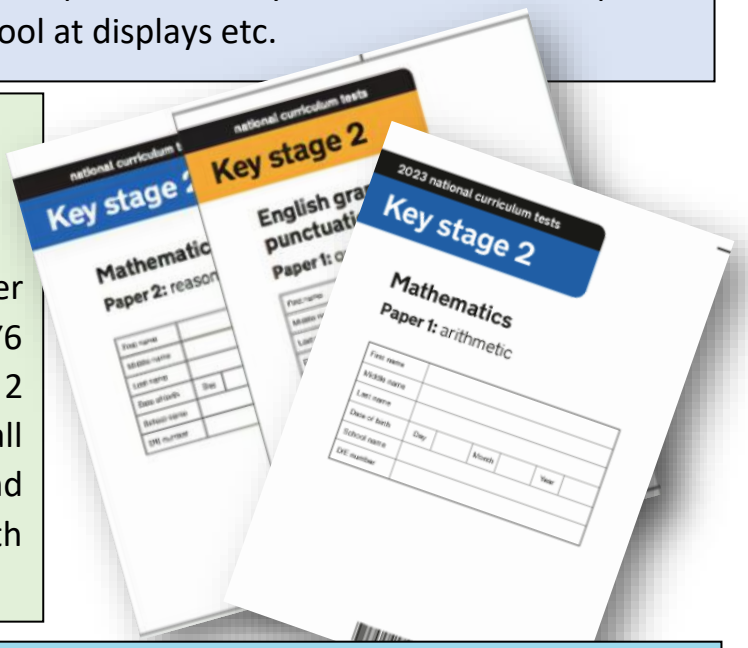
To avoid crowding:
Classes 3, 5, and 6: Use the Class 5/6 doors
Classes 1, 2 and 4: Use the main entrance

Please be aware that buggies and prams cannot be brought into the building.

We do hope you can come along and that you will enjoy seeing your child's new classroom, their books and teacher. You are welcome to bring grandparents/family members too, and please feel free to look around different parts of the school at displays etc.

Y6 Parents and children: A date for your diary

On **Wednesday 14th October at 6pm**, Miss Walker will be holding an information evening for Y6 parents and children about the 2027 Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). You will be able to find out all about what the tests entail, look at past papers and find out how best you can support your child with their learning over the coming months.



Early Bird Club

Payments for Early Bird Club sessions are due at the time of booking. Please note that 'no-shows' are non-refundable unless your child is absent from school due to illness.

If you need to cancel a booking, please notify the school office by 4pm on the previous day. Cancellations made after this time will still be charged.

A reminder that Early Bird sessions must be booked in advance. Please ensure that you hand your child over directly to a member of staff when they arrive; children should not be dropped off without checking in. Many thanks for your cooperation.

We love hearing about the things our children choose to do in their own time, and we were delighted to hear about Penny and Felicity's charity cake sale. What a kind and generous thing to do! Well done, Penny and Felicity – we are very proud of you both!

Our cake sale

Small cakes make a big difference

When we decided that we would do the cake sale, it was not long before the day we did it. The charities we donated the money to are the RSPCA - to help animals and the Garden House Hospice - to help people in need.

RSPCA

Kindness changes lives

One big part of the event was commitment, and we definitely did that as when we finally finished baking the selection of chocolate, vanilla and even marble cakes it was nearly midnight! Then we were off to a very early start decorating the delicious cupcakes and preparing for the stall making it pretty! Although this was a lot of hard work, it was 100% worth it seeing the smiles on customers and charity shop workers' faces. Someone even said they were the best cupcakes they had ever had! After the cake sale had come to an end, we were astonished at the fact that we had sold every single cupcake and collected extra money as people knew it was for charity.

Garden House Hospice Care
Letchworth Garden City

Caring for our community

Doing this cake sale has brought us so much joy whether it has been from the neighbours being so encouraging or the charities being so grateful for our huge donations. We would definitely recommend doing something like this to raise money for charity as it is such a fantastic thing to do (but make sure you tell your parents beforehand!).

Felicity and Penny

Bake ♥ Share ♥ Support

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale!

Our first Little Stipps session of the year takes place this coming

Monday 21st September

1.30-3pm.

Please do spread the word, it is open to everyone, so if you have friends or neighbours with little ones, please tell them about us 😊

DIARY DATES
AUTUMN TERM 2026

Date	Event	Information
SEPTEMBER		
1st and 2nd	INSET Days	Staff training, no school for children
3rd	Autumn term begins	
11th	Class 1 Coffee Morning	Class 1 parents, 9.00am in the hall, younger siblings welcome
16th	Class 1 Curriculum Evening	Class 1 parents, 6pm in the school hall.
21st	Little Stipps	Stay and Play for parents with babies/toddlers 1.30-3.00pm
OCTOBER		
2nd	Harvest Festival	Service in church for children and staff. Children are asked to bring a harvest gift of non-perishable food items.
5th	OPEN SESSION 3.30-5.00pm	A chance for parents & families to visit classrooms, look at books and chat informally to teachers, no appointment needed
w/c 12th	WELLBEING WEEK	A week of themed activities and visitors to support children's mental health and wellbeing
16th	Class 6 Cake Day	Class 6 are asked to provide the cakes to sell at breaktime. All children can bring money to buy a cake instead of their usual snack.
23rd	Class 6 Assembly	Assembly for C6 Parents at 9.15am
26th – 30th Oct	HALF TERM	
NOVEMBER		
2nd	Back to school	
6th	School photos	Individual portraits and sibling groups (of children in school)
w/c 9th	AUTUMN ASSESSMENTS	
11th	Remembrance Day	Service in church for children and staff
13th	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.
16th	Little Stipps	Stay and Play for parents with babies/toddlers 1.30-3.00pm
20th	Class 5 Assembly	Assembly for C5 Parents at 9.15am
w/c 23rd	PARENT CONSULTATIONS	A blend of face to face and telephone appointments will be on offer.
30th	PTA Movie and Munch	After-school fundraiser, finishes around 5pm
DECEMBER		
4th	PTA Christmas Fair	3.30-5.30pm
10th	Class 1 Nativity	2pm in the hall for Class 1 parents
15th	Carol Service	In church for children and staff
16th	Christmas Dinner	
17th	Christmas Parties	Children can wear non-uniform/ Christmas outfits for the day
18th	End of term 2pm	

St Ippolyts Church of England Primary School

Our Code of Conduct

All the children and grown ups of St Ippolyts School will always...

- ☺ be polite, friendly, helpful and honest.
- ☺ respect the school environment, others and their property.
- ☺ walk quietly in and around school.
- ☺ listen carefully when others are speaking and not interrupt.
- ☺ do what we are asked first time.
- ☺ take pride in ourselves and our work.
- ☺ ask for help if we need it.
- ☺ do our best at all times.
- ☺ keep ourselves and those around us safe.

WE WILL NEVER BULLY OR WATCH SOMEONE ELSE BEING BULLIED

1 be polite, friendly, helpful and honest.

This looks like...

- using kind words
- smiling and saying hello
- helping others
- being truthful

2 respect the school environment, others and their property.

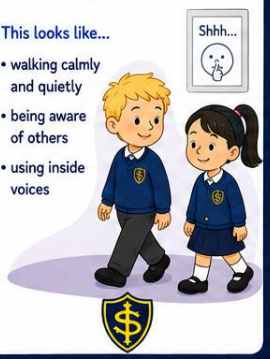
This looks like...

- looking after our school
- keeping it clean and tidy
- looking after other people's things

3 walk quietly in and around school.

This looks like...

- walking calmly and quietly
- being aware of others
- using inside voices



4 listen carefully when others are speaking and not interrupt.

This looks like...

- facing the speaker
- looking at them
- waiting for your turn to speak

5 do what we are asked first time.

This looks like...

- listening to instructions
- starting the task straight away
- trying our best
- if I am asked to stop doing something, I will stop

6 take pride in ourselves and our work.

This looks like...

- wearing our uniform with pride
- presenting our work neatly
- feeling proud of our achievements

7 ask for help if we need it.

This looks like...

- asking a teacher or adult
- asking a friend if we are stuck
- knowing it's OK to ask

8 do our best at all times.

This looks like...

- trying hard in every lesson
- not giving up
- celebrating our effort

9 keep ourselves and those around us safe.

This looks like...

- walking in school
- keeping hands and feet to ourselves
- telling an adult if we are worried

10 WE WILL NEVER BULLY OR WATCH SOMEONE ELSE BEING BULLIED

This looks like...

- being kind to everyone
- telling an adult if we see bullying
- standing up for others