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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.

Arbor

Please remember to inform us if any of your child's details or your emergency contact details have changed. This can be done via your Arbor App.

If you are having difficulty in accessing the Arbor App, please email the office – admin@stipps.herts.sch.uk and we will do our best to assist you. Thank you.

School Dinners
Burger Day 1st October

Census Day is coming up, and every school dinner really does count! The number of meals taken on Census Day helps determine the funding our school receives, so we would love as many children as possible to enjoy a school dinner on Thursday 1st October.

If your child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Y1 and Y2) or Free School Meals, please consider booking a meal for them. Children who normally bring a packed lunch are very welcome to join us for Burger Day too!

The menu can be found at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for helping us maximise our Census Day numbers!

OPEN SESSION

Monday 5th October 3.30-5.00pm

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.

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.

Parking and Safety Around School

We appreciate that parking around school can be challenging, particularly given our rural location, and we understand that the morning and afternoon school runs can be busy. However, we would ask all parents and carers to take extra care when driving and parking around school to help keep everyone safe.

We have recently had reports of cars mounting the pavement to turn around on the hill. This is extremely dangerous, particularly when children and families are walking to and from school, and we ask that this does not happen.

Please also ensure that you do not park across or overlap the school gates, including during the morning Early Bird drop-off. We often have deliveries arriving at this time, and vehicles blocking the gates can make access difficult and create an unsafe situation for children and families.

Please be patient, allow plenty of time for your journey and take care when parking and driving near school. Keeping our children, families and wider community safe must always come first. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

What a fantastic start to the sporting year at the SSFT Cross Country for our Year 5 and 6 runners!

Year 6 Girls – CHAMPIONS!

Our Year 6 girls won brilliantly, achieving the highest ever score recorded by any school at the SSFT Cross Country!

Year 5 Girls – 2nd place

Another fantastic performance from our Year 5 girls, who ran brilliantly and finished runners-up.

Year 5 & 6 Boys

Our boys gave it their all, running hard and showing fantastic determination. We're incredibly proud of every one of them!

Supporting Every Child

Mrs Stewart
senco@stipps.herts.sch.uk

Settling back in

Starting or returning to school is a big step for every child, and it is completely natural for some children to need a little extra time, reassurance and support as they settle in. Please remember that every child is different, and there is no 'right' pace for feeling comfortable and confident.

With patience, consistency and lots of encouragement, those little moments of progress soon begin to build, which many children are showing. We are here to listen, support and work alongside you, so that every child feels safe and valued.

This is my spot in the weekly newsletter where I share helpful information and offer practical ideas to support children's wellbeing, learning and development. My hope is that each week as parents you find something useful, reassuring or encouraging — because together, we can help every child feel understood, valued and able to thrive.

Please come along to our first Inclusion coffee afternoon:

A Brew with Stew(art)!

Wednesday 14th October 2.15pm

This would be an informal opportunity to meet once a half term, have a coffee and chat about any questions, concerns or experiences you may have regarding children's learning, wellbeing or additional needs.

There is no set agenda, anyone can come and no question is too small. It's simply a chance to connect, share and feel supported.

A quick reminder about communication

We always want to work closely with our families and understand that, at times, parents may have questions or concerns that they would like answered as quickly as possible.

However, we kindly ask for your understanding that an immediate response is not always possible.

During the school day, our teachers are fully focused on what matters most – teaching, supporting and caring for the children in their classes. They do not have the opportunity to regularly check emails or return phone calls while lessons are taking place. Messages are checked when staff are able to do so, and we aim to respond as promptly as possible. If your query is urgent, please contact the school office, who will ensure that important information reaches the appropriate member of staff. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Reception places 2027

The school diary is now open to book guided tours.

If you know anyone looking for a school place for September 2027, please do let them know they can arrange a visit via the office.

St Ippolyts Primary School

We are a NUT FREE school

To help keep everyone in our school safe and healthy

Love one another as I have loved you

John 13:34

Why?

Some of our children have severe nut allergies.

Even a small amount of nuts can cause a very serious and potentially life-threatening reaction (anaphylaxis).

NO NUTS

THANK YOU!

What this means

- Please do not send any nuts or nut products in lunch boxes.
- This includes peanut butter, Nutella and other nut spreads.
- Please also avoid foods that 'may contain nuts'.
- Check ingredient labels carefully.

Foods to avoid

All nuts (including peanuts, almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, walnuts etc.)

Nut butters (e.g. peanut butter, almond butter)

Nut spreads (e.g. Nutella)

Granola bars and snack bars that contain nuts

Cakes, biscuits, chocolate and other products that contain or may contain nuts

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BURGER DAY OCT 1ST

A bun-derful day!

Yummy burgers and a sweet treat

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BURGER DAY OCT 1ST

MAIN MENU

Breaded Chicken Burger

or

Beef Burger

or

Breaded Bean & Vegetable Burger (Ve)

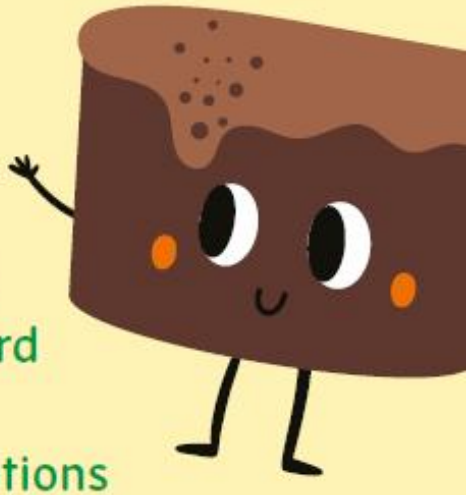
(Free From)

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn

Coleslaw



DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge
with Chocolate Custard

(Jacket Potato & Cold Options
available where applicable)

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