Year 6 ‘SATs’ and Y2 assessments

Next week the children in Year 6 will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 tests and we wish them all the very best of luck. They have worked incredibly hard this year and I know they will do their very best. Children in Y2 will also be doing their KS1 assessments during that week too. I’m sure it won’t have escaped your notice via the news and social media that this year’s assessments have changed considerably and have not been without their fair share of controversy. It has certainly been a very challenging year for the staff in Years 2 and 6 but as ever they have risen to the challenge and I know that the children couldn’t have had any better preparation, so I would like to publically acknowledge their hard work and dedication; we really are a very lucky school.

The ‘SATs Breakfast’ will be served from 8am for children in Year 6 and we are very grateful to Mrs Harrington Smith for organising this. Go for it children, just do your best, that’s what matters!

Sports Day: Wednesday 18th May

This year’s Sports Day is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 18th May at 1pm (weather permitting). In the event of Sports Day being rained off we have a reserve date booked in for Thursday 19th May.

We will text parents if sports day needs to be postponed; if you do not hear from us it is safe to assume that it is going ahead.

A reminder that this year we are asking children to wear a plain coloured T shirt in their team colours along with their usual PE shorts, sun hat/cap & well-fitting trainers/plimsolls.

Wimbledon: Green  Wembley: Blue  Lords: Red  Twickenham: Yellow

Do check with your child’s teacher if they can’t remember which team they are in. With next week’s newsletter there will be an information sheet about how the sports day will run and a programme of events. Thank you!

A note about photographs

At Sports Day, I am sure lots of you will take photographs and videos to capture the occasion. Whilst we have no problem with that at all, please may I remind parents that photographs containing ANY children other than your own should not be used online, particularly via social media such as Facebook/Twitter/Instagram. Please respect that other parents may not want their child’s image online and in some cases there may be serious child protection reasons behind children’s photographs not being on the internet. Thank you for your vital cooperation on this important matter.

Class 2 Assembly tomorrow

Class 2 parents are warmly invited to join us for the Class 2 assembly on tomorrow at 2.30pm. We do hope you enjoy hearing all about what the children have been learning this term. After the assembly the PTA will be serving refreshments so please do stay for a coffee.

Class 1 Assembly

Class 1 parents are warmly invited to join us for the Class 1 assembly on Friday 20th May at 2.30pm. We do hope you enjoy hearing all about what the children have been learning about. After the assembly the PTA will be serving refreshments so please do stay for a coffee.

For many of Class 1 parents, this will be your first class assembly so here are a few things you’ll need to know:

- Younger siblings and babies are very welcome to attend with you, but we ask that you sit close to the doors so that you can take them out if they come unsettled; it is always a real shame if a child’s special moment cannot be heard
- Buggies and prams cannot be brought into the building but you are most welcome to leave them under the Class 1 canopy
- Video and photographs of the assembly are not permitted
- As our class assemblies are part of our Collective Worship, we ask that parents & families wait quietly for it to begin in the hall while the rest of the school comes in.

Guide dogs fundraising

As you know, for the last year we have been lucky enough to have Honey the Guide Dog in school with us while she completed the first stage of her puppy training with Mrs Blencowe. In a couple of weeks, Honey will be leaving us to embark on the next stage of her journey by going to the Guide Dogs training centre. As a school we have supported the Guide Dogs charity for a few years now, and the School Council are currently in the process of organising a sponsored event to raise money to continue to sponsor future puppies. Keep a look out for the information coming home soon and we do hope you will feel able to support this worthwhile charity.

Packed lunches

As with previous years, during the rest of the summer months, children who have packed lunches will have the option to eat outside on the grass and at the picnic tables when the weather is suitable. This is to ease congestion in the hall as a larger number of children have packed lunches during the summer and they often spend a large proportion of their lunchtime queuing for a seat and missing much of their playtime. The children will be fully supervised by a dinner lady as usual and drinking water is still provided, the same as when they are in the hall. If the weather is not suitable (wet/cold or too hot) the children will eat indoors as usual.

PTA Friday lollies are back! on sale tomorrow after school 50p each

With this week’s newsletter:
- Movie and Munch booking form

Headteacher
Hitchin Schools Fair in the Square

This Saturday! 10am – 2pm

Thank you to everyone filled their cups. Fair in the Square is taking place in Market Square in Hitchin town centre THIS SATURDAY from 10am-2pm. Please come along and support the event and our tombola stall.

We are short of volunteers for Saturday, can you help by doing an hours slot? Please let Nicola Allenby or Dee Soden know if you're free to help, or email the PTA on pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk.

Bags2school: next FRIDAY 13th MAY

Additional bags can be obtained from the school office. You can also use black bin bags if it's easier. Please have a search at home, to see if you have anything you have finished with to donate.

You don't need to fill a whole bag, every little helps.

Bags2School accept clothes, bedding (not pillows or duvets), soft toys, hats, belts and paired shoes - don't worry if they are past their best, they can still be put in the sack. It's a great way to recycle and raise money. We are paid by weight so the more we get, the more we earn.

We receive £400 per tonne for school funds!

Please return your bag to the village green opposite the Church, any time before 9am on Friday 13th May. Thank you for your support.

MOVIE AND MUNCH

Monday 16th May

We’re showing the popular film 'Inside Out'. After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school. Booking form with today's newsletter. Please note the short turnaround time, booking forms need to be returned by: WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY

CLASS 2 CAKE DAY

The recent Cake Day raised a fantastic £82.30! Thank you so much to the Class 2 families for supplying the cakes & to everyone who bought some!

St. Ippolyts School Family Fun Run

Sunday 22nd May

10.00am Start for runners/joggers
10.45am Start for the Family Fun Run

Don't forget to return Family Run Booking form by Friday 13th May

For those of you who are training hard, we are now at Workout 7. Keep going!

You never know you might get the running bug & it could be you running the London Marathon next year!!!!

Workout 1:
Brisk five-minute warmup walk, then jog 2.5 miles (or 25 minutes).

Workout 2:
Brisk five-minute warmup walk, then jog 2.5 miles (or 25 minutes).

Workout 3:
Brisk five-minute warmup walk, then jog 2.5 miles (or 25 minutes).