



St Ippolyts CE (Aided) Primary School



Newsletter

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Happy New Year

A very warm welcome back to everyone, I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for the busy term ahead. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Holmes to the team today as she joins us as our new Nursery Nurse in Class 1; do say hello and introduce yourself if you spot her at the gate. On behalf of all the staff in school, **thank you** for your kind wishes, Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts at the end of term, they were very much appreciated by us all. This term we have lots of busy times ahead of us and an up to date diary date list has been included on the back of the newsletter today.

'PROJECT 170'

24th AND 25th JANUARY 2017

'Project 170' is our name for this year's Arts Days. We are going on an historical journey through the decades by looking at and learning about significant artists during the 170-year period that our school has been open. As usual for our busy arts days we would be very grateful for any additional pairs of hands to help us with our workshops and there is a volunteer form coming home today if you are able to offer any help. As in previous years the children's work from the arts days will be forming an exhibition in the main entrance which you will be able to come and view at our next Open Session on Monday 6th February.

Online Payments Jan 2017

We are now able to accept online payments for school things such as dinners, trips, swimming and Early Bird club through 'School Gateway' using the website or smartphone app. Please note that payments for PTA events or other fundraising things will not be able to go through the online service and payments will need to continue by cash or cheque. **If you have any queries about how it works please speak to Mrs Rule or Miss Webb in the office and please do bear with us while we get to grips with it - a few teething issues are almost inevitable!**

Reception 2017 Application deadline

Families wishing to apply for a reception place for September 2017 are reminded that the deadline is fast approaching: 15th January 2017. **It is vital that all online applications are made on time; those made after the closing date are ranked as 'late' which means they are placed last on the list after all other applications, regardless of being a sibling or living close to the school.** Please also remember to complete a school form (SIF) which are available from the office as well as the online application.

A reminder about shoes

Our school uniform policy lists sensible black shoes for boys and black or navy shoes for girls. **School shoes should not be boots, ankle boots or trainers.** At this time of year, you may wish your child to wear boots or wellies for walking to/from school; this is absolutely fine, but please can you make sure that they have their school shoes to change into on arrival and that their boots/wellies are named. Thank you.

Curriculum Information

The class curriculum information leaflets for the spring term will be sent home with next week's newsletter.

IMPORTANT: PE KITS

At this time of year when the weather is changeable, children need **both indoor and outdoor PE kits in school** for PE lessons and after school clubs. For indoor PE in the hall children cannot wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings as they are a safety risk due to slipping on the apparatus.

Indoor: Navy blue shorts, white T shirt, bare feet

Outdoor: Navy blue tracksuit bottoms/leggings, white T shirt, navy blue hoodie or sweatshirt, well-fitting trainers or plimsolls.

A reminder also that long hair must be tied back for sports and jewellery must not be worn. If earrings cannot be removed parents are asked to provide their child with micropore tape to cover them with.

Could you be a classroom helper?

We are looking for volunteers to help in classes on a regular, weekly basis to assist with admin tasks, changing reading books, helping in lessons, hearing children read and so on. If you could spare a regular weekly slot, please do get in touch with the office; we would love to hear from you! (Please be aware that you may not be in your own child's class). Thank you!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will start the **week beginning 16th January** and the sign up letter will come home early next week.

Class 4 Swimming

Class 4 swimming commences on Monday; please ensure children have their kits/towels/swimming hat etc and an inhaler if needed. **Children should not wear jewellery/earrings on swimming days to prevent loss of items.**

With this week's newsletter:

- Project 170 volunteer form

R Peddie
Headteacher

Spring term 2017 Diary Dates

January

5 th	Term begins
12 th	Y4 Sporting Futures cricket event
16 th	After school clubs begin
18 th	Choir – Young Voices at the O2
19 th	10.45am Late arrival (optional) for choir after O2
20 th	Class 4 Assembly 2.30pm
24 th & 25 th	Project 170 Arts Days
30 th	Themed School Dinner for Chinese New Year



February

3 rd	Class 3 Cake Day
6 th	OPEN SESSION 3.30 – 6.30pm
9 th	Football match – home TBC
10 th	Class 3 Assembly 2.30pm
10 th	Finish for half term 3.15pm
20 th	Back to school
20 th	Choir at Princess Helena College
23 rd	Sporting Futures Sports Hall athletics Y456 TBC
28 th	Shrove Tuesday

March

2 nd	World Book Day – costume needed!
3 rd	PTA Spring Disco 5.30 – 7.00pm
6 th – 10 th	SPRING TERM ASSESSMENT WEEK
13 th	Last week of clubs
15 th	MUSIC EVENING 6pm
17 th	Class 2 Assembly 2.30pm
23 rd	PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6.00pm
24 th	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
27 th	PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6.00pm
30 th	Easter Service 9.15am
31 st	END OF TERM 2pm

Back to school for Summer term Tuesday 18th April 2017