



# Newsletter

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## A fabulous World Book Day!

We have had a wonderful day in school today celebrating our love of books! Lots of fun was had by all at the costume parade this morning and as ever there have been some *amazingly* imaginative costumes - **thank you** to you all for your fantastic efforts in the fancy dress department!

There were some excellent entries for the book fair competition too and the children will be able to use their World Book Day tokens at the book fair *before and after school tomorrow and Monday*.

The highlight of this year's World Book Day has undoubtedly been spending the day with children's author, Alexander Martin, who has entertained us with his stories about cat detective, **Stanley Smartpants**. He shared some of his top tips for story writing which the children have found very useful as well as amusing! If you want to find out more about the Stanley Smartpants series, visit [www.stanleysmartpants.co.uk](http://www.stanleysmartpants.co.uk) where you can learn all about the characters and much more.

Keep an eye on the school website for photographs from today.



## Shrove Tuesday

Once again, we enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday in school this week. To get us thinking in Collective Worship on Monday we thought about the history, origins and traditions of Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent. Then on Tuesday we had our pancake race on the school playground – it was very exciting! Congratulations to Miss Ingle's team who were once again victorious for 2017! A big thank you to our Governor, Mrs Scott, for making the pancakes and to all the staff and governors who were good sports and took part too. At lunchtime we had yummy pancakes for pudding too so it was a great day. Photos on the website!



## Lenten promises

In Collective Worship on Monday we talked about the tradition of Lent and how Christians use this time to fast, pray and do good deeds for others. We have a tree of 'Lenten Promises' in school where children can write their pledge for Lent on a leaf for the tree. Adults are most welcome to add to the tree too so if you would like to take part, do please pop in and collect a leaf or ask your child to take one home for you.



## Class 2 assembly

Parents of children in Class 2 are warmly invited to join us for assembly on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 2.30pm**. The PTA will be serving tea and coffee to parents after the assembly so please do stay in the warm until the children come out of school.

## Music Evening

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017: 6.00 – 7.30pm

### Ticket Information

Preparations are well underway for our music evening; thank you to everyone who has signed up. There are a lot of children performing in the music evening so space is very limited. For this reason we have issued **two named tickets** to each family who has children participating in the concert. If you do not require both tickets please return any that you do not need; please do not give any of your ticket allocation to other families, we will distribute any surplus to families requesting a possible extra. **Please note that we cannot accommodate other children or babies to watch the performance and ask that you make alternative childcare arrangements for their supervision.** The children in school will all have seen the show in school time. Whilst we don't charge for tickets, there will be the usual collection at the end of the performance to help support our music provision here at St Ippolyts. We would be very grateful for any donations which will go directly towards the purchase of new instruments, music stands, performance licences and other musical resources. We hope you have a wonderful evening's entertainment watching the talented St Ippolyts children!

## Spring Term Assessment Week

This term's assessments will take place **next week**. Please avoid medical/dental appointments or absences if at all possible. Many thanks.

## After school: please read

**Please could all parents ensure that children do not play around the safety barrier whilst waiting at the end of the school day. Recently we have noticed that some pre-schoolers have been running under the barrier and in some cases even swinging from it. Not only is this an obvious safety issue, it would also be very costly to repair if the barrier was damaged. May I also politely remind everyone that children should not be running around on the grass under the trees or playing on the adventure trail after school. We would be very grateful for your cooperation, many thanks.**

## Crossing patrol: important

Please be aware that there will be no lollipop crossing patrol at the bottom of the hill until further notice; Mrs Stokes will be off school for several weeks following an operation and we send her our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery. If your child walks home independently, please talk to them about using the pelican crossing safely. Many thanks.

With this week's newsletter:

- Music Evening tickets (for children participating)
- Movie and Munch booking form
- World Book Day book token (can be used at Book Fair)

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