



# Newsletter

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## Mrs Stannard

After almost 20 years as our amazing Nursery Nurse at St Ippolyts, I have to share the sad news (for us) that Mrs Stannard will be retiring at Christmas. Mrs Stannard has seen generations of children move through the school and been a key figure in Class 1 helping our Reception pupils through their first year of schooling and beyond. We will be **very** sorry to see her go but know she is really looking forward to spending more time with her family and young grandchildren. We will be recruiting for a replacement member of staff and I will keep you updated when I have further information.

## Parent Consultations

This week you will receive a letter about our forthcoming parent consultation evenings. On the letter we have split each session into two so that you can express a preference for an earlier or a later slot. However, please do not write requests for specific times on the form as these cannot be accommodated. Reply slips need to be returned to school by next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November and appointment times will be sent home by next Friday. For those families new to the school, consultations take place in the main hall and your child's tray of books/work will be there for you to look at before/after your appointment. Also a reminder that clubs run by teaching staff will not take place on parent consultation days although weather permitting, Mr Jefferies' clubs will still take place.

## Family Week

We are delighted to see that so many of you have signed up to take part in our Family Week next week. Do remember that another adult relative or family friend can come in your place if you are unable to attend yourself.



On the afternoon of your child's family week session, please come via the main entrance where you will need to sign in. The session will **start at 1.15pm** and we hope you have a fantastic time!

## SATs Evening for Y6 children and Parents

Now that Mrs Stewart is back in school, this has been rescheduled for **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm in the hall**; we do hope you can still make it. It is a very helpful session so that Year 6 parents know what will be happening with regards to Y6 testing this year.

## Class 5 Assembly

Class 5 parents are warmly invited to join us for the Class 5 assembly **on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm**. We do hope you enjoy hearing all about what the children have been learning so far this term. After the assembly the PTA will be serving refreshments so please do stay for a coffee and a chat until the children come out of school at 3.15pm.

## Class 5 trip to the Poppy Factory

Last Friday Class 5 spent a really interesting day at The Poppy Factory in Richmond. They learned all about the history behind the poppy appeal and got to see the factory in action; they even made their own poppies and were able to assist some of the workers making wreaths. Due to the timing of this trip, we were also really lucky to see the royal wreath-maker in action making wreaths for the service at the cenotaph on Sunday and also the border of poppies that surrounds the tomb of the unknown warrior in Westminster Abbey. There are some photos on the school website.

## Important! Early Bird Club

Recently some children have been arriving for Early Bird Club **without being booked in advance**. Whilst we can sometimes accommodate occasional use of the club if there is a space, **this is not always the case as some days are at full capacity**. Please ensure you have contacted the school the day before to check if there is space before coming to school.

We have also noticed that some children are being dropped off outside school and are coming in alone. Please could parents ensure that they are accompanied right up until handover to Early Bird staff. Bookings are now being taken for the Spring Term. Booking forms can be collected from the school office, from the Early Bird staff or downloaded from the school website.

## Children in Need 18<sup>th</sup> November

To support Children in Need, this year children are invited to go 'dotty and spotty' in return for a donation to the appeal. **Children are still expected to wear school uniform** but can accessorise it – for example, a spotty tie instead of a school tie, spotty socks, spotty hair bands, a bandana etc. **No face paints or coloured hair please**. We will also be selling spotty biscuits at breaktime for 20p so children can bring extra if they would like to buy one.



I can't believe it's bauble-time again already, I'd better get my pens at the ready! Please see the letter coming home today. **Please place orders ASAP as it is a big job to have them all done in time**. Many thanks.

## BOOK FAIR COMPETITION

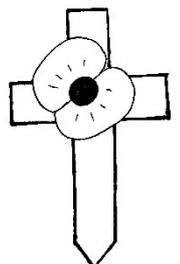
The autumn book fair is coming soon and today the children have brought home a letter with full details about the competition to win a £5 book token to spend at the fair. The book fair is open to the public too, so please spread the word amongst your friends, relatives and neighbours who might like to come along and do some Christmas shopping!

## Please help us protect our hall floor!

With lots of school events approaching such as the Book Fair, Parent Consultations, the Christmas Fair, C1 Nativity and so on, please may I remind parents that **footwear with kitten or stiletto heels must not be worn in our school hall**. Our hall has a specialist sprung floor for gym and is very expensive to maintain and repair. In the summer of 2014 it was renovated and re-sanded at considerable cost, and already is showing signs of footwear damage. I would be really grateful if you could also pass this message on to other relatives who may also be attending school events. Many thanks for your cooperation.

With this week's newsletter:

- Book fair competition
- Baubles order form
- Parent consultations letter
- Bags to school bag
- Christmas Fair volunteer form
- Raffle tickets for Christmas Fair



R Peddie  
Headteacher

# CHRISTMAS FAIR 2016

**Friday 2nd December 3.15 - 5.30pm.**

This event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we need YOUR support to help make it a success. We need parent helpers to wrap presents, staff stalls, bake cakes, etc. Please see the form coming home today asking for volunteers. Please be generous with your time, many hands make light work and children love to see their parents involved at school!

We need donations of good quality 'unwanted gifts' for the secrets room and raffle. (The secrets room offers children the opportunity to shop for Christmas presents for family members). Be careful what you donate you may get it back!

We also need good quality used toys & books. These items can be brought into school from Monday 28th November. Donations of cakes, biscuits and savoury snacks can be brought in on the day.

We are holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 23rd November in exchange for donations for the tombola stalls. We would be grateful for the following donations on Nov 23rd: Classes 1 and 2 - chocolate items for the chocolate tombola. Classes 3, 4 and 5 bottles for our bottle tombola.

## Bags2School

Could you spare an hour this week, to deliver bags for 'bags2school' to houses in the village? If you are able to help please either e-mail (pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk) or leave a message in the office.

**COLLECTION : THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**  
**Bags coming home today**

## Christmas Fair RAFFLE TICKETS

Your child is bringing home raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair today. Tickets are 30p each, £1.50 per book. Please help to raise funds for school by selling as many tickets as possible, there will be lots of great prizes. Extra raffle tickets are available from the office if you can sell more. Please return ticket stubs & money to the school office by 30th November. Thank you.

## BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Coming soon is the Scholastic book fair on Friday 25th and Monday 28th November. We'd really appreciate volunteers to help at this event before and after school on both dates. Please email pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk if you can help. Alternatively, you can speak to Giselle Gimblett or Jessica Willcox who are kindly co-ordinating this event.

The book fair is open to the public. Please let family and friends know that it's happening. We have a great selection of children's books, that would make great Christmas presents.

## Easyfundraising donation reminder

Never miss a free donation with the Donation Reminder!

If you think you might forget to use Easyfundraising when you shop, then the Donation Reminder will help you. It provides a little reminder every time you shop online. Over 150,000 supporters use it. It's free with no annoying ads -<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raisemore/donation-reminder/>