



Newsletter

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Goodbye Year 6!

Yesterday we spent a very emotional afternoon over at Church for our annual Leavers Service. I know I say similar every year, but this year's Year 6s have been

especially amazing.

They have worked so hard and we have watched them grow into self-assured, confident, young people; we could not be more proud of them as they fly the nest.

I know they all have many talents to share at their secondary schools, be it in music, drama, sport or academic, and we look forward to hearing how they get on in years to come. I know that they are ready to face lots of exciting new opportunities and will make many new friends and have some fantastic times ahead of them.

We are also waving goodbye to a number of parents who have been at the school for many

years. Thank you for your support throughout the years and we look forward to hearing how your wonderful children are getting on!

Year 6, go for your dreams, the sky is the limit - we will miss you!

Good Luck and God Bless to each of you.

William
Rosa
Curtis
Frank
Kiera
Joseph
Travis
Daniel
Youssef
Madeline
Liv
Max

Eleanor
Mattise
Ben
Daisy
Kai
Mercedes
Euan T
Veritie
Lily
Euan Mc
Harriet
Finley



HAPPY RETIREMENT MRS JONES

Today we also wave goodbye to our longest serving Teaching Assistant, Mrs Jones. She thought she had done 25 years with us but we have discovered it's actually almost 30! We are so grateful for all Mrs Jones has contributed to St Ippolyts School during that time and we send her on her way with our love and prayers for a long, happy retirement.

MORE GOODBYES

Good luck to Miss Ellis who has been working in Class1 this term. Miss Ellis has a new job as a Forest Schools Leader and I know she will be fantastic!

Lots of love and best wishes to Mrs Hoar as we wave a temporary goodbye as she starts her maternity leave; we are excited to hear about the new arrival early in September

Attendance Awards

In our final Collective Worship this morning, 51 children received 100% attendance awards for the summer term. We also had 14 children receive a medal for 100% all year, which is utterly amazing. Well done everyone!

Dates for next term & beyond

The diary dates will be sent home at the beginning of term as usual; however if you need them sooner than that, over the holidays I will update the calendar on the school website with all the dates set so far.

Thank you...

...to everyone who has supported our school over the past year:

Our Governing Body, particularly Mrs Thake the Chair, who provides such excellent support and leadership for the school. Much of what the Governors do is 'behind the scenes' but there is rarely a week goes by without a meeting or task of some description and they all give of their time voluntarily ~ thank you Governors!

Our FANTASTIC and dedicated PTA committee who work tirelessly to host an array of events and raise such valuable funds ~ you are our unsung heroes! Special thanks to Lucy French, Victoria Williams, Dee Soden, Louise Massie and Helen Twomey. The work of the PTA makes SUCH a difference to what we offer in school and we are so grateful for your involvement however big or small. Just take a look on the back page to see how much has been raised this year!

To you as parents for all the support you give to the school through working in partnership with us to achieve the best outcomes for your children, your input is vital. Thank you especially to those of you who have helped in class, at special events, sports fixtures or on trips.

Last but by no means least, the staff. We have a fantastic team of dedicated professionals who always give 100%. St Ippolyts School is so lucky to have them all. So **THANK YOU** to all the staff; they deserve a well-earned sleep over the summer!

Parent Questionnaire 2018

Thank you to all of you who returned completed parent questionnaires; we received 55 responses by the deadline. With this week's newsletter, you will receive an analysis of the results and the staff and Governors will be studying your feedback in depth when we are working on the School Development Plan for 2018 – 2019. If you returned your form after the deadline, your responses are not included in the analysis as I had a very tight timeframe in which to do it, but your completed form will of course be looked at and your views taken into consideration.

Happy Holidays!

A reminder that the autumn term begins for children on **TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**. I wish you all a restful summer break, and look forward to seeing you all back in September for another busy year.

R Peddie
Headteacher



2017 - 2018 review of the year!

September

Welcome to new children in Class 1
Welcome to Miss Gale & Miss Massie
Class 1 Parents Coffee Morning
Class 1 Curriculum Evening
Luke Temple visit
Harvest Festival

October

Open Session
Rugby day Y4
Hedgehog Day
Girls football rally
C6 assembly
Boys football rally
Movie and Munch
C4 Sporting Futures On Tour
Photographs
SATs information evening for parents
Table tennis tournament
C6 cake day
Choir music day at PFC
SF Cross Country event

November

Basketball tournament
Reading Evening
Y6 Transition conference
Assessment Week
PTA AGM
Fire engine visit to Class 1
PGL meeting for parents
Christmas Shoebox Appeal
Remembrance Day
Bag 2 School collection
Family Week
Football league matches
C5 cake day
Children in Need Appeal
C2 Mini Olympics
Parent Consultations
Class 5 Assembly
Stir Up Sunday
Rural schools football tournament
Non uniform day for Christmas Fair
Book Fair

December

PTA Christmas Fair
Crib festival visit
Class 1 Nativity
Christmas Dinner
Choir singing at local Nursing Homes
Carol Service in Church
Christmas Parties with Disco

January

Christingle Service
C4 Cake Day
Y2 SATs info evening
Y3/4 cricket tournament
Indian Arts Days
Girls football rally
C4 Mini Olympics

February

Art exhibition
Ofsted inspection
Open Session
Y6 parent consultations
Safer Internet Day
Shrove Tuesday
C4 trip to Verulamium
Y5/6 Athletics festival
Book Fair
Y5 inter-school maths challenge

March

World Book Day
C3 Cake Day
Football Wix cup final
Assessment Week
Sport Relief
Y4 football rally
Netball rally
Choir at The Royal Albert Hall
Science Days
Movie & Munch
Parent Consultations
Football A & B Team rallies
Trampoline team National Finals
C5 Dance Festival at the Gordon Craig
The Easter Journey
Easter Service

April

Science workshop Y5
C3 trip to RAF Hendon
Class 2 cake day
PTA Spring Disco

May

Non uniform day for fair in the square
Hitchin Schools Fair in the Square
SATs Assessment Week Y2 & Y6
Y6 SATs Breakfast Club
Hockey tournament
Tennis tournament
C2 Assembly
C3 Assembly
C4 trip to RSPB Rye Meads
Golf tournament
Y5 Science trip to Sartorius

May cont...

Bag2School collection
PTA Quiz Night
School Journey meeting for parents
Sports Day
Bishop of Hertford visit
Auditions
Talent Show

June

Whole school Matilda theatre trip
Y5/6 School Journey to Osmington Bay
School Journey Assembly
Assessment week
Y1 Phonics check
Athletics Tournament at Ridlins
Kwik cricket tournament
Class 1 Cake Day
Class Photographs
Y6 magistrate visit
Music assembly
Pentathlon at PFC
Lacrosse tournament
Sports Awards evening
Non uniform day for summer fair
PTA Summer disco
Rehearsals!
PTA Summer Fair

July

Y6 trip to Crucial Crew
SATs results Y6
Annual Reports to parents
Hockey finals
KS2 Rounders tournament
KS1 Rounders tournament
Mystery at Maggie Manor
Induction Day & Y6 Secondary
Transfer
Staff v Leavers Rounders Match
Y6 Leavers Barbecue
Leavers Service

Not forgetting

Swimming, PTA meetings, Wider Opportunities Keyboard sessions, music tuition, after school clubs, school council, Governors meetings, cookery, gardening, lesson observations, staff training courses... AND OF COURSE LESSONS!

**No wonder everyone
looks a little tired!
Another fantastic year -
enjoy a well-earned rest
and a fabulous summer!**

Term dates

2018 -2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018	
3 rd September	INSET Day, no school for children
4 th September	Term Begins for children
29 th Oct – 2 nd Nov	Half term
21 st December	END OF TERM 2pm
SPRING TERM 2019	
7 th January	INSET Day, no school for children
8 th January	Term Begins
18 th – 22 nd Feb	Half term
5 th April	END OF TERM 2pm
SUMMER TERM 2019	
23 rd April	INSET Day, no school for children
24 th April	Term Begins
27 th - 31 st May	Half term
19 th July	END OF TERM for children 2pm
22 nd July	INSET Day, no school for children
23 rd July	INSET Day, no school for children
24 th July	Occasional Day, school closed
School year comprised of: 190 school days, 5 INSET (Training) Days and 1 Occasional day	
IMPORTANT NOTE:	
<i>ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL UNTIL 2PM ON 19TH JULY 2018. No absence will be authorised at the end of the summer term.</i>	

Very occasionally, term dates and INSET days may need to be changed. We will notify parents well in advance should this be the case.

Holidays should not be taken during term time; such absences will not be authorised. This includes days 'tagged on' to the beginning and end of school terms; these absences will also not be authorised.

2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS

with your incredible donations, hard work, and support for the PTA. Here is a summary of what you've achieved, and how the children have benefitted...

Disco dazzled!

The children (*with, ahem, financial support from parents!*) have flossed their way to an incredible £480.60 in the past 12 months

Great moves!

UNsung HERO SPECIAL MENTION

Louise Massie, the volunteer treasurer for the PTA, efficiently and accurately counts, banks, records and accounts for the small change gathered in by the fundraising efforts, week in and week out. This crucial role has been carried out by Louise for 2 years.

Thank you Louise!

MARVELLOUS MATILDA!

The trip to the theatre to see the amazing stage production of Matilda, was only possible with your donations throughout the year. The trip was subsidised by £3000

**THE CHRISTMAS FAIR AND THE SUMMER FAIR WERE GREAT FUN AND FUNDRAISING BARNSTORMERS!
THEY RAISED AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF £2620!**

(please note, the Summer Fair figures are still coming in so this total isn't final)

A page-turning block-buster

As well as a great chance to buy books at reduced prices, the book fair sales have raised an incredible £1068 worth of books for the school

?????? QUIZ NIGHT ??????

A hugely successful, great fun and really well supported event. Thank you everyone who got involved, you raised £515.42!

EACH CLASS RECEIVED £300

THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, FOR TEACHERS TO USE TO SUPPORT IN-CLASS LEARNING.

That Thursday night baking / dash to the shop has been worth it, the class cake days have raised £483.98



and we enjoyed your magnificent baking at the Great St Ippolyts Bake off! Many congratulations to all the winners and runners up - thank you everyone who took part.

The captivating, creative and incredibly popular **Indian Arts Days** were made possible with PTA funding of £1245.61

Waitrose donated £333

'BAGS TO SCHOOL'

Keep bringing in your old clothes: this year we raised £260!

Mrs Sheldrake kindly donated £100 towards the disco costs

THE PTA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING RAISED £110!

Christmas cards raised £78.10

Easy Fundraising raised £126.11 Without anybody donating a penny..!

FAIR IN THE SQUARE & FRIDAY ICE LOLLIES TBC...

In Autumn 2017 the PTA funded school play equipment with a one-off payment of £1000

We'd like to say goodbye and thank you to those parents whose children are moving on from St Ippolyts School, we really appreciate the support you've given to the PTA.

THANK YOU AND A GREAT SUMMER TO ALL!

DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF ALL MONIES RAISED AND SPENT DURING THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR BY ST IPPOLYTS SCHOOL PTA WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR THE PTA AGM IN THE 2018 AUTUMN TERM