



# NEWSLETTER



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# February

It's February half term already, meaning that we are now halfway through this academic year! Time seems to have flown since September and despite a few Covid-related bumps in the road, it has been fantastic to see children thriving in school and loving learning.

When we return after half term, we will initially come back into bubbles to give us a chance to assess the impact of half term mixing/holidays etc on cases in school. It is then our aim to return to our usual timetable from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February although this is entirely dependent upon the Covid situation at the time. Fingers crossed!

It would be a good idea to do a lateral flow test on your child before coming back to school after half term, especially if you have been on holiday or mixing in busy places. This would really help to prevent cases starting again in school; thank you in advance for helping with this.

## YOUNG WORSHIP

### Compassion

On Monday, the Young Worship group rounded off our value of Compassion by planning and leading a fabulous Collective Worship. They read the story of The Good Samaritan and sang 'Cross Over the Road' beautifully. They also included prayers, reflections, a fantastic poem and some thought provoking questions. Well done Young Worship!



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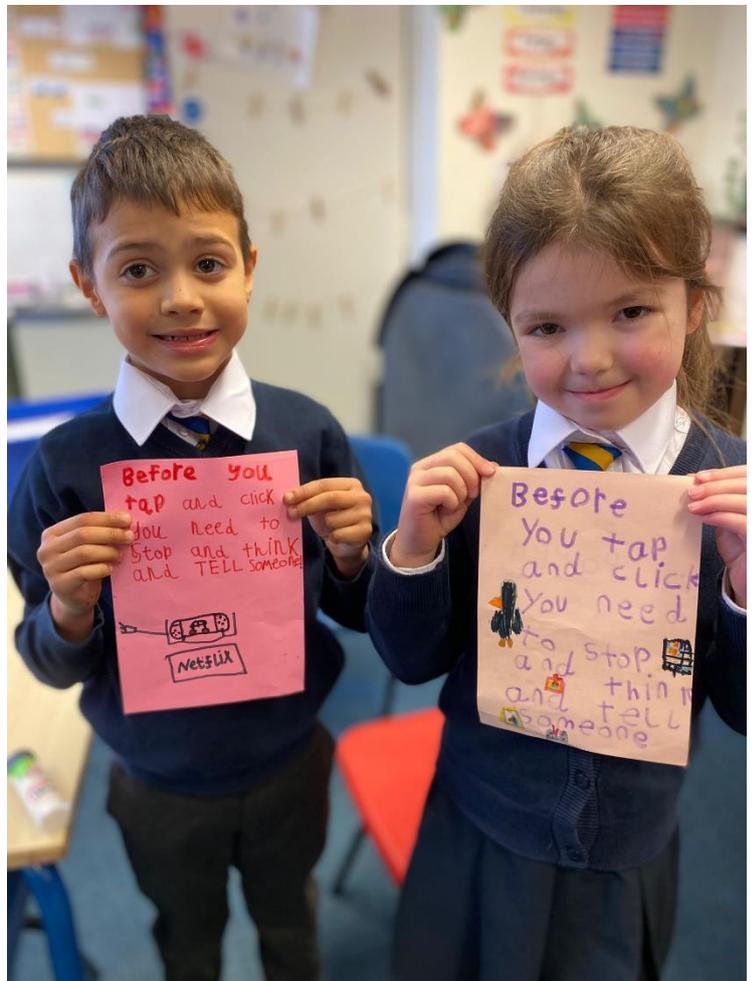
ALL FUN AND GAMES ?

Exploring respect and  
relationships online

This week the children have been learning about Internet Safety, especially when using online games and chat functions.

For some really useful information about online safety, visit

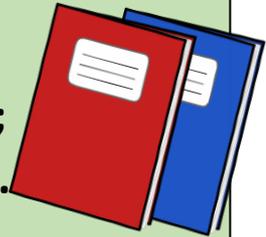
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## OPEN SESSIONS



Thank you for coming to this week's Open Sessions; we do hope you found it useful to come into school.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

## Advance notice for costume planning purposes!

World Book Day is one of the highlights of the school year at St Ippolyts and this year takes place on **Thursday 3rd March**.

Everyone in school dresses up as a story character and the children take part in a fancy dress parade in the morning with prizes for the most inventive or original costumes. We spend the whole day on book-related activities, and it is always lots of fun.

We really missed being able to spend World Book Day together last year so this year feels extra special!

# Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-5pm

## MOVIE AND MUNCH

Our Movie and Munch(es) will be taking place in classrooms with the teachers. All children will be provided with a drink and snack whilst enjoying watching their film.

Class 1 movie: Lego Batman (U)

Class 2 movie: The Smurfs -The Last Village (U)

Class 3 movie: Peter Pan (U)

Class 4 movie: Luca (U)

Class 5 movie: Over the Moon (U)

Class 6 movie: Dog Gone Trouble (U)

At the end of the session, **children will be dismissed by teachers at their usual collection points**. If you have children in more than one class attending, teachers will supervise your child until you get from one collection point to another.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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## How to book your Movie and Munch tickets

1. Visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps) and register with the website, or log-in if you are already registered.
2. From the What's On menu, choose 'Movie and Munch', how many tickets you need and click 'Checkout'.
3. You will then be asked details about your child, their class and any allergies they have.
4. Once you have paid, your child will be added to the list and you will receive an email. They don't need to bring this with them on the day, but please keep a copy of it until after the event.
5. Please contact [pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk) if you have any queries.
6. Please book your tickets by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** so that we can buy the snacks!

# THIS WEEK'S REPORT FROM OUR PUPIL JOURNALIST, ROSE

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## Internet Safety Day

This Tuesday was Internet Safety Day. Although we call it Internet Safety Day, we should be practicing internet safety whenever we are on the internet.

This year, we are focusing on how to stay safe on online gaming. We talked about usernames and how we shouldn't use our actual names. This is because our names are part of our personal information and it is important not to put that where anyone can see it.

We also looked at the chats, where people can post comments to each other. These comments can sometimes be mean and if you get one of those it is important to tell a trusted adult. Some comments are called 'whispers' when gaming and only certain people can see them. There can sometimes be popups, which might say something like 'Double coins here!'. Do take care as they may not do what they say they will, so you shouldn't click them. Passwords shouldn't be shared as this gives someone the opportunity to hack your account. Sometimes it will say to download something, but before you do, you need to ask an adult, as it may not be safe.

### ***Forms of online bullying are:***

- ***Mean comments***
- ***Chatting about other people without them knowing (whispering)***
- ***Putting people under pressure in the game***

If someone is getting bullied online, then the best thing for them to do is to take a screenshot and tell a trusted adult. They should always tell someone as it is not right for people to get away with bullying.

On certain games there will be age limits and they are there for a reason, to keep us safe. You need to obey age limits as they are there to help and prevent cyber bullying as well as other aspects of staying safe online.

# Diary Dates for next half term

New additions or changes are highlighted

FEBRUARY		
21 <sup>st</sup>	OCCASIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school	Please note there is no Netball club this day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3/4 Football Tournament	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Movie and Munch 3.30-5.00pm	Bookings now open
MARCH		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shrove Tuesday	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day	Costume needed
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Assessment Week	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of clubs	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Science Day	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Science Day	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Consultations this week	Format TBC
21 <sup>st</sup>	No Clubs this week	
25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Spring Disco 5.30-7.00pm	TBC *depending on Covid situation
28 <sup>th</sup>	No clubs this week	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Service	Format TBC
APRIL		
1 <sup>st</sup>	End of term 2pm	Please note early finish
19 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day for staff	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Summer term begins	

A reminder that school closes for half term tomorrow at the usual time of 3.15pm.

The spring term recommences on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Have a great week!

# From Hertfordshire County Council

Ahead of February half-term, we'd like to say thank you once again for continuing to play your part and for helping to keep yourselves and others safe from COVID-19.

If you're **travelling abroad this half-term** be sure to check and follow COVID-19 guidance for your country of travel and on re-entering the UK, you can find the latest travel guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-abroad-from-england-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

**Get vaccinated** - vaccination continues to offer the best protection for ourselves and others around us from becoming seriously ill from COVID-19.

There are lots of walk-in options available locally for first, second doses and boosters, you can find your nearest vaccination centre and also book an appointment at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/>

**Young people aged 12-18** yet to receive their COVID-19 vaccination(s) don't need to wait for a visit to their school or setting. You can find out more, including walk-in options for clinics for young people, and book at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>

## **Half term COVID-19 'Relax and Vax' sessions for nervous teenagers**

Five of the larger vaccination centres across Hertfordshire and west Essex are running 'Relax and Vax' sessions during half-term week aimed supporting 12 to 18-year-olds who are nervous about having their COVID-19 vaccine.

Specially trained staff will be on hand to help overcome worries like a fear of needles and answer any other concerns using simple and clinically effective relaxation techniques to help reduce tension and support them through the process. Children aged 12-15 need to be accompanied by a consenting parent or carer and just mention they're nervous on arrival so that the staff can make adjustments and they're given plenty of time and support.

You can find a list of participating venues and times at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/>

People under 18 who have recently had COVID-19 must wait 12 weeks before having their vaccination.

**Test regularly** – 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 don't display symptoms. Regular rapid testing at home can help to prevent transmission. Find out all the ways to get home test kits (LFD tests) at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest)

Stay at home – if you have symptoms stay at home and book or order a PCR test online at: [www.nhs.uk/get-tested](http://www.nhs.uk/get-tested)

If you test positive you must self-isolate for the required period and not have people visit you at home. There is support available to help people who need it to self-isolate, call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or visit [www.hertshelp.net](http://www.hertshelp.net)

**Please don't send children and young people back to school following half-term if they have any symptoms or feel unwell. There continues to be a high number of outbreaks across Hertfordshire's childcare, nurseries, schools, special schools and colleges – they need your support to help protect our communities and have the least disruption to children's learning and development as possible.**

**We hope you enjoy a healthy and safe half-term, Hertfordshire County Council**