



WELCOME BACK!

A warm welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I do hope you all managed to enjoy the half term break, despite the challenging weather. School escaped relatively unscathed, with just a few roof tiles dislodged. I hope that we are now on a fast track to spring and some warmer days ahead.



COVID UPDATE

You will no doubt be aware that today, the last remaining Covid restrictions are being lifted. What this means in practice is that many of the arrangements (such as isolation for positive cases) are no longer a *legal* requirement but remain advisory.

We are currently reviewing the updated government advice and adapting our risk assessment so I will send out relevant details as soon as possible. Schools are still required to have Outbreak Management Plans in place, ready to implement in the event of another outbreak, and we will still be using some key safety measures such as ventilation and handwashing.

As planned, from Monday 28th February, we will be returning to our usual timetable and removing the double bubble arrangements. This means that children will have more opportunities to mix at break and lunchtimes, we can reinstate buddies and start to reintroduce whole-school worship in the hall.

All being well, it also means we will be able to have our traditional World Book Day parade and the much-anticipated school disco. Fingers crossed that this signals the start of our return to normality...

IMPORTANT: EARRINGS

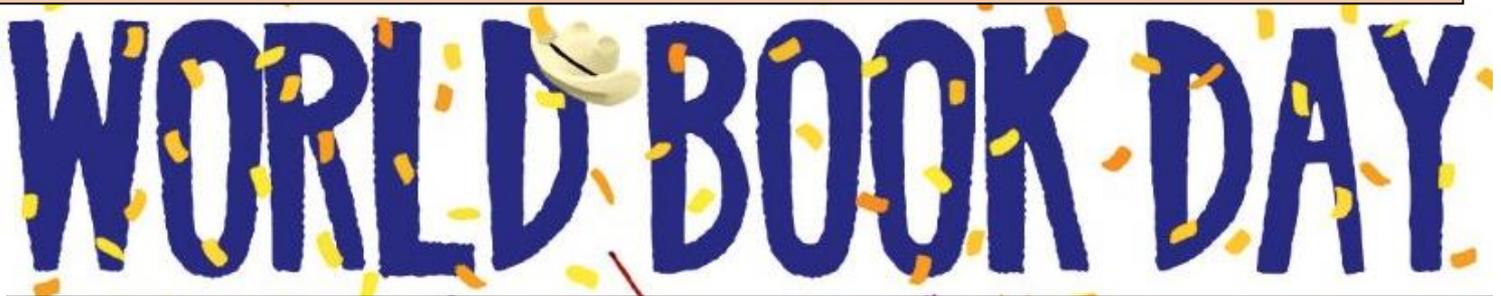
A reminder that only **STUD** earrings are allowed to be worn in school. Hoops must not be worn for safety reasons as they can cause horrific injuries if caught in clothing or play equipment.

Earrings must be removed for swimming and PE and children need to be able to do this independently. If earrings cannot be removed, they should be **covered with micropore tape** – please provide your child with a roll to keep in their PE bag for this.

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, a good time is always the beginning of the summer holidays so that the ears have time to heal and your child has several weeks to learn how to take care of them independently.

HAIR STYLES

Just a quick reminder that long hair (boys and girls) should be tied back for school. Plaits are especially effective for preventing the spread of head lice.

The logo for World Book Day features the words "WORLD BOOK DAY" in large, bold, blue, block letters. The text is decorated with yellow and orange confetti. A small, white, stylized character resembling a book or a hat is positioned above the letter "O" in "BOOK".

Next week!

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 28th February **5pm finish**

MOVIE AND MUNCH

Please collect your child from their usual hometime location

THIS WEEK'S REPORT FROM OUR PUPIL JOURNALIST, ROSE

JUST
breathe

On Tuesday, Class 6 had a surprise when Mrs Stewart led us into the hall for breathing lessons with a gentleman called Neelam. As part of maintaining our wellbeing, we have been given the chance to experience a four session program where we focus on breathing to calm us down and help us focus. Being in Year 6 can sometimes bring added responsibilities which at times means you can have much to think about. Breathing is one way which can help us.

The session also touched upon some scientific understanding. We talked about how when we breathe in our lungs expand and our diaphragm pushes down and when we breathe out, our lungs deflate and our diaphragm pushes up. When this is out of sync, it can cause hiccups. Bad breathing habits can make us feel a little tense or our breathing rate increases. Lifting your shoulders high when you breathe in can cause unnecessary tension in your body, which then can make you less focused causing us to learn less.

We shall let you know how the sessions are going and would like to thank Neelam for helping us. Mrs Stewart is joining in with the sessions too so we can reflect on this in class.



VALUES

Our new value for this next half term is **FORGIVENESS**.

In our Collective Worships we will be thinking about times when we make mistakes and need forgiveness from others, and how sometimes we will need to forgive other people who have hurt us too.



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SPORTS



On Wednesday, the Y5/6 football team played in the quarter final of the Wix Cup against Highover School. The team played really well and won their match 4-0. Well done!

Two teams of Y3 and Y4 children travelled to Baldock to compete in the rural schools football tournament – they played so well and came in 2nd and 3rd place – well done!