



### **Pupil Premium Grant**

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding from the Government to support pupils facing challenges to do their very best at school. These pupils might be from families with lower incomes, families facing unemployment or pupils who have been 'looked after'. This funding means that the school is given additional money for those eligible children to support their learning or development needs and to diminish differences with their peers. If you think you qualify, please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or call on 0300 123 4048.

### **Service Pupil Premium**

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service pupil premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant.

Service personnel with children (reception to year 11) in state schools in England should notify schools of their children's service status to ensure they are recorded prior to the next autumn census (first Thursday in October) in order to qualify for Service pupil premium.

### **ERIC Reading**

ERIC reading is back on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. This will be for all year groups and classes. Please report to your child's class at 2.55pm if you wish to come along and read with your child in class. If you have siblings in school in separate classes, then please go to one classroom first for ten minutes and then the second classroom for the remaining ten minutes. Please exit and enter via the outside of the building. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Read Write Inc**

Read Write Inc half termly formal assessments are due to take place before half term. All pupils are assessed daily in the lesson and staff have been contacting parents through the half term where changes have needed to be made. By half term, you will be informed of which group your child will be in.

### **World Mental Health Day**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 is world Mental Health Day. We want to invite all our students to wear something yellow this day. It can be a yellow top, yellow trousers, yellow socks, yellow hair bands. Whatever you have that is yellow is welcome on Monday, to help us all to recognise "It's ok not to be ok." Please do not go out and buy anything new, we would like to encourage our students to make something that is yellow. \*Uniform will be as normal on this day, just an item of yellow is what we ask for. For example, if you have a yellow jumper, this can be in place of your child's school jumper/cardigan. School trousers and shoes must be normal uniform. If, however, you have a full yellow outfit, top, trousers or even shoes, then this is welcome! The more creative the better! We will be celebrating this day with mindfulness in school.

### **Calendar Dates**

Please follow the link below which will take you to our school calendar. This is regularly updated for you all to refer to. <https://stmarysinfants.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar/>