

Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Míss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that the children have settled back in their current year groups after the excitement of transitioning up to their new classes and for our year 6 children their new schools. The staff were just as pleased with the outcome of the day and said how well all of the children modelled our school community values in being supportive of one another. Mrs Hillman and Mr Achilles were also pleased to have been able to share their first day at Hiltingbury with everyone and are now very much looking forward to the big move in September. During our next transition day, in a few weeks, the children will also be taken to their new classroom areas and will find out other details such as what gates they use across the school. The school will look different for the children when they return on the 5th September so we want to give them as much notice of these changes as possible.

Mrs Hartley and I have continued to enjoy all of the children's auditions this week. From gymnasts, musicians, singers to comedians we have seen it all! We have more auditions taking place next week and then we will announce in assembly on Tuesday 11th July who will be performing in the final variety show for everyone to enjoy.

Next week, we see another busy week, with a highlight of the year for many children, our Sports Day. If you are able to join us, we all know Mr Wright loves a Parent race, so be prepared and wear your fastest trainers! We have also invited all of our parents to a 'thank you coffee morning' which includes lots of planned entertainment including a sneaky insight into the year 6 production!

As I notified you earlier in the week there are two strike days planned for next week and as soon as I have any update I will share with you.

Tomorrow, Mrs Nurdin will be sharing her musical talents with our families at our annual Orchestra Day. Last year was the first time I was able to see this in action and I can't sing the praises enough of all of the children and parents who joined in. Creating a performance in a day is quite amazing! Thank you in advance to everyone who is joining us for the day.

Well done also to our musicians who have already been on stage this week. Mrs Butler always enjoys showcasing the talents of her performers and this year was even more special being her last one! Well done to our exceptional keyboard and piano players!

I can't quite believe I am saying it but enjoy the first weekend in July!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

House colour reminder: *If you are unsure which house your child is in, please do ask your class teacher or pop to the office.*



Highlight Well-being

Endings and Beginnings

Hopefully your child is excited and positive about visiting their new classes and talking about next term, but it is also natural to have some concerns or doubts regarding change. Here are some tips to help support your child if they express any worries

1. **Listen** and empathise with your child about how they are feeling, before you do any kind of problem solving, this connection will help them feel understood and validated.

Eg: 'I can understand that you are feeling sad about not being in the same class as X, you have been good friends this year haven't you?'

2. Normalise any feelings of uncertainty regarding change.

Eg: 'It is ok, I remember feeling worried when I started a new class/school/job, it's normal for people to feel a bit worried when things are changing.'

3. Realities - Remind your child that they have done this several times already in life.

Eg: 'Do you remember how you felt this time last year about joining year X'

'If you are going into year 6 now, this will be the 6th time you have been on a journey like this!'

4. Look at strategies together -

Eg: 'Can you think of something that will make it easier for you?' 'Who could you talk to/ask questions about what you are worried about?' 'Are there other times in the school day that you can see friend X?'

5. Build on successes/positivity

We are learning from everything, all the time. Sometimes experiences which are challenging can lead to the most personal growth and lay foundations for how to cope with future problems and challenges. Eg: 'Do you remember when you were really worried about going swimming? Now I know it is one of your favourite activities'.

5. **Talk about changes** that are occurring all the time, throughout life. Nothing stays the same, study things in nature. The weather, the seasons, the growth of people and plants, even geologically, things are shifting, evolving and changing. Nothing is static, acknowledging and accepting this can be comforting. *Change is the only thing that remains constant*

6. Communicate with your child's current class teacher if you have ongoing concerns about your child's wellbeing.

We need your help for us to win £1,000 of National Book Tokens for our school library!

We would love the chance to win £1,000 National Book Tokens to spend on new books in our school library to inspire the children to read for pleasure, please enter this competition to help us win!

Teachers, school staff and parents can all enter – the more nominations our school receives, the higher the chances of winning – so please spread the word.



Please nominate our school by completing the quick and easy form, and if yours is one of the five winning entries, **you'll also win a £100 National Book Token for yourself**!

Please use the link and scroll down the page to complete the form, it takes less than 1 minute!. Just enter the competition online, : <u>WIN £1,000/€1,000 for your school's library!</u> Closing date 31st July.

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Hiltingbury PTA Newsletter

COLOUR FUN

It's back... Colour Fun & Rainbow Raffle 2023

Back for its third year, the annual end of term colour fun event is coming to Hiltingbury schools on the last day of term (in the morning). More details to follow but tickets are available now on the Hspta events webpage. Also optionally available are the branded colour fun 2023 white t-shirts to make the colour really pop.

After the success of last year we'll be running our rainbow raffle once again, but this time bigger and better. We have many vouchers and gifts from local businesses which will appear in the hampers this time too. We will be letting you know soon how to purchase tickets. And the details of how to drop off donations. The hampers were amazing last year and we know they will be again.

Leavers T-Shirts - Since our year 2s and 6s have had a tough ride getting through school during Covid years we thought they deserved an extra special treat to remember their school by. We are pleased to let you know we are funding a commemorative t-shirt for each child - for them to treasure, or get signed by all their friends and then frame on the wall forever! Order the right size <u>HERE</u>!

Speaking of leaving; emails will be sent shortly to year 2 and 6 about Legacy Books you can buy and donate to the school with a message from your child.

Uniform - We have plenty of stock available to order <u>online</u>, which you can then collect from school, or please drop off any branded uniform that is in good condition - we will be selling uniform to new school parents ahead of September so the more stock we have, the better, at this time of year!

SUMMER FAYRE TICKETS ON SALE NOW:

Tickets | Games Passports | Hot Dots - save by pre-ordering! | Wonka Bars - win big prizes!

As ever, we still need help! Volunteers please register your interest to help on this form

Buy all tickets, uniform and more on our website: <u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta</u> Finally, we're looking for some new members to come and join us, so if you can spare a few hours here and there and have some relevant skills, please get in touch about our available roles!

SECRETARY	VICE CHAIR	CLASS REPS
Write up minutes and agenda	Support the chair and any	Join in with the meetings and
for our meetings, become	other members of the team	get a vote on spending, but
familiar with the rules and	however you feel is beneficial.	mostly share messages and
manage the info inbox.	Take turns to write this lovely	information to class groups.
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