



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

To start our highlights this week we have a report from our School Council:

On Tuesday, the School Council went around our amazing school on a learning walk. We saw some major improvements with our active listening, super starts and epic ends as well as our WE CARE targets. In each class we asked a few children what they thought our ambition target was. Most of them knew when and where to find them, however now we want children to work on how to show them in their learning. School council are going to be promoting these skills even more next term. We are looking forward to give our feedback to the school in Monday's assembly.

Thank you to our School Council for doing such a fantastic job!

This half term has seen the launch of our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' class assemblies. Each week the children engage with a wellbeing activity that they choose from a range of different wellbeing categories; Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. In 4S on Wednesday, the children enjoyed connecting with one another in their interests through a 'show and tell' shared activity. It was really lovely listening to a range of the children's achievements from swimming distances and times, to writing their own stories with other children sharing their excitement about upcoming holidays and birthdays they were looking forward to.

Next half term we are looking forward to celebrating our annual World Book day. Mrs Thomas has been working hard with her team of librarians to prepare for the main event on Friday 3rd March. A letter will be shared with you all soon about this but in the meantime please see details regarding the Hiltingbury Junior Scholastic Book Fair below.

I was recently contacted by the local Division Commissioner, Girlguiding Chandlers Ford Unit Leader who has asked the school to support in allowing children in school who are members to be a part of a global Guiding tradition this year. The tradition is in recognition of World Thinking day and it involves all members to wear their Guiding uniforms to school on 22nd February. I have replied and shared we would welcome the opportunity to do this and we look forward to the children having the opportunity to do so.

Finally, our office team; Mrs Batten, Mrs Gowland and Mrs Rose are excited about the upcoming launch of Arbor for all Parents and Carers. On Monday you will receive a letter about the next steps in this process to be ready for the full launch day on Monday 20th February 2023.

Wishing you all a fun filled weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



**Link to our school website
calendar for dates and events**

[Website Calendar Link](#)

Lost Property

All lost property items will be displayed outside of the school office on Thursday 9th February and Friday 10th February before and after school.

Please do check as after half term items will be disposed of

Thank you for your co-operation

Year Group Highlights



Year 3

[Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 4

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Year 5

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Year 6

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Highlight Well-being

This week is National Storytelling week, which fits beautifully into our weekly focus on wellbeing. It is recognised that reading stories, both alone and together with others, has many benefits for our mental health.

These are as follows;

Cultural understanding - telling stories allows children to experience different worlds, countries, cultures and traditions, it broadens horizons!

Empathy - we learn through stories to 'walk in another's shoes'. Reading encourages us to explore the reasons behind a character's actions and decisions.

Curiosity and imagination - is stimulated and engaged, children's own writing is enriched through increased vocabulary and connecting to the value of creativity.

Focus and listening skills - are inherently developed.

Warmth and connection - Sharing a story together is a natural bonding experience, creating a gentle and cosy connected space.

With all this in mind, please encourage your child to read a story to you, or a pet, or a relative on a zoom call, to enhance wellbeing this week.

Don't forget to add to their school reading record!

If you and your child would like any book related advice or recommendations, Mrs Thomas is in the library until 4 on a Friday after school, always happy to share her wealth of ideas and support.



Hiltingbury Junior Scholastic Book Fair

Date for your diary: *Book Fair on the 1st and 3rd March 2023* at Hiltingbury Junior School



The Book Fair is coming to Hiltingbury Junior School soon! The book cases are coming from **Scholastic**, who are one of the best companies for offering a fantastic selection of really good quality children's books. Books will be on sale after school on **Wednesday 1st March and Friday 3rd March** from **3.20pm till 4.15pm** in the school hall. You can use your World Day Book Voucher, which we will issue nearer the time, towards the cost of a book worth over £2.99. It is lovely for children to have special books of their very own to treasure and furthermore all purchases generate commission for free books for our school.

Last year your support was **FANTASTIC** and we raised £415 in free books for our school!

We hope to see you there.

Book week information to follow after half term!



Friday 10th February - Make the Rules Day.

The children have been involved in coming up with new Rules for the day, communicating it through their respective School Councils. They are really looking forward to fun day!

Suggested donation is 50p per rule that your child follows:

Both schools new rules for the day:

1. Wear your own clothes
2. Have crazy hair
3. Wear tattoos / nail varnish /make up
4. Wear jewellery
5. Wear any shoes
6. Drink squash instead of water
7. Bring your own snack
8. Bring your own soft toy or fidget toy

Bonus new rules for the day -

INFANTS ONLY - the infants have also chosen to have a dance party in every class, which all children can join in with as well as football being out at breaktimes to play with!

JUNIORS ONLY - Children have chosen to be able to sit wherever they like, have an extra break time and to have the teachers dance!

There's an option to pre-pay now via our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta>, or alternatively there will be volunteers stood with collection buckets by the school gates for you to donate on the day.

Don't forget:

Second Hand Book Sale - 27th February

We are asking if you have any second hand books in good condition that you can donate to our 2nd hand book sale? Please drop them at reception.

Wonder Women event - 17th March

Celebrate the wonderful women who contribute to your child's life, say it with a gift. Gifts are £5 and tickets available on www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta