



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all thoroughly enjoyed our last day of the half term today for two great reasons; the first that it has been 'Make the Rules day' and the second enjoying our wellbeing day promoting the National event of Children's Mental Health week.

The children all looked amazing when they came into school with lots of colour, sparkles, glitter, headbands, football kits, stripy tights and fluorescent socks! Some were hidden behind the huge teddies and squashies that they decided to bring with them too. In one class a teddy was so large it had its own chair to sit on! The children enjoyed the rules they had made this year and had their wishes fulfilled! They told me they especially liked seeing their Teachers dance and loved enjoying their lunchtime treats and snacks! Thank you to our HSPTA for giving the children this opportunity again and for continuing to raise funds for both schools!

The theme 'Let's Connect' driving Children's Mental Health week is all about making meaningful connections for everyone as this connection is vital for our wellbeing. We explored with the children that when we have healthy connections to family members, friends and others this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. Activities today included; learning the dance routine to the song Jerusalem; making a postcard to connect with family members outside of school and connecting with our buddies from different year groups. At the end of the day we came together to connect as a whole school and perform our dance! It was a memorable moment in spreading this key message!

We end the half term highlights sharing Mr Wright's new addition with you all. We congratulate Mr and Mrs Wright on the arrival of their baby boy, Cai. Enjoy the beautiful photo!

From all of the staff, we hope you all enjoy a lovely half term break!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



Link to our school website
calendar for dates and events

[Website Calendar Link](#)

Welcome to Arbor!

As you know we have shared the Arbor log in and set up links with you this week and we are really pleased to see the uptake of accounts by 51% of parents and carers, thank you!
We are looking forward to a "full house" of uptakes so that when all our communications move to be sent through Arbor from the 20th February, we will be able to ensure they are on their way to you safely.

By downloading the app you will also be able to receive in-app messages and we will be using this direct service to replace text messages. You will also be able to book Parents' evening when the dates are released early next half term.

If you would like any help setting your account up, then please email or call the office and we can arrange a time for you to pop in or check your query with you over the phone.

We look forward to the launch on Monday, 20th February.

New changes to calendar for spring term 2. Please continue to check the whole school calendar for all other events.

03.03.23	Whole school World Book Day all day Please see letter on school website for more details
20.03.23 (Changed from 15.03.23)	Parent Forum meeting at 2pm This is a change of date for the next meeting. Please let the office know if you are able to attend by emailing: The meeting will include a subject leader presentation and a review of allergies.
22.02.23	World Thinking Day - children who are members of the guiding movement (guides, scouts, cubs, brownies) can wear their uniforms in school
23.03.22	Whole School Disco! To raise fund for Helpful Hounds sees the return of our school disco – a hugely popular school event Lower school 3.20pm - 4.30pm Upper school 5.00pm-6.15pm

Spring term Governor report from Chair of Governors and Vice Chair:

As many of you will be aware, the school received it's long overdue OFSTED Inspection last month. The call came in Monday morning, meaning the Inspectors would be onsite Tuesday and Wednesday. Due to the duration since the last inspection and the fact that the Ofsted inspection framework has changed significantly since then the school has been working to ensure that it's Self Evaluation Model and School Improvement Plan are embedded ways of working. Resulting in the school being in a good position and ready to welcome the inspection as a way of measuring the progress that has been made and ensuring our direction of travel is appropriate.

The Inspectors sought feedback from Parents and Staff through surveys and we would like to thank all of you who took the time to complete the survey. They spent the 2 days moving around the school assessing the quality of education delivery and the depth and breadth of the curriculum. They spoke with the children, staff, the SLT and Governors before providing some very positive, pre-assessment feedback. I'm sure you will all be pleased to hear that the children received a great deal of praise for their behaviour, attitude and work ethos during the visit. They were all great ambassadors for the school, whether in discussions with the inspectors or by their workbooks.

Whilst we await the final assessment in Spring 2, I would just like to take the opportunity to thank all of the children for the way they showed Hiltingbury Junior School in the best light to the inspectors. I would also like to thank all of the staff for the hard work and nervous evenings, feeling the pressure of the inspection and to the SLT for all the extra hours put in over the week to make the whole process run smoothly. Also thank you Parents and Carers for your continued support of the school.

Many thanks,

Richard and Mark

Year Group Highlights



Year 3

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

Year 4

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

Year 5

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

Year 6

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

Highlight Wellbeing

Two wellbeing highlights to focus on this week as we begin our half term break.

Firstly, please ask your child about their experiences today as part of Mental Health Awareness week. This is a national project for children, and classes have been exploring this under the theme of 'Let's Connect'.

Secondly, please encourage your child to design their own bookmark for our bookmark competition. See the information sent home on the 8th February for further details and the template. Half term is the perfect time to engage in a calming, slow paced art activity. Put some music on in the background and enjoy the creative process! We are really looking forward to seeing many unique designs, using colour, shape, detail, words, or inspiration from favourite stories. Be ambitious - in reading and in creativity.

See you after half term for the second half of this school year!

School Community Value Awards



**Congratulations to the following children
who are being awarded for being a role
model in demonstrating our school
community values**

Year 3 – Samuel D, Arya T & George C

Year 4 – Seb K, Georgina S & Beatrix M

Year 5 – Grace S, Genevieve I & Phoebe B

Year 6 – Yushan L, Ruby C, Rebecca M



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!



This week's highlights: Rules, books, super women and chocolate!

We hope everyone had fun with the new rules the children made up today! Bad luck for those who voted for spellings to be cancelled, but we can't have everything!

Thank you for your understanding for the tuck shop being cancelled this afternoon. We have not had to cancel anything before but this year we are making a big effort to ensure that we raise money without adding unnecessary stress to PTA teams' lives. We did not have enough volunteers or time to buy/make sweets in advance, and although we could have run it with limitations, we decided to look after ourselves and cancel it on this occasion. Hopefully this gives us the time we need to do more preparation for the other upcoming events. If anyone is able to help out at all, drop us a line info.hspta@gmail.com or on the volunteers WhatsApp group in future.



2nd Hand Books - This is our first year running this event, but we thought the need for re-using and sharing books tied in very nicely with a post-Christmas / pre- world book day event in which you can donate books and buy new ones to inspire your children in something new!

Please donate any children's books (not adult ones) to school offices **before 24th February**. Then come and browse the selection on 27th February and get yourself some bargains!

Wonder Women - Celebrate the fantastic people in your life with our wonder women event, that happily coincides with mother's day ;) Children can choose from a selection of gifts which will then be wrapped up and sent home with them, ready for them to make someone feel special!



Easter Egg Hunt - This time around we are mixing things up and restructuring this event to make it even better! Children will be able to hunt for eggs / clues and claim their reward, with a big prize available for one lucky winner too! Tickets will be released soon.



Buy all tickets, uniform and more on our website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Upcoming Calendar:

Event	Date (Subject to Change)
World Book Day - 2nd Hand book Sale	27th February
Wonder Woman Celebration Sale	13th March
Easter Egg Hunt	24th March
Easter Craft Bags	31st March
Spring Quiz	21st April
Summer Fayre	Pencil in 8th July!
Summer Colour Run	End of summer term