



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday after school, our wonderful choir represented the school beautifully singing at Brambridge Garden Centre! Blessed by sunshine, the choir sung outside to a sea of parents and friends who had come to support, as well as a gathering of impressed garden centre visitors. The children sang a selection of songs from their growing repertoire, including returning favourites Spaceman and Encanto as well as some of our new hits Summer of 69 and Amazing Grace. As well as having lots of fun, the choir demonstrated some super harmonies and a few cool actions too! We are looking forward to our next performance at Orchestra Day on 1st July so do come along and join us if you can!

Year 4 really did shine this week too in their performance of Beowulf. The children were very nervous having such a huge audience but were soon put at ease with a very appreciative crowd. It really was a performance with fantastic acting skills and talent but also team work! Mrs Spence said that as her class walked back through the door the overwhelming response was 'That was amazing!' 'Best play ever!' 'Can we do it again?' and 'We loved it!' Those kinds of comments make those sleepless nights almost worthwhile. Well done year 4 and thank you to the year 4 teaching team for providing this opportunity!

Well done to our rugby team who represented the school at the tag rugby festival. Mr Cross, said there was some tough competition but the children showed real ambition to grow as a team and he saw real improvements in each game from everyone. Well done!

We hope that you have enjoyed sharing your children's achievements over the past few days with their Teachers as much as we have. We are so proud of each and every child and staff have all said to pass on their thanks in everyone being so supportive and kind.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in 'The Big Walk and Wheel Event', it has been wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting and riding to school. Please do read Mr Wrights Sports newsletter attached for more sporting news

A final thank you again to our HSPTA who have been such a fantastic team in raising funds for our school. From us all we hope you all enjoy a lovely and well deserved Easter break.

Hugo has given some children a special mission for over the Easter break. He delivered some Hugo Bears for the children to look after over the holidays and bring back to meet him on the first morning back. We couldn't resist a little photo to share how adorable the Hugo Bears are!

Happy Easter to everyone from us all

Best wishes,



INSET Days for the next academic year

Friday 1st September
Monday 4th September
Monday 30th October
Tuesday 2nd January
Friday 24th May

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

[Website Calendar Link](#)

Reminder of our school office opening hours

08.30am – Please be reminded Staff are not available before this time

Mon-Thurs – 4.30pm closing time

Fri – 4pm closing time

Thank you for your co-operation

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

All about Relational Gestures

Relational Gestures are small acts of kindness that we can share in a family, done purely with the intention of showing our unconditional love. They show a child that we value and care for them, regardless of what else might be going on; stresses, behaviour, mood.

A random act of kindness will boost your child's self-worth and sense of innate, unconditional value in the world, and strengthen your relationship with them. It is also proven that we feel good when we do good for someone else! This Easter try to foster an atmosphere of relational gestures in your home. These can be small and spontaneous, and show that you are there and you care, despite any tough times which can occur in family life. Timing is important - this is not a reward, and it is not a thing to be used in the middle of a meltdown or upset. It is an independent and deliberate small act which shows your child they are loved.

Here are some examples of relational gestures -

A hot chocolate or favourite biscuit taken to where they are playing.

A magazine bought and left on a child's bed.

Watch your child playing sport, or gaming, ask questions.

A little note in a lunch box or a text if they have a gadget.

Text your child a funny message or picture.

Print out a few pictures of your child when they were younger and express how they make you feel. Give them to your child.

A hug or a smile.

Eye contact and a spell of undivided attention when they are talking about something that is important to them.

Mend their bike.

A small gift like a keyring.

Help them tidy and clean their room.

Let them choose an activity or game to do together.

Run a bath, put pyjamas on a radiator.

Prepare their favourite meal.

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 – Finley B, Sienna A & Nina S

Year 4 – Aalia Q, Paolo C & Matilda F

Year 5 – Ernie S, Alfie S & Annie P

Year 6 – Ellie C, Thomas A & Harry P





Easter Holiday Trail - Buy now for the holidays! Prize to be won!

Follow the clues to find out where the teachers have hidden Easter Eggs! Unscramble the clues whilst exploring the local area! A lovely outdoor activity for you to do as a family during the holidays.

Quiz - 21st April

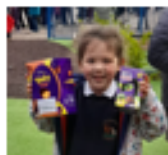
Get a table together, bring some drinks and have some fun! Order yourself some tasty pizzas online too - they will get delivered between rounds at the quiz. Just 6 tables left to book, get in there quick before you miss out! We also have individual spaces available if you'd like to join in!

Uniform

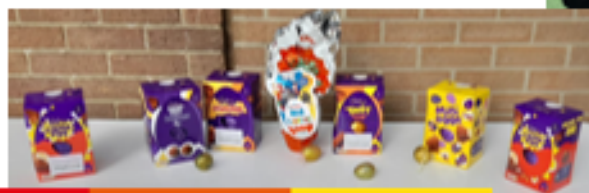
We have plenty of stock available to order [online](#), which you can then collect from school, or please drop off any branded uniform that is in good condition.

Lottery - we have had some lucky winners recently - the more people buy tickets the bigger the prizes will be, please join here: yourschoollottery.co.uk

Easy Fundraising - Everytime you shop via Easy Fundraising we get a % of the money from the retailer! EasyFundraising.org.uk



Big thanks to Sparks Ellison for sponsoring our Easter events. Also to Tesco, Waitrose and Co Op for donating star prizes or discounts for our Easter Egg Hunt. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did!



Summer Fayre - Planning has begun!

We have a list of stalls we would like to run and are looking for a few more people to take on organising the [set up](#) of these stalls ahead of the event as well as volunteering time to run the stalls for some of the time on the day. Please email us if you would like to get involved! info.hspta@gmail.com. We would love to have lots of people on board to share the load!

Upcoming Dates!

Event	Date
Junior Disco Tuck Shop	23rd March
Easter Egg Hunt	24th March 3.20pm
Easter Activity Bags	ORDER NOW!
Easter Egg Trail	Easter Holidays
Spring Quiz	21st April 7.45pm
Summer Fayre	8th July
Summer Colour Fun	End of summer term

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

Website for orders and info: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta> Private Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hspta>
Contact the team: info.hspta@gmail.com



Bunnyhop Community Bike Ride - Free event Sunday 16 April 11.15am-1pm

Hop on your bike and join our ride for all ages and stages

>> **Register at bit.ly/bunnyhop_23** <<

- **Start and finish** - Pavilion on the Park, Fleming Park, SO50 9LH
- **5km** on flat roads to Eastleigh high street and back again
- **Ride marshals** will guide us and help out if we're stuck in any way.
- **The pace** - will be slow and we all stay together in one big group.

Important - under 16s: please ride with a responsible adult (or a parent).

Bling up your bike - why not decorate you and your bike with a springy flavour: flowers, bunnies, superheroes... any theme is welcome.

Music - The Easter DJ Bunny will bring the bounce

Relax afterwards at Pavilion on the Park

- Bring a picnic or visit the Blackbird Cafe.
- Try out the 1.8km Dragonfly Trail next to Cycles4All.
- Join Bike It John's skills course (separate registration required).

Questions? email pedaltasticchandlerford@gmail.com

Fundraiser - If you enjoy this event and have a bit of cash to spare, please make a donation to Cycles4All.



*Wishing you all a wonderful Easter
From all the staff at Hiltingbury Junior School*