



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are certainly enjoying the Christmas spirit in school this week! Our Christmas elves have spread some sparkle with their creative decorating which the children and staff are enjoying.

On Monday afternoon we had our half termly Parent forum meeting where we continued to share ideas to support the developments of our new curriculum. Parents and Carers discussed what technology, knowledge and skills and behaviours they feel are important to be included. The group also shared feedback on our new communication model and are busy trialling some of the new systems that we are looking forward to launching through Arbor. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time and for their contributions.

On the first of December each class received their Christmas Advent calendar tree. The children started by writing a kind message on a tag about a friend in their class.

All tags were then put on the class Christmas tree and each day 3 children's

positive, kind messages will be shared with them. Positive reinforcement has a huge impact on self-esteem and taking the time to make our children feel valued and special is important to us. We hope your children share their messages with you too.

On Tuesday, we held our Parent coffee morning, this time led by Vie, a local wellbeing practitioner. Vie delivered key messages on body image, self-esteem and anxiety to name but a few topics, all of which are themes that are particularly salient in school over the last year or so. There was an evident link with what Vie was saying to some of our school community values, including the importance of treating each other with kindness and respect. Vie was complimentary of our current mental health and emotional support that we already provide in school.

This week, the writing team saw the children thoroughly enjoying their work whilst talking more confidently about purpose, audience and viewpoint. Year 4 were immersed in their dragon unit and year 6 were getting into the festive spirit as they read the illustrated version of Charles Dicken's 'Christmas Carol'. Guided groups were a focus of the learning walk and the writing team saw great steps forward with this school improvement - they were also incredibly impressed by the children's developing working together skills and enthusiasm towards their work.

Last night our school choir performed at Peter Green Christmas event. Mrs Nurdin and Miss Chambers were so proud of the children and said they, along with the audience, really enjoyed themselves. The staff at Peter Green were very complimentary. Thank you and well done to you all! What a good warm up event for our own school concert! See photo's below.

We are counting down the days until our Christmas carol event. We are hoping to spread as much Christmas cheer as we can through music. If you have not yet signed up please do so following this link. [Christmas Carol Event](#). The event will start giving you the opportunity to share your children's work and achievements from this half term. We will then all make our merry way to the playground where our carol event will take place. We have our amazing choir and Thornden Community Windband performing with lots of opportunities for us all to join in as well. We also have refreshments on hand to keep you warm! Today in assembly we asked the children to help us and design a front cover for the concert booklet. If your child would like to take part they need to hand their design to their Teachers by Friday 9th December. We really do hope as many of you as possible can join us!

The end of a very busy and festive week in school. We wish you all an enjoyable weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

Christmas Events Round Up



Date	Event
Monday 5 th December	HSPTA Jumper sale
Tuesday 6 th December	Choir performance Valley lodge
Thursday 8 th December	4S Listen to Me concert 2.30pm
Friday 9 th December	Christmas lunch & festive jumper day
Wednesday 14 th December	HSPTA Elfridges Non uniform for raffle winners – To be shared in assembly 3.30pm Share your children's work in the classroom 4.00pm Carols around the tree
Thursday 15 th December	Winter house sports day – Come to school wearing your P.E kit or house t-shirt
Friday 16 th December	Winning house treat / Last day of term!



We Care nominations:



Eleanor T (5CR) your work throughout every subject is exceptional! This week, in particular, your maths has been wonderful. You are striving to achieve your very best and push your learning by using taught learning strategies effectively and also referring back to previous learning to ensure you actively achieve the work! Well done, we are so proud of you!

Rhys - 6B - Rhys has really stood out this week because of his ambition to achieve as much as he can. In a variety of subjects, he has been actively involved in the lesson, offering his ideas. He even became the expert in the class for drawing scatter graphs in Science and was a huge help to others. Super work Rhys!



Gracie E (3D) - Gracie is a true role model in demonstrating all of our WE CARE learning values - it has been incredibly hard to choose just one! Gracie shows her enthusiasm for learning every single day and always gives her all. She should feel very proud of herself as I am very proud of her!

Sammy M (4S) Sammy has shown this week that she can work really hard and produce exciting and engaging writing. Her description of how she approached a magnificent dragon in the middle of a field, even though it had sharp claws, was superb, Well done - keep it up!



Khushi J and Amy WM (3P) These girls showed excellent working together skills in their history lesson this week as they summarised facts about Clothing and Jewellery in the Bronze Age and Iron Age. They were well organised and completed the task in the time set. Well done!

Primrose R (4S) Primrose's drive to do her very best has been an inspiration to those around her. As a result, she has formed a really great partnership but also motivates her whole table to achieve their best. This fabulous approach to working together is also evident in her positive, happy attitude. 😊



Bailey P (4DN) - Bailey takes great care in all of his work, and we are really proud of the way that he listens to adult feedback to edit and improve further. This has been evidenced in the care he has put into improving his handwriting, the way he is striving to meet his targets and how he's been pushing his vocabulary. Well done, Bailey!

Araceli C (5M) Always eager to please and hardworking, Araceli has a great attitude to her learning. This week, in particular, Araceli deserves this certificate for her efforts and application of times tables strategies in maths. She has really taken on board my feedback to improve her understanding and be successful.

Sophia L (4P) Sophia has earned this award for the positive attitude she has shown to making mistakes, seeing this as an opportunity to seek help and improve her understanding. This is what learning is all about!

Louis W (5MR)- Louis is an engaged learner and applies himself in all his subjects. In English this week, he was able to identify key ingredients that make a newspaper report by reflecting on his previous skills and knowledge taught in lessons and by our visiting BBC journalist. Well done Louis.

Katy H (3BC) Katy has worked especially hard this week - taking on board feedback in order to move her learning on. She has made sure that she has acted upon advice given with great results, especially in her writing. She also sketched a superb clay pot design ready to make it next week. Well done, Katy - keep it up.



Zheng Zheng (6W) Zheng Zheng has impressed me throughout this week, from the football pitch and netball court, to his writing of a persuasive letter in English to his creative gymnastic balances in P.E. With such a creative mind, Zheng Zheng has huge potential in his learning and I feel he is now really beginning to see his potential. Well done - I've been very impressed this week.

Henry V (6C) you have impressed me so much this week with your incredibly creative attitude to all aspects of work - I especially enjoyed seeing you persevere when orally rehearsing active and passive sentences to generate creative ideas - great work (Mrs Hartley)



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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Well-being Highlights

Highlight Wellbeing

Our Parent's wellbeing coffee morning this week welcomed Vie from viness.co.uk, a guest speaker who had many valuable self-esteem boosting insights to share, both for parents and children. My 'take home' moments include the following -

1. The importance of giving and receiving compliments. Giving a compliment costs nothing yet can be so precious to the recipient. Make an effort to notice and compliment others. Children really love to hear what you like about them.
2. The value of being aware and modelling positive language re body image with our children. Your child loves you so much, and it can be confusing for them if you express negativity about yourself, or your body shape or size.
3. 'Your insecurities are invented by a being in a boardroom, who wants to sell you something' - 'Be your own kind of wonderful!'

Thought provoking! Thank you to Vie.



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Christmas Wreaths and Table Centre Pieces

We have another new and exciting product for you! Hand made natural wreaths and table decorations! Buy on our website or at a pop up Christmas event outside school soon.



Christmas Trees - SALE DEADLINE EXTENDED - but be quick! by the time this newsletter is sent you will only have a few hours left to order a beautiful real Christmas tree. **Sales close on 3rd Dec.**



Elfridges - You still have time to order yourself or family members surprise gifts! For just £3.75/ gift your child will get to choose, from a wide selection of items, a gift for their parents, family, teacher or even pets! Just buy the right quantity and tell us who they're for, we will wrap them and send them home to bring joy to the family!

Sales close on Tuesday 6th December

Christmas Jumper Sale! To reduce jumper wastage we have collected kids Christmas jumpers that you no longer need, please bring in anything you have spare and we will be selling them for £3 per jumper on **Monday 5th December after school.**



Personalised Christmas Pictures - Two beautiful Christmas prints to choose from and personalise to suit your family!

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Party Sweet Cones! Party bags are always so hard to decide what to do, so we thought we could help by selling our lovely sweet cones! Buy in bulk online!



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