



# Hiltingbury Highlights



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## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our festive round up in school ended today with the children enjoying various games and activities together and Hawking house winners celebrating with a delicious Christmas treat, they were closely followed by Hawking, Franklin and Anning house. Teachers always have a very difficult job this time of year in choosing their School Community Value winners for the half term. Well one to all of the children who were nominated today, we hope you feel really proud of yourselves and it was really lovely to hear all the kind words your Teachers shared about why you had been chosen. Well done also to Attenborough House who won the Winter House Sports event yesterday. The children beat the chill outside and gave every effort in trying to score as many points as they could for their house. All Teachers said that the children's positive attitudes and determination were exemplary.

Sadly, as you know, we had to cancel our Carol concert this week, but our special guests Thornden Community Wind band were still able to perform for us. All staff, Parents and children in the audience will agree how much joy they spread through playing their instruments. Thank you to Mrs Liddell who always comes forward to support the school – we very much appreciate everything you do for our school community!

We have a final announcement of good tidings to share before we break up – Mr Wright is going to become a father in the New Year! I am sure you will wish him congratulations as we have!

Our staff have been overcome by the kind wishes and gifts they have received from families this last week– we thank you all and would like to wish everyone in the school community a very Merry Christmas and a great start to a happy New Year.

Best Christmas wishes to you all.

Zoe Loosemore



### Christmas message from our Chair of Governors and the Governing Board

*As we approach the holidays, the Governing Board of Hiltingbury Junior School would like to wish all the wonderful children and staff a fantastic break. I'm sure that all the hard work and effort put in this year will ensure that you get on the 'good list'.*

*We hope you all enjoy the family time and look forward to welcoming you back in 2023!*

*Richard Veal (CoG) & the Governing Board*

# Working Together

Last week our school council carried out a learning review on the development of the children's working together skills which has been our focused learning value this term and led an assembly to the whole school

On Monday, the School Council, led an assembly about their learning review across the school and they wanted to share the outcomes with you all too. 'We found out lots of positive things and shared what we had achieved this half term. One of the most important things is supporting everyone to develop their working together skills. Things we saw that we were proud of were more opportunities for working together, there was less fidgeting in classes and children asking their partner questions with lots of hands up and enthusiasm too. Our message about Reach out to everyone is getting better too.

Our next steps as a school are to; **Active listening** – Show respect in our learning behaviour. This especially means not fidgeting with rulers and showing we are listening to the teacher.

**2) Epic Ends** - Some classes still need to work on the epic end in their corridor area.

**3) Working Together** – We need to listen to each other and communicate positively when we work with a partner. Some children talk over each other and don't listen to others' ideas.

**4) Working Together** – We need to use our partner to help us in the learning before we ask the teacher.

**5) Working Together** - We need to find more opportunities to work together in Maths lessons.

*Our school vision, values and ethos*



# *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 – Chloe L, Toby G & Adam O**

**Year 4 – Anya W, Lyra B & Sam C**

**Year 5 – James H, Alex O & Emma H**

**Year 6 – Sienna S, Tamsin A & Aiden B**



*Pupils awarded for their  
musical ambition  
& talent this term*

*James H 5M*

*Cara G 5MR*

*Colby W 3BC*

*Florence W 4S*

*Harry F 5CR*

*Fleur B 4DN*



Well done to everyone that entered into our design the Christmas carol booklet competition, huge congratulations to our 2 winners below Rowan L & Matilda F!

By Matilda F



## Highlight Wellbeing

As this busy term comes to an end along with 2022, please reflect on how hard the children have worked and all that has been achieved. Everyone in school is so proud of our HJS children and all they bring to us. This time of year can be very intense for families, particularly in the current climate, and it is very important to have time to rest and replenish our energy. Reduce any unnecessary stress and let everyone in the family have some space to take things at their own pace.

Remember that there is no such thing as the perfect family, and there is no such thing as the perfect Christmas. But we wish you the awareness and enjoyment of many perfect moments together, this holiday.

Here is a link to a website to access for further ideas and support for parents and carers.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-guide-to-looking-after-yourself/>





**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the HSPTA!**



What a fun week we've had with Elfridges, the kids have absolutely loved picking out a present for their loved ones. The excitement and smiles were lovely to see. Elfridges is one of our most favourite events to run. Thank you to all Staff, PTA committee members and volunteers for making this happen in a week of sickness, which has hit us all. It has been lovely to feel the camaraderie of everyone pulling together to make Christmas special for the children despite the challenges!



We had the last of our Xmas Trees collected last Saturday - breaking our record and hitting over 200 sales. We hope you love your tree and cannot thank you enough for supporting the HSPTA. Also massive thank you to the volunteers for walking many miles to advertise our wonderful trees.

If you have ordered a **Santa letter**, we will be endeavouring to get them out to you over the next week - delivered to the address specified - covert style!

**If you are going away before Christmas then please email [events.hspta@gmail.com](mailto:events.hspta@gmail.com) asap so we can expedite your order.**

A huge shout out to Mrs Christmas (Liz Dodd) for the many hours she has personally invested into making all the Christmas Events happen this year. She has also been struck down by illness and has missed seeing the fruition of her efforts in the smiles of the kids, something I know brings her great joy. Her willing helpers jumped in to save the day but the prep that goes into these events is eye watering. Time for a rest!



Finally a huge **thank you** to everyone who has purchased something, sponsored/donated money and/or invested time into the wonderful events we get to host for you. You are making a big difference by contributing to funds for our school, to enrich your children's lives.

**And what an incredible amount you everyone has helped raise so far! Now over £12.5k!**

Uniform Sales	£497	Xmas Jumpers	£145
Tuck Shops	£450	Wreaths & Prints	£83
Lottery	£514	Dine with Santa	£1428
Quiz	£692	Elfridges	£2828
Spooks & Sparks	£5770	Xmas Trees	TBC
Pottery	£285		

**Use your shopping to raise money:**

[Shop to Give](#) [Amazon Smile](#) [Easy Fundraising](#) or join our [School Lottery](#)

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](mailto:info.hspta@gmail.com)



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!

*From all the staff at  
Hiltingbury Junior School*