

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we dive headfirst into the new school year, we're thrilled to see our children enthusiastically engage in various after-school activities. This week, I had the pleasure of joining our talented pupils at the choir club, held at our new venue, The Hilt, alongside Mrs Nurdin and Miss Chambers. The joy of singing together has already led to exciting opportunities, as our choir has been invited to perform at two upcoming concerts later this term.

In the spirit of community and giving back, we'd like to continue our partnership with Eastleigh Basic Bank, an organisation dedicated to "Practically supporting individuals and families in financial crisis." We invite you to join us in supporting this meaningful cause by contributing items listed on their website: [Link to Eastleigh Basic Bank](#). We will be collecting donations from Thursday, 21st September until Friday, 29th September. Thank you for your support.

At our school, we prioritise listening to and valuing the voices, wishes, and experiences of our children. Through various pupil voice groups, we create platforms for our students to share their thoughts and ideas, benefiting both themselves and their peers. Last year, our commitment to pupil voice resulted in many positive outcomes, including the launch of our Wellbeing Hub during lunchtimes and a review of our school learning values. Today, in our school assembly, I proudly introduced our new pupil groups, congratulating everyone who applied and everyone who was chosen in their new role. We have all been blown away with the high number of children who have wanted to take on these responsibilities and all staff want to thank everyone for their efforts!

Our Wellbeing Hub at lunchtime, has provided children with the opportunity to enjoy some time together within our sensory area during their lunchtime. Our previous Wellbeing Ambassadors led lots of creative practical activities, including colouring and a range of board games. This year we are excited to share that Mrs Clarke will also be leading some activities across the week during this time. Mrs Clarke has many talents and one that we are always all in awe of is her artistic ability which I am sure lots of children will enjoy alongside her at lunchtimes.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend together!



Dates for your diary

Monday - Wednesday 18th-20th September - Y6 Harry Potter trips

Thursday 21st September - Harvest collection begins

Monday 25th September - Welcome to Year 4 event - gam at The Hilt & Year 3 - Aesops fables

Tuesday 26th September - Welcome to Year 3 event - gam at The Hilt & Individual School Photo's

Wednesday 27th September - Year 3 Geography walk in the community

Thursday 28th September - Welcome to Year 6 event - gam at The Hilt

Friday 29th September - Welcome to Year 5 event - gam in school

Weekly 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](#)

Opportunity to share your Reading achievements – Hampshire Reading Challenge

Ready, Set, Read! Hampshire Reading Challenge **Opportunity to share your reading achievements**

Congratulations to all the children that completed the '**Ready, Set, Read!**' Summer Reading Challenge at Hampshire library. We would love to celebrate this reading achievement with the children in school. **Children that completed the challenge can bring their certificate into school on Friday the 22nd September, to share with their class teacher.** Please don't bring in your medals as these will be safer at home.

If you are still reading books towards this challenge you have until Saturday 16th September 2023.



Friday 22nd September - Library open after school till 4pm

Your child can share their reading achievements from the Hampshire Summer Reading Challenge with Mrs Thomas in the library after school. Children who finished the challenge are welcome to show their certificates, children that started the challenge are welcome to pop along to talk about a book they read.

Mrs Thomas is looking forward to hearing about your summer reading.

Please sign in at the main school office after collecting your child at the end of the day. Mrs Thomas will be waiting for you in the library area.



Gardener Club Leader Required



Are you a keen gardener? Do you have a gift of green fingers? We need your help?

Hiltingbury Junior School are searching for a new leader for the gardening club. Could this exciting opportunity be for you? This person needs to have a passion for gardening, have confidence to lead a small group of children and be available to run a weekly club after school. They will also need to have the necessary DBS checks to work with children.

If you are interested in the role of leading the gardening club or want more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us: adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk

*Mrs Richardson
Outdoor learning lead*

Highlight Wellbeing



The childline service is a valuable resource for parents to know about. Share some of these activities with your child. There are games, calming exercises and strategies, as well as useful advice about supporting children who may feel confused or upset when hearing about world events in the news.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

This term I would like to add a section to Highlight Wellbeing to give parents and children the opportunity to get to know school staff a little better. Each week a different member of staff will have their answers to the same 3 questions featured.

Thank you to Mrs Deacon from 4DN for getting your answers back to me so speedily and starting us off -

Mrs Deacon has worked at HJS for 9 years as a teacher.



1. What do you do to unwind and support your wellbeing?
Yoga, reading and singing in a choir.

2. Please share a favourite piece of life advice which has made a difference to you: *'Your best is good enough' And what your 'best' is can be influenced by many factors at any given time. Do what you can and be kind to yourself.*

3. What do you most enjoy about your job?
Helping children to find their 'lightbulb' moments, and working alongside lovely, supportive colleagues.



Welcome to our Highlights. We have lots of events being planned!

We hope everyone has started to settle back into the school routine this week.

The PTA had their first meeting of the year this week and it was lovely to see some new faces. The schools have asked us to help raise funds to enhance the wellbeing hub resources, to improve outdoor spaces, and update school spaces and equipment. We hope to share more of these details with you later in the year. There are lots of **EXCITING** plans now getting underway to help raise funds for our schools which will help enrich the children's school experiences. So, watch this space!

Save the Date!

The HSPTA Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom on 12th October 2023 at 7:30pm
This is to report on the year we have had and what we have achieved.
Why not come and join us?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98399532297>

Meeting ID: 983 9953 2297
Passcode: 6173405824

HSPTA Quiz Night

INFANT School Hall

Friday 6th October 2023 @ 7:30pm

First round starts at 7:45pm
£40 per table plus raffle prize.

Make a team of up to 8 people. Bring your own refreshments, alcohol is permitted, maybe a few nibbles, some cash for the raffle and have a great social night out!

NB: Number of teams is limited to 12 teams (as we will be located in the infants school) and entry is on a first come, first serve basis.

Pre-bookings only - No tickets will be available on the night

Purchase your tickets here: [HSPTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](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



HILTINGBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Learning, Caring and Achieving Together

School Tours



25th September 2.15pm

26th September 2.15pm

2nd October 9.15am

3rd October 9.15am

6th October 9.15am

9th October 9.15am & 10.15am

To book your place [click the link here](#)

Year 2 children are welcome to join you

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