

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has completed our Parental Curriculum Survey over the last week. Our next steps are for our School Council to review your feedback and use these outcomes to inform our new curriculum. We will continue to update you with this progress as it is a key part of our school improvement plan this year.

A huge well done to Mrs Richardson who has been training for the past four months to become a Forest School Leader. This final week of training involved an assessment consisting of applying skills learnt across the training programme including; lighting and maintaining fires, tool work and erecting natural and temporary shelters. All of these skills we know our children would love the opportunity to learn as well. Mrs Richardson is looking forward to working with children across the school and giving them the chance to join in too.

Today our ECO team met with Mike Chater, Hampshire Architect leading our building project, and they spent the time learning about the design brief he is working towards achieving and how the adaptations of the school building will support the school's sustainability. The children were very engaged and asked lots of questions to further their understanding. A brilliant first meeting together as an ECO team - well done!

Next week on Tuesday we have our first Parent Coffee morning of the new academic year and we hope that as many of you are able to join us. The focus of this meeting will be an insight into the provision we use to support children with SEND across the school. Please meet us at The Hilt at 9am where tea and coffee will be awaiting!

We wish you a warm and sunny weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



Dates for your diary

Monday 9th October

School Tour 9.15am &
10.15am &
Year 6 Information
Evening 5pm The Hilt

Tuesday 10th October

World Mental Health Day -
non uniform day in
support of Childline
Parent Forum Meeting
9am
Year 4 Trip Bolderwood

Wednesday 11th October

Flu Vaccines in school

Thursday 12th October

Year 4 Bolderwood Trip
HSPTA AGM Meeting 7.30pm

School Tours

Do you have a child starting
year 3 in September?
Join us for a tour of our
school - see leaflet below for
more information

Weekly Year group highlights

Year 3

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

Year 4

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

Year 5

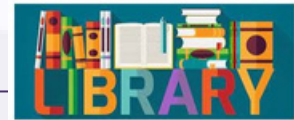
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Year 6

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Reading Updates



Children in years 3 and 4 are welcome on Friday 13th October after school in the library

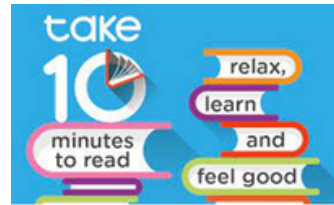
Children in years 5 and 6 are welcome on Friday 20th October after school in the library

We are encouraging our children and their parents/ carers to escape into a book and #Take10ToRead in support of World Mental Health day during our after school library sessions over the coming weeks. Mrs Thomas will highlight the benefits of reading for mental health and will be available to offer 1:1 support for parents if they have a child who is a reluctant reader.

Mr Achilles, our new mental health leader, will be in the library to meet parents and highlight the importance of mental health. He is very much looking forward to the sessions and the contribution this will have on National Mental Health and Wellbeing day on 10th October.

Please sign in at the main school office after collecting your child at the end of the day. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Mrs Thomas and Mr Achilles will be waiting for you in the library area.

Highlight Wellbeing



Escape into a book and #Take10ToRead

Life is busy and it isn't always easy to find time for yourself.

Reading can help you relax, boost your mood and escape elsewhere – and it doesn't have to be a book. It could be the post-match analysis of Saturday's football game, an interview with your favourite actor, DIY hacks or even recipes. Reading something that interests you can transport you away from day-to-day life.

That's why, on Tuesday 10 October at 10am the National Literacy Trust are calling on the nation to #Take10ToRead in support of World Mental Health Day.

Take 10 is a campaign to promote the wellbeing benefits of reading. Try it for 10 minutes today and see where it takes you. We are looking forward to supporting this event in school next week.

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 Rachel Bailey for your answers this week:

Mrs Bailey has been working here at HJS for what she says is 'too many' years!' She has held many roles, including - parent helper, teaching assistant, play leader and an admin assistant. We know her skills and her kindness are limitless.

1. What do you do to unwind and support your wellbeing?

Walks with my dog
Wild Swimming
Chilling in my hot tub
Time with my family



2. Please share a favourite piece of life advice which has made a difference to you:

Enjoy today as you just don't know what tomorrow will bring.

3. What do you most enjoy about your job?

PEOPLE



This year we will celebrate World Mental Health Day on 10th October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

We are also delighted to be supporting Childline by taking part in the Kindness Challenge on the 10th October.

Our Kindness Challenge

We'll be spending the day creating more kindness in our school community by working through a list of kindness acts. We ask that children wear non-uniform in exchange for donations on 10th October.

We've set up a [JustGiving page](#) Please donate and share with friends so we can support Childline.

It all adds up

All the money we raise at Hiltingbury will help keep children supported and safe.



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

For more information please contact

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Help Wanted!



Are you the one in your friend group who filled out every page in your child's baby book... at the right time?

Are you the type of person who documents everything, from your toddler's 1st steps to how far you jogged yesterday?

If so, we have the perfect role for you!

Put your stellar recordkeeping skills and attention to detail to good use as the **HSPTA Secretary**. You must have good listening skills and computer skills – Extra credit if you can watch

TV and play candy crush at the same time.

Contact us at the HSPTA on info.hspta@gmail.com

What's coming up?

October 1st Christmas trees go live!	Coming Soon
October 6rd HSPTA Quiz	2 Tables Left!
October 12th PTA AGM Meeting	All welcome on zoom
November 17th Wreath Workshop	NEW! Book Now!
November 25th Christmas Tree Collection	coming soon
December 2rd Christmas Tree Collection	coming soon
December 9th Christmas Tree Collection	coming soon
December 7th Infants Elfridges	Now on sale
December 13th Junior School Elfridges	Now on sale

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Hurry Book your table now!

INFANT School Hall

Friday 6th October 2023 @ 7:30pm

Order Hot food from Papa Johns on our website until 3rd October.