

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am lucky enough to be writing this week's newsletter from Hooke Court with the year 6 cohort. We have had a brilliant time away with the children and they have been a credit to the school and you all. Our time has been spent learning about World War 1 and 2 through various practical, hands-on experiences such as cooking, fire drills, army drills and using ink pens. My favourite activity was when we were placed in an Anderson shelter, during a raid, trying to be brave and keep up morale through singing and playing games. Last night, we enjoyed our own VE Day party celebrations marking the end of the war. The children have been exemplary in their behaviours and attitudes, participating whole heartedly in each activity, fully engaging in each experience. It has been a pleasure to see the children thrive in different ways, including in their personal growth in being independent and away from home.

Thank you to our wonderful team of staff who have also given up their time this week to take the children away. This is such a commitment you always show and we are all very grateful!

This week I met with our HSPTA committee to make exciting plans for this half term. As always they challenged themselves to go bigger than last year and we have some new events coming up that will be shared soon.

We hope to see as many of our Parents and Carers joining us on Monday 13th November for our Remembrance Service at 10.40am. We have checked the weather and at present there is heavy rain forecasted in the morning. If it does rain, we will change the service timing to start at 2.40pm instead with all Parents and Carers welcome. We will send a Parentmail on Monday at 9am to confirm the details.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we hope the year 6 children catch up on their sleep!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



Dates for your diary

13th November -
School Remembrance
Celebration

17th November -
Children in Need - non
uniform day

21st November -
Parent Coffee Morning
9am

27th November - Odd
Sock Day

30th November - Parent
Forum meeting 1-3pm

7th December - School
Snow Ball Disco /
Festive Jumper Day &
Christmas lunch / 4P
Listen to me concert
2pm

13th December - Book
share in the classrooms
3.30-3.55pm &
Christmas Carols 4pm

Weekly 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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Deadline Reminder for 500 word story!



Highlight Wellbeing

If you are welcoming your year 6 child home from the school residential, please do take the time to really focus on them, and listen to all their reflections on their experience. Wishing you a gentle weekend as they catch up on their sleep and enjoy all their home comforts.
'The final pleasure of a good time away is coming home again'.

If your child hasn't yet created a poppy for our Remembrance Assembly on Monday, this should be a calming activity for the weekend. Here are some ideas - do what suits you!



Here is a sensitive animation to share with your child to explore the symbolic relevance of the poppy.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER AT
10.40AM FOR OUR WHOLE SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION**