

# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are truly amazed at how quickly the children have settled into school life, especially our new Year 3 cohort, who have approached all their activities with such positivity this week. The children have been busy learning fascinating new facts about the trees their new class names represent. Even our teachers have been working hard to learn all the new class names—Mrs Richardson is currently leading the way in recalling them all!

On Wednesday, Mrs Hartley, Mrs Batten, and I had the pleasure of meeting with all the children who took care of our Hugo Bears over the summer. The children shared many wonderful stories and adventures, and it was clear how much they enjoyed their time with the bears. Although they were a bit reluctant to return them, Hugo received lots of cuddles in exchange, which made the transition easier.

To help you plan for the term ahead, we have added key dates to our school calendar, available on our website. Earlier this week, I also shared the dates for our "New Year Group Welcome Events," and we hope you will be able to attend. A quick reminder that all after school clubs start next week.

Our School Community and Learning Values play a vital role in developing key skills and qualities in the children. This term, we are focusing on our Community Value of "Respectfulness," and we will be exploring this concept in various contexts throughout the term. In line with this, we have made changes to our celebration assemblies, and this year we will be awarding certificates for both values on alternating weeks.

As part of our school improvement plan, we are excited to be working with Kit Messenger, author of *Curious Not Furious*, as we review our approach to improving behaviour and attitudes across both the Junior and Infant schools. Our goal is to implement these improvements in the next academic year, and we will keep you updated on our progress. This year, we will continue to focus on key behaviour routines such as super starts, epic ends, active listening and learning, and legendary lineups. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for blogs showcasing these routines in action.

We are also delighted to announce that starting Friday, 13th September, our school library will be open every Friday from 3:20 pm to 4:00 pm for families to come and read together and choose books. Mrs Thomas, our librarian, will be on hand to assist with book changes and offer recommendations. We look forward to welcoming you in the library—please sign in at the main school office after collecting your child at the end of the day.

After a busy and exciting start to the school year, we imagine the children may be feeling a bit tired, so we hope you all enjoy a restful and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

*Zoe Coosemore*



## Dates for your diary -

*Please check the school website calendar for more events and information*

WC 9th September - Clubs begin

Monday 16th September - 5A Sustainability centre trip

Tuesday 17th September - HSPTA meeting 7.30pm / Welcome to our new pupil voice groups

Monday 23rd September - 'Welcome to Year 5' - parent event at 9am

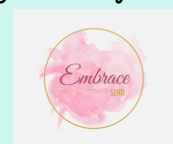
Tuesday 24th September - 'Welcome to Year 3' - parent event at 9am

Wednesday 25th September - 'Welcome to Year 4' - parent event at 9am

Thursday 26th September - 'Welcome to Year 4' - parent event at 9am

Monday 30th September - Harvest collection for Eastleigh Basics Bank begins (last day for donations 15th October)

## School Community Groups



Save the date:

1st October - Embrace group meeting 9am

7th October - Unity group meeting 1pm

17th October - Connected group meeting 9am

For more information on our community groups please see below

*All parents & Carers are welcome!*



# LIBRARY NEWS

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*Learning, Caring and Achieving Together*

# School Tours

23rd September 2.15pm

24th September 2.15pm

1st October 9.15am

2nd October 9.15am

3rd October 9.15am

8th 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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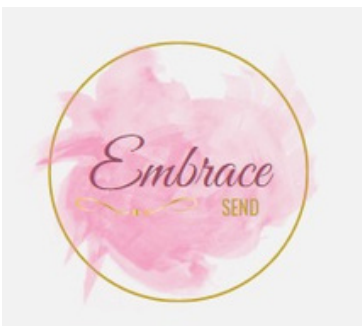
# BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

## HILTINGBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL



caring;  
compassionate;  
connected

Our commitment to being 'Connected' extends to our Parent coffee mornings held every half term. These interactive workshops offer Parents and Carers a valuable opportunity to receive advice and strategies for nurturing the social, emotional, and mental well-being of their children. Led by our dedicated pastoral team, Mrs Clarke (ELSA), Mrs Boden (Thrive), and Mr Achilles (Mental Health Lead), and various guest speakers. Together, we aim to build a supportive community focused on the development of the whole child.



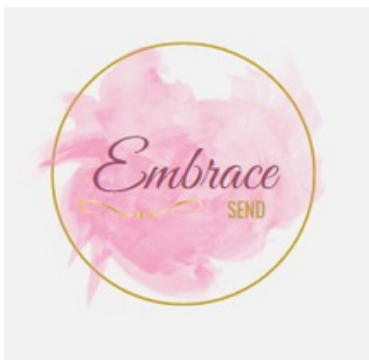
embrace

'**Embrace**' sessions are a wonderful opportunity for our Parents and Carers to come together to meet other Parents in the school community and to have the time to explore a range of different special educational needs. Mrs Holt, our dedicated SENCo, leads the 'Embrace' workshops and aims to provide a welcoming space for open discussions and mutual support. Everyone is welcome to attend, as we foster a community that embraces diversity and inclusivity.



shaping our school  
together

We believe in the strength of working together to shape the future of Hiltingbury Junior School. Your voice is important to us, and during these opportunities to collaborate we review, discuss and evaluate the experiences we offer our children. Every term we welcome all Parents and Carers to join us, alongside our dedicated staff and enthusiastic children to make a positive impact on the learning pathways for our children and achieve our school vision that reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our school community.



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