



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We thank you for your support this morning and we were glad to be able to continue to open for the remainder of the day. I would like to say thank you to Mike King, our Site Manager, for his quick response to the situation and for working with the engineers to ensure we could all still attend today.

I have to start this week in reflecting on our Maths Parents evening led by Mrs Coking, our Maths Leader and supported by Mrs Deacon, Mrs Preston and Mrs Richardson. Parents have highlighted just how passionate staff were in leading the developments of Maths Mastery across our school. The evening gave an insight into how we teach maths across the school with a focus on the concrete and pictorial representations we use to support and challenge children with their mathematical ideas. The presentation for the evening is on the website so please do have a look if you were unable to attend.

Next week is our Anti-Bullying week which has been organised by Miss Chambers. The School Council will be leading an assembly on Monday morning sharing with the school the theme of 'One Kind word'. The children will also be engaging in activities across the week in reflecting on the importance of kindness towards one another. Thank you to Miss Chambers for your brilliant organisation and the creative activities you have planned for everyone.

Year 4 were very excited with some unusual visitors to school this week. After discovering 3 dragon eggs on a hunt around the school grounds. They have been safely transported into the classrooms and are now being well cared for by 4S, 4P and 4CO. Ask your children to tell you all about it!

It is starting to feel a bit festive in school and with only three weeks to go before the end of term, I know lots of the community will be thinking about putting up their Christmas trees so why not buy them from our very own HSPTA! Please see the details attached for more information!

Have a warm and happy weekend everyone.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

Christmas Complete!

Help children in need have the Christmas they deserve! Many children of all ages are suffering from poverty and won't have a Christmas with presents under the tree on Christmas day.

Every year, we donate toys to a Southampton charity called Scratch for their 'Christmas complete' project. This year, we invite every child to participate by donating a gift. You can also bring in donations of wrapping paper and sellotape. We will be collecting items in school during the period Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th December. Please note we are only collecting donations of NEW items this year. You can also order direct from the Amazon wish list on the charity's website:

<https://www.scratchcharity.co.uk/projects/christmas-complete.htm>

Kind Regards, **The House Captain team.**



We Care nominations:

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Xander R (3D) - Xander has had a very ambitious attitude towards his learning. He has thoroughly impressed me with his engagement in all lessons this week. Xander's high ambition with his learning has led him to achieve his Apprentice Scribe certificate this week! Well done Xander!

Aiden B (5C) - Aiden is always ambitious towards all learning every day, however Aiden this week has impressed every adult with his ambition towards his English planning. Aiden has come up with wonderful, adventurous vocabulary about his planet and I cannot wait to read more as we develop this. Aiden has been able to refine his skills with relative clauses and is able to use this confidently in his own writing.

Lucy R (6W) Lucy has really impressed this week in all aspects of her learning. She tries her best in each subject and is making fantastic progress as a result. You are a joy to teach Lucy - well done.

Sofia F (3DN) Sofia has really impressed me this week with her improved attitude to learning. She's always been positive and enthusiastic but this week I've seen her really pushing herself with her work. She has raised her hand more often to share fantastic responses and ideas, she's been really trying hard to master a new skill in maths and given her best in writing too. Well done, Sofia, what a great week!

Daisy W (6C) Well done Daisy for pushing your learning this week with a super increase in your contributions to class discussions. Keep up the high level of engagement

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Dougie (6B) Dougie's love for learning shines through everyday. He has enthusiasm for everything and is always engaged and ready to participate, sharing his thoughts through discussion. It is a pleasure to have him in the classroom! Super work Dougie!

Tilly C (4CO) In the last couple of weeks, we have really seen Tilly come alive! She has been thriving in her new place and has loved writing her Jack and the Beanstalk parody.

Luca G (4S) Luca has really shone this week with his eagerness and enthusiasm for his learning. He is always ready with a thoughtful response and an explanation that shows his depth of understanding. He is driven to improve his work and has embraced the 'going deeper' in maths to extend and challenge himself. Well done Luca.

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Annabelle M (3P) Annabelle has really practised this skill this week during Science, History and Reading. Annabelle has shown that she has an analytical mind and has posed excellent questions. Well done!

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Thomas G (5MR) - Thomas has really shone this week during our maths sessions. He has embraced the different charts, tables and graphs and really impressed us with his knowledge. Well done Thomas, a future statistician in the making!

Tom G (4P) Tom has been working really hard this week on his writing. He has reflected on our handwriting lessons and is now forming his letters more clearly. He is also taking care over the punctuation of his work and I have been really pleased to see him participating more in discussions.

Ailsa K (5M) Ailsa's working together skills are always exemplary. She is incredibly respectful, considerate and helpful to her peers and adults in the classroom. This week, I have been particularly impressed with Ailsa's positivity and team spirit in our hockey match and grouped writing tasks.

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Year 3 - This week Year 3 has been putting the WECARE skill Enquiring into good use. In History the children were archaeologists as they investigated what Stone Age man ate through examining some fake poo! Brown sourdough was packed with fish bones (dried spaghetti), fruit (raisins) and nuts (dried lentils). This was dissected by the children using some 'high tech' organic tools and the diet of Stone Age man was revealed. The children were then challenged to create a menu for a new Stone Age restaurant that was opening in Winchester.

In Science we were investigating which rock would be the best for building a monument. It had to be hard enough to withstand erosion and be water resistant.

In Maths we have started to learn formal written methods for addition and perfecting 2x tables.

In English we have been writing stories based on our Stone Age Boy book looking to use a blend of action, description and dialogue

Year 5 Yet another busy but exciting week in year 5. In our reading lessons, the children have continued to show their fluency and reading aloud skills in our new book about a boy becoming a warrior for the Maasai Tribe. The children have explored and immersed themselves into African culture by learning lots of new vocabulary and words. In English, we are continuing with our Pandora planet and have been busy planning a chronological report for a new planet- describing its climate and atmosphere, landscape, plants and animals and any special features. In particular, the children really enjoyed creating new animals and plants for their planet. The children are very excited to start writing their reports next week. In maths, we are coming to the end of our statistics unit and this week we have been looking at line graphs and two way tables. We even had a chance to draw and plot line graphs, which the children did a great job at. In DT, we have been learning how to paper pattern clothes for our Mayan dolls, by using a tape measure we calculated the measurements and created paper templates for a poncho and skirt/kilt. Next week, we will be transferring these patterns onto material and cutting these out, ready to decorate.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4 - What another busy week! The learning in year 4 land just keeps getting better and better. We thoroughly enjoyed finishing our parodies of Jack and the Beanstalk this week, tightening up our speech punctuation and even had the opportunity to read some of our masterpieces aloud. The range of ideas and the quirky imaginations of our year 4s never ceases to amaze us, with beanstalks substituted for giant sunflowers and pineapples and cows substituted for pigs, ducks and even turnips. "Jack! We have no money. Take our duck to the Chinese Restaurant!" was one example that particularly tickled the year 4 team.

Year 4 had a very exciting morning when some mysterious eggs appeared around the school grounds. We went on an egg hunt... we found some HUGE ones! What laid them? Where have they come from? The children had so many questions and are now all fired up to explore the rest of this unit in English. Watch this space!

In geography, we learnt about local economies and how tourism is vital to the economies of areas such as the New Forest, and compared this to Yosemite in California. We discussed the positives and the drawbacks of tourism from the perspective of locals, employers and tourists, and considered how we might be able to make tourism more sustainable. In maths, we have been looking at formal written methods of addition and subtraction and understanding when we need to exchange between columns. This will roll into next week as we continue to refine our skills.

Year 6 - In this week of school we have enjoyed our lessons across the curriculum. In maths, we have been studying measurements (grams and millilitres) and converting them into kilograms and litres, learning how much extra we need to get to the next measurement up.

For instance 1l = 1000ml. In English this week, we have been studying a book called the 'Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah. We have been writing a letter to Theresa May about the windrush scandal in 2017. In science, we have been learning about electricity. We have put our knowledge to practise and have been building circuits making the lightbulb turn on and how many volts we add depends on how bright the bulb glows. Geography this week has been interesting as we have been deciding where the safest place would be in the school if there was a volcanic eruption. Our criteria was strong windows, walls and ceiling, supplies close by, most exits to hide from pyroclastic flows (lava flows) and ash clouds. LLL!!! Year 6 are also excited about the mosque trip next week on Monday where we will be learning about a religion (Muslim) and shall be exploring the life of Muslim prayer.

Have a nice weekend!

From *Adam and Josh*

PRE-ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE NOW!

Locally sourced in Hampshire, high quality, non-drop Nordman fir trees delivered netted and ready for collection at the school at **AMAZING** prices! Choose your collection date, 4th December or 11th December, at checkout. **Sale ends on 6th December**



Letter from Father Christmas

This year we are once again offering for sale a beautifully presented, personalised letter from Father Christmas to your children. Purchase on our website and fill in the questions at checkout to give it that personal touch. Letters will be delivered to you in time for Christmas.

Sale ends 17th December

Let your children surprise you on Christmas day with a gift they have secretly chosen for you, your family and friends, from our Elfridges shop. All gift selections will take place within the schools on the following days; the infant school on 9th December and the junior school on 14th December. Simply go to our website and select which age/gender categories you want your child to choose from and let our elves do the rest for you! **Sale ends 6th December**



LAST CHANCE TO BUY!!

SALE ENDS 28th NOVEMBER

Come and join us at our Dine with Santa event on 4th December at Hiltingbury Infant School. Where family and friends can book a table, and join in the fun and festivities with Santa and his Elves! Breakfast with Santa is available at 9am-10:30am and 11am-12:30pm, adult tickets are priced at £10 and child tickets are priced at £12.95. Afternoon Tea with Santa is available at 1pm-2:30pm and 3pm-4:30pm, adult tickets are priced at £12.95 and child tickets are priced at £14.95. Each ticket purchased includes food & drinks and a meeting with Santa. In addition, the children will be given 2 craft activities, an opportunity to write a wish list for Santa, colouring fun and a gift from Santa's grotto! Under 2's can attend free of charge, however, food will not be provided (you may share your own food as you wish, but if you would like us to provide food please purchase a child's ticket). If you would like your under 2 to select a gift from Santa's grotto, you will need to purchase this add-on separately for £3 via our website. Tables will hold 8 guests, so if you wish to sit with other family groups/friends please book tickets in one booking name so we can ensure we seat you together.

The HSPTA Holiday Pack will be crammed full of exciting seasonal crafts and activities, that will be delivered straight to your door between the 13th – 20th December. Available to purchase on our website now for only £5! **Sale ends 8th December**



To purchase these items, or to browse all of the other items we have for sale, please visit our website www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or for more information contact events.hspta@gmail.com and let us know how we can help you

Your children have been busy creating their beautiful Christmas designs in school, which have been uploaded to www.mychildsart.co.uk/order To find your child's design, click 'Parent Order Portal' on the top right of the screen, use the login codes:
Username = Hiltingbury, Password = 7avLFUCs and then type your child's name to search for their artwork and browse a range of items available to purchase.

Portal will close on 8th December, so order soon to avoid missing out!