



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been very lucky for the past two days to be able to join the year 5 cohort and staff at Fairthorne Manor. The children really have done us all proud in their attitude and engagement with the variety of adventurous activities and the respectfulness they have shown towards each other and staff. One highlight was watching the children enjoy the water activities; kayaking and raft building. The children loved the thrill of being able to play water based games and were really brave in jumping into the freezing cold water! The smiles and pure enjoyment shown on their faces really made the whole experience so memorable. We really look forward to welcoming everyone back this afternoon and again I would like to thank the staff for giving up their own time for us to be able to offer this fantastic opportunity for the children. There will definitely be some very tired children coming home to you all!

Next week our year 6 children have their SATs. We are all very proud of their positive, hardworking attitudes and we know they will try their best. Please all enjoy a relaxing weekend and we look forward to starting the week enjoying breakfast together on Monday morning!

The re-opening of our library at lunchtimes this week has been a huge success. The children who have read in the library during lunchtimes, have enjoyed snuggling up on the beanbags or basking in the sunshine in the courtyard with their books. It is lovely to be able to offer this opportunity once again for the children to read for pleasure. We definitely have some Hiltingbury Bookworms!

Mrs Thomas would like to remind everyone that it is important your child enjoys and regularly reads their library books. If you feel your child needs supporting with their choice of books, please pop along on a Friday after school till 4pm. During this time Mrs Thomas is very happy to recommend books based on your child's reading level and interests. If your child does not enjoy reading, it means they have not YET found the right book to engage and capture them into the wonderful world of reading.

Regular reading helps all children make progress and can mean they enjoy their books even more. Treasure the wonderful time you spend together sharing, reading and discussing the books. Please remember all children benefit from hearing adults read aloud to them too.

We hope you enjoy reading over the weekend with your child and we hope to see as many Parents and Carers join us for our Reading event on Monday 9th May at 5pm either virtually or in person where we will share an insight into how you can help your child develop their reading at home.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

**Link to our school website
calendar for dates and
events**

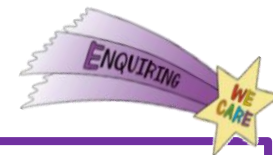
[Website Calendar Link](#)

We Care nominations:



Erin A (6B) Throughout the week Erin has been working incredibly hard with her writing, aiming to be ambitious with her vocabulary and structure, trying to be her best

Yasmin (4P) Yasmin has really impressed me with her attitude to our fractions unit. As a result of her focus and determination she has increasingly been able to work independently to solve tricky fraction calculations.



Deven M 3P - Deven has shown a real enthusiasm for developing his enquiring skills in Science this week. We are investigating what will happen when we change how much water we give a plant. Deven impressed me with his scientific knowledge when working to set up the experiment.



James G (3DN) - We are so proud of James. He has been working really hard to reflect on the feedback that he has been given and we have seen a huge improvement both in and out of the classroom. Well done, James - keep up the good work! :-)

Matthew S (4S) Matthew carefully considers and reflects on his learning and the advice he is given. As a result, he has had a great week, especially with his writing of a very descriptive diary as Marcy. Keep it up Matthew - Well done :-)



Emma B (3D) - Emma has been an absolute superstar this week! She has been so enthusiastic in every lesson and has constantly got her hand up to share her ideas. Emma, you are a true role model to your peers. Well done!

Hannah H (6C) - Well done Hannah. This week you have shown great independence in your attitude to work and an enthusiasm for learning while Mrs Mugford has been away. Let's show her what you can achieve.

Louis W (4CO) Louis has shown enthusiasm this week both in lesson time and in his wider responsibilities in school. In History, Louis was able to spot details and link together connections between artefacts to deduce which Saxon king had been buried. Louis has been a superb representative in his role in Pupil Council and enthusiastic about what they are working on



Nafisa A (6W) Nafisa is such a fantastic helper and support to her peers. She is always keen and conscientious to help others, whether that is choosing improved language in English or offering support in games etc. Well done Nafisa - you are a fabulous team player.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3

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

Year 4

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Year 5 – Fairthorne Special!

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Year 6

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Highlight Wellbeing

TESTING TIPS!

Next week we will be supporting our year six children as they complete their SATS. They have been working towards these for a long time, and we are so very proud of them all.

Leaving aside the actual brain work necessary, and the facts, figures and memories that they will be using, it is really important to remember that being relaxed and healthy is a vital element in doing our best in test conditions.

Please talk to your child (especially if they are in year 6!) about these following tips which will keep them healthy and calm, and will help reiterate what they have been told in school.

BREATHE - Taking a few deep breaths in and out will calm your system and give you a break and time to think.

SLEEP - Sleeping well will give your brain and body a chance to rest and be at your best.

HEALTHY FOOD - Healthy food will give you energy, and make you feel good.

POSITIVE THOUGHTS - You can do this! The SATS give you a chance to show what you have learnt. And doing your best is ALWAYS good enough. Be Proud of everything you have already done.

EXERCISE - Fit some exercise into every day. It will boost your wellbeing and make you less anxious.

SELF CARE - Take care of YOU, and do things that you enjoy to help you to relax and feel good about being you. Hobbies and interests really do matter.

Have a fun weekend!



Attention all choir members and musicians: a date for your diaries

This year I am delighted to announce that we will be bringing back our family orchestra day! This will involve a day for any child who is learning a musical instrument to come together with others to create an 'orchestra in a day', culminating in a concert at 4pm. We would also like to invite any musical parents, older siblings, grandparents etc to join in too!

In a slight change from previous years, the choir will be joining us for the concert :-)

This exciting event will take place on **Saturday 2nd July in our school hall** so please add it to your diaries. Further information about how to get involved will be sent out in due course.

I look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Mrs Nurdin

Thank you!

Fundraiser for Ukraine – thank you!

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to say a massive thank you for supporting us to raise money for Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who donated, baked cakes, came to support us at our bike ride and bought a cake from our stall. We would also like to thank Miss Bristow and Miss Loosemore for helping us to make it happen.



We have been overwhelmed by the amount of money collected to go to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. So far we have raised a whopping £2,500 (with gift aid)!!! Thanks again for all of your support.

Jamie, Josh, Adam and Henry
Year 6



Request for LEGO sets & Puzzles

To further enhance our Wellbeing Hub (run by the Wellbeing Ambassadors to support children who may be feeling lonely, upset or down at lunchtimes), we are asking if anyone has any lego sets at home or complete children's puzzles at all please.

If you do have either of those things, please could you bring them to the school office to be used in the Wellbeing Hub during this summer term and beyond.

Thank you very much in advance for your generosity.

Mr Wright