



# Hiltingbury Highlights

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## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can imagine, this week has been very different for us compared to last week with all of the excitement of Ofsted visiting and our year 6 residential! Our first trip to Hooke Court was a truly memorable experience for everyone. I joined the team on Thursday morning to find the children a little sleepy after an exciting first night in the dorms with their friends. They didn't let us down though and really engaged with each activity on the second day, including spending time in an Anderson shelter, baking food with the rations they were given, getting an insight into the life of an evacuee and enjoying a VE day party in the evening along with a murder mystery. Staff at Hooke Court commented throughout the three days how respectful and knowledgeable our children were. We all know these enrichment experiences can never go ahead without the support from our staff, thank you to everyone who gave up their own time to go, and to the children who were exemplary in their engagement with the trip.

This week we invited Jerry Brown, a Hampshire Educational Psychologist, into school to lead our Parent Coffee morning on Neurodiversity. Jerry's experience and knowledge in his role gave parents and Carers the opportunity to reflect on neurodiversity and neurodiverse conditions (ADHD and autism) and what might be helpful support at home. The slides can be found on our updated wellbeing Hub on the school website – please do take the time to have a look.

Recently, there have been lots of information shared about upcoming Teacher strikes. Hampshire and the department for education have shared details about keeping schools open and if needed making changes in the way we operate. As a school, just as we did during COVID, our aim is to keep the school fully open.

My final thank you this week is to our budding maths team, led by Mrs Coking, who all presented an information evening on the progression of fractions across the school. Parents gave feedback in saying how useful it was in understanding the content of what their child learns and also how we teach using pictorial models and concrete resources to support children in their conceptual understanding of fractions.

Despite the cold weather, the children have enjoyed taking part in our Inclusion Day today. Throughout the day, all of the children have participated in a plethora of different physical activities, including air-track, skittles, parachute games, archery, new age kurling et al. The day has been in congruence with our WE CARE value for this half-term: ambition. It has been lovely watching children display their ambitious attitudes when taking part in these activities. Ask your children tonight what their favourite activity was!

Next week is our Parent forum meeting on Monday 23rd January at 2pm if you haven't signed up yet there is still time. Please just email our school office to let them know you would like to join the meeting.

We wish you a warm weekend with your friends and family.

Best wishes,

**Zoe Loosemore**

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

[Website Calendar Link](#)

# Year Group Highlights



Year 3

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

Year 4

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

Year 5

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



Year 6

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

## Highlight Well-being

It was great to welcome parents to our half termly coffee morning on Tuesday, to develop further understanding of neurodiversity, from Educational Psychologist Jerry Brown.

There are always a few special, take home messages from sessions like this that leave a lasting impression, and I thought I'd share mine here.

1. Society's understanding and research into neurodiversity is growing all the time, it's complex and fascinating, and all part of 'understanding your child'.
2. Always look to understand behaviour as 'communicating a message'. Behaviour is the 'tip of the iceberg' and we need to identify the hidden fears or feelings, sensory needs or executive functioning difficulties which may be beneath what we can see.

3. This! -

### Neurodiversity



- Neurodiversity is a natural and valuable form of human diversity
- Neurodiversity should not be pathologized, 'cured,' or 'treated'
- Neurodiverse people are 'disabled' by their environments
- Neurodiversity should be accepted, celebrated, and supported

4. There is always support and help available, please talk to your child's class teacher about any concerns, and have a read of the PowerPoint from Jerry available on the wellbeing hub on our school website.



## Welcome to our Highlights! Take note of what's coming up!

2023 Calendar:

Event	Date (Subject to Change)
Make the Rules Day	10th February
Tuck Shop After School	10th February
World Book Day - 2nd Hand book Sale	27th February
Wonder Woman Celebration Sale	13th March
Easter Egg Hunt	24th March
Easter Craft Bags	31st March
Spring/Summer Dance	TBC?!
Spring Quiz	Date TBC
Summer Pottery	TBC - April
Summer Fayre	TBC?!?! Get in touch to help or it won't happen!
Summer Colour Run	End of summer term
A.N. Other Events?!	Could you get involved to make it happen?!

We also have a number of exciting ideas of things coming up - including some planning evenings (involving prosecco!) where we will be trying to work out plans for some of these new and reborn events! We would love to put on a ceilidh, circus, fayre, movie night, Santa run and more! Look out for more dates for planning sessions coming up - please come and join us to discuss ideas and decide if we can go big or have to reign them in.

Here we are enjoying the spring events planning session!

**We have a Summer Fayre planning meeting on 26th January, 7.30-10pm.**

Please email [info.hspta@gmail.com](mailto:info.hspta@gmail.com) if you would like to attend and get involved in what could be the biggest event of the year!



### In just one term you have helped raise over £16000!!

Uniform Sales	£506	Spooks & Sparks	£5770	Xmas Jumpers	£145
Tuck Shops	£523	Dine with Santa	£1428	Wreaths & Prints	£83
Lottery	£614	Elfridges	£2822	Shopping links	£96
Quiz	£692	Xmas Trees	£2346	Santa Letters	£469
Pottery	£285	Xmas Cards	£600+	Donations /other	£416

Website for orders and info: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Private Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hspta>

Contact the team: [info.hspta@gmail.com](mailto:info.hspta@gmail.com)

## Supporting your adolescent

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Safeguarding Children's Partnerships (LSCPs) Parent and Carer Adolescent Toolkit.

The subjects featured in the toolkit were chosen specially by parents and carers, and the contents has been carefully compiled by a range of services across both Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

[Link to Hampshire 'Supporting your adolescent'](#)



Community support & Events



## Free\* Paediatric First Aid courses this Spring term!

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>



Location	Dates (attendance required on both dates)	Time
Fleet Library	27 January and 3 February	9:45am – 4:15pm
Leigh Park Library	2 February and 9 February	9:45am – 4:15pm
Andover Library	4 February and 11 February	9:30am – 4:30pm
Lymington Library	18 February and 25 February	9:30am – 4:30pm
Romsey Library	21 February and 28 February	9:30am – 4:30pm
Wells Place Centre, Eastleigh	22 February and 23 February	9:00am – 5:00pm
New Milton Library	22 February and 1 March	9:30am – 4:30pm
Farnborough Library	28 February and 7 March	9:45am – 4:15pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre	2 March and 9 March	9:45am – 4:15pm
Alton Library	3 March and 10 March	9:45am – 4:15pm

\*Free tuition, optional certification available at a cost, to be discussed with tutor

These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.



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