



# Hiltingbury Highlights

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## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our Parents and Carers for attending our Parent forum meeting this week. Miss Chambers, our Science Leader, led a presentation sharing an insight into the developments she has led across the school in developing our new science curriculum. Parents were very impressed with how knowledgeable and passionate Miss Chambers came across. To continue to provide our community with how different subjects are being developed, we agreed to invite another subject leader to our next Parent forum meeting which will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Please put the date in your diary!

We continue to strive to enrich our curriculum through trips, events and visitors and recently the children in years 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to meet and ask questions to the authors of their class texts; Everest: The remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay by Alexandra Stewart and Yusra swims by Julie Abery. Children gained so much background knowledge about the authors inspiration and how events in their lives led them to writing the books. The authors also spoke about the challenges of writing, which the children could relate to, and how books really do provide an opportunity to learn about the world around us.

In assembly on Tuesday this week our School Council shared their work so far this half term in leading the developments of our school community value; Ambition. Please see the Ambitious skills and attitudes below that we are all challenging ourselves to achieve. Next week the School Council will be carrying out a learning review to see the impact of their work. Thank you all again for giving up your time to lead such an important part of our school development.

Finally I would like to say good luck to Elise and Amelia, who are taking part in a charity event that they have planned this weekend. They will be running 2km, followed by a 2km swim and finishing with a 3km cycle ride to achieve the triathlon! I have just had a look at their sponsorship page and so far they have raised a staggering £710.92! The funds are going to be used to purchase 2 tags for tagging 2 sharks through the Fins Attached charity. This charity travels the world to carry out shark research, education and conservation. Freya and Amelia we wish you the best of luck and we can't wait to hear all about your achievements on Monday! You are both role models for our Ambition school community value and an inspiration for us all!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

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

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Year 5

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Year 6

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## Highlight Well-being

I have been talking this week with several groups of children who have expressed worries about morning times being stressful and difficult. There are jobs which must be done, by a certain time to get everyone out of the door. Lost shoes, finding books and equipment, getting hair and teeth brushed, potentially other responsibilities like feeding pets - tempers can easily become frayed, and this is certainly a scene echoed in thousands of households up and down the land! But there are things that can help, and it can make a huge difference to a day to have a relatively calm and organised start. *The 'morning dragon'* can run rampant and cause undue stress. It is really useful in a calm moment to talk to your child about how you can work together as a team to 'tame the morning dragon'. The key concept is that **it's you and your child against the problem (dragon), not you and your child against each other.**

If this sounds familiar to you, please try the sheet attached to this week's Highlights 'Tame the morning dragon'. It can help to have a clear guide of jobs, and I would suggest devising a 'reward' for its completion! Talk about the jobs that you will do as the adult, to support this to happen eg - packed lunches made the night before, uniform clean and ready to go etc.

The dragon pic on the sheet would additionally be a calming mindful colouring activity, *I hope this helps.*



Tame the Morning Dragon!

After school and Sunday

Bag packed for the next day	
Uniform and shoes ready	
Reading/spellings/Xtables done	

In the morning. . .

Make Bed	
Get dressed	
Brush teeth	
Eat breakfast	

Leaving Time is \_\_\_\_\_





Welcome to our Highlights we have lots of events being planned - those with confirmed dates are below:

Event	Date
Make the Rules Day	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



### Celebrate the Wonderful Women in your Child's life!

HSPTA Wonderful Women event is being held to coincide with Mothering Sunday on 19th March and to celebrate all the amazing women in your life - mums, aunties, grandmothers or anyone who fulfils a key role in your child's life. Your child will be able to choose a gift from our surprise shop which will be delivered to be taken home on Friday 17th March.

Gifts are £5 and tickets available on [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) from Friday 27th January

### Second Hand Book Sale - 27th February

We are asking if you have any second hand books in good condition that you can donate to our 2nd hand book sale? It's great to share the joy of reading at an affordable price! Please drop any books at either reception and make sure you come along to the event on the day to replenish your library.

### Summer Fayre Planning is in full swing!

**Why have Hiltingbury Schools not had a Summer Fayre since 2019?** The biggest reason is lack of volunteers, too much work is left to do by too few people so if we all want to see this wonderful event go ahead, we need the support of our parents and staff to make it happen. If you would like to be involved either in the planning and /or on the day:

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