



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who visited our book fair last week. Mrs Thomas has shared her own message of thanks but I also wanted to thank you all as the funds raised make such a difference to the children's reading experiences in school.

Last week, two year groups enjoyed the school's first Virtual Reality experience as a result of Miss Bristow's organisation. The children's faces and 'oohs' and 'aahs' while they were interacting and exploring their virtual world really had the impact we had hoped!

We would like to say an enormous thank you to our very committed Sports Leaders who are doing a fantastic job of leading games at lunch times. Over the past few weeks, they have undergone training with Personal Best Education sports company, learning a range of sporting activities whilst developing team work and leadership skills. This week, we have seen lots of children joining in and enjoying the sports leader sessions - the parachute is a definite favourite! It is great to see the leaders growing in confidence and we look forward to seeing their skills develop over the rest of the year. Well done sports leaders - you are doing an amazing job.

Our sporting achievements continued out of school as well and we were delighted to take one of our netball teams to Thornden yesterday to take part in a tournament. Our wonderful 9 did a superb job in an adapted netball game, due to the weather. As the games went on they played stronger and stronger, working together brilliantly and improving their tactics to be defensive or put on an attack. Miss Bristow and Mr Wright were really proud of them and they came 3rd!

Earlier this week, we hosted another coffee morning. Local yoga practitioner - Liz Dodd - showed us the many benefits of yoga for both parents and children. We also had a go at seeing first hand the many brilliant ELSA and Thrive-based activities on offer for children at school to support their emotional and social needs.

As part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week the children explored 'Celebrating our unique strengths and differences.' Through both the whole school assembly, using the text 'We're all Wonders' and then having the opportunity within their classes to ask questions, the children learnt to recognise and respect that we all think, learn, interact and perceive the world differently. A key message that through our understanding of differences we can empathise and be kind to everyone. Please use this link if you would like to see any of the resources we used and for further information:

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

A last message just to remind everyone that our Parents evening meetings are available to book from Monday 13th March at 12pm so please do sign up as soon as you can as they do go very quickly!

I wonder if you can guess who made these footprints in the snow on Wednesday!

We hope you all have a great weekend

Best wishes,

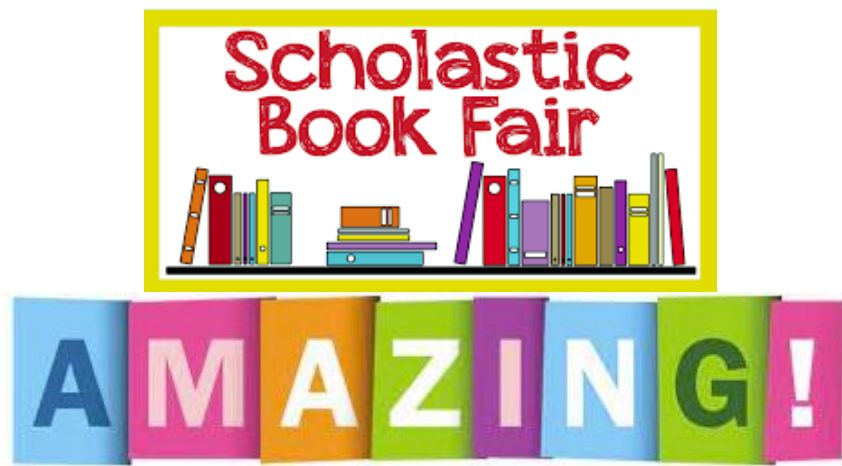
Zoe Loosemore



You can now subscribe to our school website calendar!

Link to our school website calendar for dates and events

[Website Calendar Link](#)



Wow! The book fair was a huge success thank you to everyone that came along and supported the event. It certainly was very busy! We have raised an INCREDIBLE **£1147** in value towards free books for our school. We hope the children enjoy reading their new book(s). Thank you to the Pupil Librarians and staff who helped organise and run the event with Mrs Thomas.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor which we are now looking to fill.

Hiltingbury Junior School has always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor. The governing body's main tasks are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing it's financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body are aware of the views of parents and the local community. We meet as a full governing board twice a term and also have a number of subcommittees and working parties. The meetings take place within school at varying times of the day / evening.

We welcome applications from candidates with a passion for getting the best outcomes for our children along with the commitment and time to devote to the role. Previous governance experience (in any sector) or finance/ HR knowledge would also be desirable. Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include an induction programme, in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you feel you can help in this capacity please complete the [Governor application form on our school website](#) and return to the school by 12.00 noon on the 24th March 2023.

For more details please look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer. Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to a DBS, application and reference check.

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

This week I would like to reflect on our Wellbeing Coffee morning which was on Wednesday. We know that many parents can't get into school to attend these mornings, so I'd just like to share some 'take home' moments.

Mrs Clarke - ELSA - I particularly enjoyed the yoga with Liz, and the acknowledgement that even giving ourselves a few moments, to simply breathe and to stretch, our bodies and minds are so grateful, and this can make all the difference in the busiest of days.

Re the art therapy, giving your child and yourself some new art resources to freely express themselves can be so relaxing, especially with some gentle music playing. Enjoy the flow of the paint, for its own sake without judging whatever shape or design you create.

Mrs Boden - Thrive practitioner: I enjoyed creating a relaxing environment, to explore and talk to parents about the activities that can help us support our children. We need time to listen to our own bodies and time to relax too.

Mr Wright - Mental Health Lead: Enjoyed the yoga, as a different form of physical activity from his usual sports; as well as the therapeutic benefits of playdough, putty and the weird magic of mixing cornflour and water to form a sensory material!

Mr Wright also mentioned the fact that a smaller group facilitated chat between parents and staff, the importance of this, and the fact that it's always good to talk to school staff if you have any concerns about your child.

Wishing you a creative and relaxing weekend.





Your fantastic donations have brought in:

New iPads for the Junior school! New play equipment, resources and bike sheds coming!

Secretary Role coming up! Are you good with paperwork, note taking and keeping on top of emails? Please get in touch with the committee if this sounds like you. Please come along to a meeting or get in touch to have a chat with us -

info.hspta@gmail.com

Buy all tickets, uniform and more on our website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

PTA Easter Activity Pack

ACTIVITY PACK

- ✿ craft, colouring
- ✿ puzzles, clues,
- ✿ seeds
- ✿ fun!

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www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/
Delivery to school before Easter Holidays

ORDER BY
24th March!

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3.20 | 24 | £3.50
& 3.40 MARCH ENTRY

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AT HILTINGBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Cake sale located on the playground and Egg Hunt taking place on the main field. Pre-paid tickets ONLY - No tickets will be available to purchase on the day

For information & to buy tickets go to -
www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta

Also coming up:

Easter Holiday Trail - follow the clues to find out where the teachers have hidden Easter Eggs! Unscramble the clues to explore the area! A lovely outdoor activity for you to do as a family during the holidays.

Quiz - 21st April - get a table together, bring some drinks and have some fun! Book pizzas online too!

Lottery - we have had some lucky winners recently - the more people buy tickets the bigger the prizes will be, so please do join here: [Lottery link](#)

Easy Fundraising - bit of a faff but we appreciate the effort of everyone who shops via Easy Fundraising so that we get a % of money from what you buy online! [Click here](#)

Upcoming Dates!

Event	Date
Infant Disco Tuck Shop	17th March
Junior Disco Tuck Shop	23rd March
Easter Egg Hunt	24th March 3.20pm
Easter Craft Bags	31st March
Easter Egg Trail	Easter Holidays
Spring Quiz	21st April 7.45pm
Summer Fayre	8th July
Summer Colour Run	End of summer term

We will be asking for cakes to sell at the Easter egg events and a few additional volunteers for tuck shops and events coming up!

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

HILTINGBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL
DISCO
23rd March 2023

YEAR 3 AND 4: 3.20 – 4.30PM
YEAR 5 AND 6: 5.00 – 6.15PM
Raising money for
'Helpful Hounds Charity'
Supporting Hugo

Tickets are £5pp and include drinks & popcorn

Tickets will go on sale next week, look out for
information sent home on Monday!



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helpfulhounds.co.uk