



## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

Welcome to the second half of the year. I hope that you all had a lovely half term break and were able to get out and about. We have come back to school with a bang with an incredibly busy week. The weather was kind to the Year 5 team for their three days of river studies – a massive thank you to all those parents who came along to help with this. Year 4 have been rehearsing for their Beowulf production which takes place today and this evening; there have been some very strange noises coming from the hall this week so I am looking forward to watching it later! Year 6 Booster groups got underway and I enjoyed my reading session after school on Wednesday. Year 3 have been a joy as they bounced back into school and took part in a special cricket workshop.

We are excited about the Lion King Auditions next week. We are aware that some children will be coming along to sing, dance and act. I am proud of the fact that any child who wants a part will get one so there is no 'pressure' on auditioning. The song they will be singing has been practiced in singing assembly and they will be auditioning in groups (unless they want a solo) so they do not have to have learnt the song by heart. The dance they will be taught together in the audition and we can then watch how they pick up a simple routine and perform it with others. Only those who want to show us a special dance skill have the option to prepare something. For the acting audition I would like to clarify the children were told they are able to have the script with them but the more confident they are with it the easier they will find it to 'perform' it. Oliver was a very special experience for many children last year and we worked hard as a team to make sure that everyone had fun, enjoyed themselves and felt a sense of achievement and we will have exactly the same approach this year. It is also an amazing opportunity for the children to learn or put into practice all sorts of life skills, as well as their WE CARE learning skills. We will be letting all the children know which part they have in the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Finally, just a quick reminder that our library is open after school on Friday for those families who would like to come in together to swap their books and get something to read for the weekend. Everyone is welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Hunter ☺

## *Y3 Promoting Reading*

We are always seeking ways to promote children's love of reading and to make sure that reading maintains a high profile within the school day.

Weekly, from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, the Year 3 teachers will be opening their classroom doors, between 8.50 and 9.05am, so that parents (or the adult who does the school run) can come in to class with their child and begin the day by sharing a book together. Younger siblings will be welcome to join in too.

To enable as many families as possible to participate, the day will change to a Wednesday for Summer 1 and to a Friday for the final half term.

This family reading time has proven to be well-received by parents, grandparents and children in previous years, so we are delighted to be able to offer this again.

The Year 3 Teachers



## School Library extended opening



Just a reminder that the school library is open every Friday after school from 3.30pm to 4.00pm so that families can come in to share, read and choose books together. Mrs Thomas is always on hand to help with changing of books and is very happy to make book recommendations and suggestions. We look forward to seeing you in the library.



## Orchestra Day



Just a quick reminder that our family orchestra day will take place on the 24th March this year. Thank you to all children and adults who have handed in their reply slips - I will be sending home letters with further details and some music to practise over the next couple of weeks.

If you would like to get involved but haven't sent in a reply slip yet, do let us know - the more the merrier!

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## Gardening Club – Daffodil Sale

The Gardening Club have grown 30 pots of miniature daffodils and will be selling these at £2 per pot after school on Friday 2nd March. All proceeds will be used by the gardening club.



## Child Protection



As a school we are committed to protecting children from coming to harm. If you think that there is a child at risk from harm then please contact the Designated Safeguard Lead – Mr Jon Clark on the school number: 02380 261808. If this is an immediate risk then the Hampshire County Council Children's Services Line is: 0300 555 1384 (09:00 – 17:00) or 0300 555 1373 at all other times.

## Cricket All Stars

On Tuesday, all the children in Year 3 experienced a cricket workshop run by Hampshire Cricket club.

Duncan (3DN) "We learnt how to field in cricket and how to bat." He says that he enjoyed doing a different sport.

Owen (3P) says that he enjoyed batting the most because "When you hit the ball you can hit it long and that feels really good!"

Ellie (3O) "I mostly enjoyed using teamwork and learning how to bat and field."

Jelena (3P) "I enjoyed everything!" She said that it was important to communicate and use teamwork.

Both Ellie and Jelena said that they enjoyed the skill where you had to chase the balls down and return them as quickly as possible. This activity was a test for teamwork.

All four said that they would like to join in the Summer All Stars that Hampshire cricket club run.

All the Year 3 teachers and children would like to thank Miss Rintoul for organising the workshop on their behalf: can we do it again next year too please?!



## Hotel Ella: a wonderful wildlife contribution

Both Wildlife Watch and Gardening club would like to give a huge thank you to Ella T in year 6 (and her grandfather!) for spending their own time and money during half term building a brilliant hedgehog house. It has been carefully placed in the wooded area where we know there are resident hogs. Hopefully it won't be long until our old friend Hedgeflump wakes up from hibernation and chooses it as his home.



## We Care Certificates this week



Leonie M (5H) Patient, Supportive, Encouraging.  
Jakob S (6B) DT hero!



William E (3P) Fabulous Fractions  
Seha W (3O) Fractions just clicked



Chloe P (4P) Brilliant Beowulf



Alex W (6W) Ambitious Soloist  
Noureldeen S (4R) Braving Beowulf  
Samuel D (3DN) Remarkable reading Responses  
Christopher W (4S) Embracing new challenges



Matthew H (6C) Acting on advice



Imogen F (5CH) Quality Questioning  
Alex G (5B) Super Stream Enquiry

*Communications this week (copies of these letters can be found on our website)*

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	HSPTA Easter Egg Hunt	23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Y4	New Forest Visit Woodmill Residential 4S Listen2Me	20 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> June 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Y6	Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers	23 <sup>rd</sup> March

## Dates for Next week

26 <sup>th</sup> February	Lion King Auditions R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Lion King Auditions Chimp Paradox Interest Evening 18:30
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Alliance Cross Country (after school) R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Street Dance Whole School 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

## Car Boot Sale

Saturday 24th February, Junior School Playground, 2-4pm

The car boot sale is taking place **TOMORROW!!**

Pre-book your car by midnight tonight for £5 through [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) or pay £6 on the day. Cars accepted from 1-2pm.

## Quiz Night

Friday 9th March, Junior School Hall, 7:45pm



**Call for raffle prizes:** prizes for the raffle which is drawn during the quiz are greatly appreciated. Please drop any into either school office by **Friday 9th March.**

## Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 23rd March, Junior School Playing Field, 3:30pm

4 weeks to go until the wonderful Easter Egg Hunt! Buy your tickets on line at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) for £3. Early purchases make organising the hunt much easier!

**HELP NEEDED:** - can you spare an hour to help set up? Clear up afterwards? Or volunteer during the event? Can you bake a cake to sell at the cake sale? If you can, please sign up on [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) or email us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk).

## PLEASE HELP!!!

We **STILL** need more people to come forward to help organise the **Summer Fair**. The fair can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. The Year 6's may be able to get involved and there are other companies showing an interest in coming along. Without people to organise it though the fair cannot take place. We cannot leave it much longer before we decide to cancel. Please get in touch if you can help out.

Other help needed

- \* Business Directory Coordinator - needed end June, this currently generates £215 per year for the PTA, can be done at any time and mainly requires advertising those companies who sign up on our Facebook group.
- \* HSPTA Secretary - starting from the AGM in October, this is approx 3 hours commitment a month and requires attending committee meetings. Can be shared between two.

For any queries or questions about the events or anything HSPTA related please contact us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk) or see our Facebook group [facebook.com/groups/hspta](https://www.facebook.com/groups/hspta).

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(HSPTA Chair)