



## Hello from Mrs Hunter



I have already said to some of our parents this week that I am living the Christmas dream – every day there is something going on in school to keep me in the festive spirit. Monday we had the Hiltingbury's Got Christmas Talent auditions which was just fabulous. We had so many children come either as part of a group or on their own to sing, dance, do gymnastics, tell jokes, perform magic, act or play an instrument to name but a few of the talents. I was so impressed with their performances, the work that they had put into this at home and their confidence in coming to perform. Tuesday saw the choir go to sing carols at Brambridge (see below). Wednesday was the first public performance of the 'High Notes', our concert band. They have only been together for 6 short weeks but wowed their guests and year 3 and 4 classes with their playing of carols. We also had the parent helpers' Christmas afternoon tea with Year 5 hosting and the choir providing entertainment. Yesterday was our Christmas lunch – a massive well done to Helen and her team who sorted nearly 400 Christmas dinners. Finally, today as I write this we are in the midst of the HGCT finals, with the winners being decided by pupil votes and this will be announced in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon. Oh – and we are all wearing Christmas jumpers. I really do love my job!

Before I head off for a weekend of Strictly watching I wanted to say a massive well done to our amazing HSPTA who have raised a staggering £14,500 for the two schools this term. Yes, this term. Wow! Thank you for all for your support at these events. With ever increasing budget pressures we rely on this amazing source of income. Thank you!

Mrs Hunter 😊

## Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 2.30pm for those of you who would like to get it in your diary. The minutes of our last Parent Forum meeting are now available on the school website under 'Performance' and then 'Parent Forum'. Matters discussed include homework, the Year 4 trip to London and a review of how the LEARN alliance is impacting on teacher time out of class.



## LEARN Primary Alliance

Recently, Miss Chambers shared with us in assembly that we are the lead school in the LEARN Primary Alliance. Jack, Abi, Imogen and Will met with Miss Chambers to share their ideas about what this means for our school and this is what they wanted to say in their own words...

Teach. Learn. Inspire.

**What is an alliance?** An alliance is a group of people who form together and work together collaboratively to make a difference.

**Who is in our alliance?** Many schools from around our area: Chandlers Ford Infant School, Shakespeare Infant and Junior Schools, Fryern Infant and Junior Schools, Scantabout Primary School, Meonstoke C of E School, Merdon Junior School and Hiltingbury Infant and Junior Schools. We are the lead school.

**What does our alliance do?**

- 1) It helps teachers learn and improve their skills.
- 2) It supports other schools which might not be as lucky as us.
- 3) It trains new teachers.

**What is our alliance aiming to do?** Our alliance is aiming to give something good to everyone involved and share our skills and not keep them to ourselves. We want to work together with other children and other schools to share our talents.

**What are the benefits for all of us?**

- 1) Because we are training teachers to be the very best, it means that we will get the very best education. (Abi, Year 4)
- 2) There are going to be opportunities to work together with children from other schools and learn from them. For example, we are going to hold a playground games conference and a cross-country event. (Imogen F, Year 5)
- 3) We are very lucky to have a school that is great and this means we get the chance to share it with other people. (Jack, Year 3)
- 4) We may be the lead school but we will learn things from the other schools as well. (Will, Year 6)

We are looking forward to working with all of the schools in our alliance. How exciting! 😊

## Hiltingbury Choir Hits The Right Note



On Tuesday, 30 children from the HJS choir went to Brambridge garden centre to perform Christmas carols as a fundraiser for Marie Curie. I was very impressed with the high standard of singing and general enthusiasm from the children. Their behaviour was impeccable and they represented the school fantastically. The only thing that would have made it better is if we could have taken the whole choir rather than just 30!

It was wonderful to see such an amazing turnout from Hiltingbury parents, grandparents and friends - thank you so much for your support. In particular, I'd like to thank all of the parents who volunteered to drive groups of children there and back - we actually had more offers than we needed!

Thank you very much to Mrs Funnell, Mrs Loader, Mrs Barker, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Fretton, Mrs Hardcastle, Mr Harvey, Mrs Currie, Mrs Jacobs and of course Mrs Beale in the office, without whom none of these things could happen!

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# LEARNING LADDERS

Learning Ladders are being updated in time for the Christmas holidays. Where teacher assessments have been made, these will be available to view at Learning Ladders at Home. In September, Year 3 parents were sent a letter a log in and details of how to log on.

## Lost Property



Our lost property tub will be emptied on Wednesday, if your child has lost anything please pop in before then.

## We Care Certificates this week



Deane H (4P) Supportive, Understanding, Encouraging  
William G (3O) A prime example



Katie B (3P) Always enthusiastic  
Sofia P (4S) Learning with zealous  
Ella P (5B) Excellent Expression and Intonation  
Rhyce C (6C) Positivity Shining Through



Oliver L (5H) Expression to entertain



Joseph L (4P) Outside his Comfort Zone  
Abigail J (3DN) Upping her game  
Joey C (4R) Fantastic ambitious writing!



Freya M (6B) Unleashing her potential  
Bradley M (6W) Appreciating previous mistakes



Waseem E (5CM) Enquiring in Science

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
5CM	Mrs Hartley Introduction Letter	Ongoing

## Dates for Next Week

18 <sup>th</sup> December	No After School Clubs No Music Lessons Y3 Christmas Party Y5 Christmas Party
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Party
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Christmas Party

21<sup>st</sup> December

Last Day of Term - 3:30 club open as normal

Wishes Round The Tree: Upper School 13:30 PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 13:20

Lower School 14:30 PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 14:20

## HSPTA News

# Thank You!!!

Thank you to everyone who has helped, volunteered, baked, organised, attended and done any one of the many things we've asked for this term. It is the HSPTA's busiest term of the academic year during which we raise the most money.

We are very pleased to announce that thanks to everyone's support we have so far raised

**£14,500!!**

The money will go towards helping both schools enhance their outside play areas.

## Online Christmas Shopping

Once again a reminder that if you're planning on doing some Christmas shopping on line please consider doing this through The Giving Machine and registering "Hiltingbury School" as one of your causes <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hiltingbury-school/>. Thornden School PTA raise hundreds of pounds through this. It's an easy way to raise money for the school **through no extra effort or cost!** Lots of retailers are available through the Giving Machine, take a look at the site for more details.



Have a lovely Christmas,

Helen  
(HSPTA Chair)