



## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

After a couple of weeks away unwell it is lovely to be back. Thank you to Mr Clark who did his hello each week in the Highlights for me. Whilst it was hard to be away from school I knew that everything would be running smoothly without me and when I came back it was as if I had never been away. Everything was in full swing and running at full steam ahead. What an amazing team I have!

These next few weeks are my favourite time in school of the whole year – they are just magical. The weekend of the Christmas Fair is always the time that the tree goes up in the Hunter household and I love being in the hall on the bottle stall and feeling the Christmas buzz – I will look forward to seeing lots of you there tomorrow. Next week we have our annual Carols Round the Tree. There are just a few spaces left for this. The votes have been counted and we have our top ten carols ready to enjoy as well as some children who are practising their readings and a game for us to enjoy together.

Our Pupil Voice groups are amazing and our Charity Group are a brilliant example of this. They have decided that we will support the SCRATCH project 'Christmas Complete' this year rather than the shoe box appeal so we have our 'harvest festival' of toys and gifts next Friday morning. Please do come and join us – there are some spaces left. I am so excited to see the toys and gifts that will be sent in and that will be making their way to local families in need this festive season. Please remember to send these gifts in unwrapped. However, the charity are keen to receive donations of wrapping paper, gift tags and sellotape too that they can use with parents to wrap their children's presents with them. As with the harvest festival, if gifts come in carrier bags that can be really helpful ready for bagging up at the end of the morning.

Whilst we don't have a Christmas 'performance' I can't wait for the HGCT competition this year and I will also be visiting the infants to see some of their nativities. Let the festivities commence!

Mrs Hunter ☺

## *Upcoming Toy and Gift Christmas Giveaway – some ideas!*



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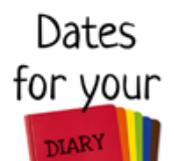
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## *Dates for your diary*

13<sup>th</sup> December at 09:15 Hiltingbury High Noters Concert  
14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch (no pre-booking required, order on the day)  
15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, we will be participating in the national Christmas Jumper Day. Children can choose to wear their favourite Christmas jumper or top but NO donation is required. This also coincides with our Hiltingbury's Got Christmas Talent Competition! We look forward to seeing the children looking Christmassy!



## The Final Frontier

On Monday, Year 5 took part in an exciting science workshop. The workshop was run by Paul from Sirius Astronomy. Throughout the day we completed a variety of experiments and investigations. We loved simulating a rocket launch, using big water bottles, fuel and fire - the explosion was amazing to watch. Ellie-Mae, Nathan and Finn were chosen as lucky volunteers to complete a pressure test.

They placed a vitamin tablet in a small film canister with different levels of water. Interestingly, the one with the least water had the greatest build-up of pressure and literally, hit the roof on take-off! Other activities in the workshop included building a capsule to keep our astronauts (eggs) safe, holding moon rocks and meteorites, trying on space suits and testing to see if we could create life using Martian sand, water and sugar. All of Year 5 had a fantastic day!

Katharine, Charlotte and Alfie 5B



## Stone Age Tool belts



On Wednesday, Year 3 spent the whole day sewing Stone Age tool belts. The children had previously been given the brief to design a tool belt for Vlad, a Stone Age man, to store all his tools in. First of all, the children evaluated a range of modern day tool belts and designed three alternative belts that could fit the purpose for Vlad. During the first lesson on Wednesday, the whole year group met in the hall for Mrs Oldham to demonstrate the different stitches the children would need. After break, the children practised the stitches back in class, before beginning to sew their tool belts for Vlad.

The finished belts were fabulous, but this wouldn't have been possible without the help of the following parent/Grandparent helpers: Mrs Cogle, Mr Treasure, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Rose, Mrs Finbow, Mrs Dines, Mrs Lawrence, Ms Oldham, Mrs Gair, Mrs Hill, Mrs Spellerberg, Mrs Wallace, Mrs Fealey, Mrs Moore, Mrs Hiscock and Ms Herath.

Alongside some of the children, some parents found themselves to initially be in the sewing learning pit, but with perseverance, all succeeded and were INCREDIBLE: we cannot thank them enough.

Albert (3O) said it was fun to learn all the stitches in the hall, together as a year group, with Mrs Oldham.

Vicky (3O) said that she liked that you got to create your own design for Vlad, rather than all be copying the same design.

Morgan (3DN) said that it was fun to learn all the different stitches - blanket, running and back stitch. His favourite was the back stitch.

Anousha (3DN) was proud of her pockets because they looked like pockets, they were well spaced out and Vlad would be able to use them to carry his tools in.

Immy (3P) said that she learned the back stitch and enjoyed using it on her finished belt.

Jack (3P) said that he was in the learning pit because his thread kept getting tangled. He got out of the pit because adults helped him and he's proud of his finished belt.

The Year 3 Team

## We Care Certificates this week



Jamie B (4R) Happily supporting others  
Elissa P (6B) Supplies support and smiles



Chris M (5H) The sky isn't the limit  
Sophie F (5B) Above and beyond  
Jaydyn W (6C) Buzzing Highwayman contributions  
Jemima L (5CM) Amazing Apollo Research



Freddie W (3P) Super Stone Age Tool belt  
Lillie S (3DN) Super Sewing



Yaseen M (3O) Believed in himself!  
Lucky P (4S) Consistent class contributions



George I (4P) Always asking questions  
Izzy B (6W) Fantastic Highwayman Questioning



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Year 3	Christmas Party Letter	18 <sup>th</sup> December
4R	Listen2Me concert letter	19 <sup>th</sup> December

*Dates for Next Week*

4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>NO HJS Y6 Netball will restart in the Spring Term</b> R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
5 <sup>th</sup> December	
6 <sup>th</sup> December	4R Non Uniform Day Y6 Hampshire Safety Education Unit <b>NO HJS Y6 Football will restart in the Spring Term</b> R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 and Y4 Flu Vaccinations R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Carols Round the Tree 18:30
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Toy Assemblies: Lower School 09:15 Upper School 10:15 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 hall

## HSPTA News

Christmas Fair - 2-5pm Saturday 2nd December

### Tomorrow Afternoon!!!!!!

Thank you for all your support so far for the Christmas Fair! Everyone who has helped organise, volunteer, donated prizes, bottles and baked and to our sponsors Gair Gas.



Some final notices:

- \* **Cake Competition** - Please bring any remaining entries for the festive cake competition to the Junior school hall from 12:00 on Saturday. Don't forget to label your cake tin so we know you would like to be entered into the competition
- \* **Cakes and Bakes donations for the cafe** - Please bring any remaining donations (homemade, or shop bought) to the Junior school hall from 12:00 on Saturday. Don't forget to label your cake tin so we can return it to you

Other notices:

- \* **Santa's grotto tickets** are still available on line. Please sign up at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta)
- \* **Silent auction** - there are 23 auction lots listed on line at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta). You will also be able to place your bids at the fair. Auction closes at **midnight the day of the fair**. We will be in touch if you're successful in your bid!



Please also do sign up on our website to volunteer for an hour during the fair!

## School Disco's

Thank you to everyone who came along to another very successful evening of school discos! We hope you had fun. Thank you also to everyone who volunteered, these events cannot be run without you. In particular to the disco team: Kaiyee Burnet, Kate Layland, Alex Sunday, Hanan Smart and Teresa Ingram. We're still crunching the numbers and will let you know the amount raised as soon as we have the figure.

## Online Christmas Shopping

If you're planning on doing some online shopping on Black Friday or general Christmas shopping 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!**

## PTA Social - 7pm Friday 8th December, Bay Leaves Larder

We are planning to reserve some tables at Bay Leaves Larder on the evening of Friday 8th December. Come and join us for a much deserved end-of-term (or almost) social evening. Please drop us a line at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk) if you're interested in coming to give us an idea of numbers.

The Christmas Fair marks the end of a very busy term where we've run lots of events and asked for lots of donations and volunteering hours. We and the schools do very much appreciate the time and support everyone gives. Details, dates and volunteering requirements can always be found on our website. If you have problems accessing the site, buying tickets for any of the events or for any other enquires please contact us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk).

Helen  
(HSPTA Chair)