



Hello from Mrs Hunter

So here we are once again at the half way point in a school year. Perhaps, like me, you can't believe where the time has gone or instead you might feel like you are ready for the summer holidays. It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week to meet the teachers and review progress at the half way point. I particularly enjoyed seeing the Year 5 and 6 children leading on their meeting with their teachers and parents. We have received positive feedback from the tweaks that we had made to how these were run this year. We have also received positive feedback about the new times tables resource, Rock Stars, which is encouraging to hear. At this half way point we have also shared with you your child's attendance to date. Our school's overall attendance remains above the national average and the aim is that children are in school for at least 95% of the time. If we have a cause for concern with your child's attendance then I will be in touch after half term to see how we can support you.

There is an exciting addition to the school website from this week. Please visit the information tab and look for the link to the news team. You can see our first news film which has now been uploaded. Now that we know what we are doing we will be able to get them up as soon as they are completed at the end of a term (there have been so many learning pits with this new initiative!). Talking of learning pits, I was lucky enough to teach 6W on Wednesday morning, including how to multiply fractions. I got there in the end!

There are some key dates next half term for parents to come into school and learn more about what we do. There is the new date for the Chimp Paradox evening on the 27th February and then our Anti-bullying evening on Wednesday 7th March. Please note that these two events will replace the Parent Forum meeting that was booked in for Monday 26th February.

Have a lovely half term, whether you are staying home or going away, and we will see you for the start of the second half of the year on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Hunter ☺

Shoes off in 30



At Hiltingbury, we pride ourselves on our professional standards and professional development. One of the many ways we do this is through research. In 30, there is an exciting project taking place where the classroom has become a 'shoeless learning environment, adults included!

Having read about shoeless learning, this concept captured Mrs Oldham's attention again whilst watching the BBC documentary 'No More Boys' and Girls'. Even though this was primarily about challenging gender stereotypes, the school featured had adopted a school-wide no shoes policy. Reading further, it emerged that Prof. Stephen Heppell of Bournemouth University has researched this idea across 25 countries over the course of a decade. He observed that children were calmer, had better learning behaviour and showed better engagement in shoeless environments.

Here are some of 30's thoughts on going shoeless:

"I think it's good. It feels more comfortable and so we focus more" – Alessandro

"I really like it and it means that we don't get distracted so much or play with our shoes" - Lily



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February it was Safer Internet Day. This special day happens to make children safer in the online world. It is really important to acknowledge this and understand why it happens. I found the following article, in a children's magazine telling us more about Safer Internet Day. Gemma 6C



Tips for a better and safer internet

Here are a few handy tips to help you stay safe online:

- Keep personal information safe, such as your email address, passwords and phone number.
- Use your time online to keep in touch with your family and friends. Don't communicate with strangers or people whom you don't know or trust.
- Remember that what you share online could remain there forever, so be sure to post positive and respectful things.
- If being connected all the time is making you feel upset, confused or worried, why not take a break and step back from your online activities.

Celebrating Safer Internet Day

How much time do you spend online every day? According to Ofcom – an organisation that oversees communication services in the UK – young people aged five to 15 spend around 15 hours each week online. As children spend more and more time online, the importance of doing so safely is a subject that worries lots of people.

One campaign that takes online safety very seriously is Safer Internet Day, which will be celebrated this year on 6 February. Hundreds of organisations around the world get involved in Safer Internet Day by helping promote the safe and positive use of digital technology among children and young people. The theme of the day is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

The internet is a great way for people to stay in

touch, as well as giving you the opportunity to learn about lots of new things. However, it's important to know what you can do to avoid putting yourself in any danger. For example, keeping your passwords secret helps protect your identity and personal information.

STRANGER DANGER
People you meet online are still strangers, no matter how long you may have been communicating with them. Always tell an adult if someone suggests meeting up in person.

Another danger people face while online is having their computer or digital device infected by a virus. A virus can steal your password and destroy your data. Viruses are often spread by email – so avoid opening emails or files that have been sent from people you don't know or trust, or downloading or streaming without permission. To mark Safer Internet Day, the Industry Trust has teamed up with Into Film to create a short film called *Meet the Malwares*. It explains viruses and malware programs that can infect your device. Check it out at tinyurl.com/TWJ-meetthelmalwares

Welcoming Visitors from Springhill

On Friday 2nd February, children from Learning Council met with the School Council from Springhill Primary School. The aim of the visit was for their school to find out about the work we do for Pupil Voice. In preparation for Springhill's visit, we met and discussed our ideas about pupil voice and why we are so proud of all the opportunities at our school. We also prepared questions to ask them and, if there was a time, even a hunt to find the impact of pupil voice work in our school! The visit was a great success and the children and teachers from Springhill School left filled with ideas to try in their school.



Here are some of the reasons why we love the pupil voice opportunities at Hiltingbury Junior School:

- "We get to help make the school better, not just for ourselves but for everyone"
- "You can gain lots of experience e.g. meeting governors, doing learning walks, leadership skills and working with other children"
- "We fill in application forms which makes it fair because whoever is best for the job gets to be involved."
- "We are all 1 of 400 people but in a pupil voice group you feel you can really make a difference"
- "It gives you responsibility and people rely on you to help"
- "Gain confidence and it helps you if you are shy"
- "It gives us a voice to help make changes"

Thank you to all of the teachers and children involved in making our pupil voice groups such a success 😊

Miss Chambers

We Care Certificates this week



Milo P (5B) Super Samba Workshop
Morgan D (3DN) Positivity & Perseverance = Progress
Rahul T (6B) Enthusiasm, focused and dedicated
Bella H (5H) Super Samba Sensation



Luis K (3P) Determined Paired Writer
Immy P (6W) Reaching for the Sky
Nathan Mc (5CH) Dedicated and Determined
Charlotte G (6C) Resilience reaps rewards
Milan V (3O) - Turning a corner



Annabel V (4P) Success Criteria Success
Tom P (4S) Reflecting not rushing!



Thomas W-J (4R) Thorough Thursday Thinking

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Book Mark Competition Chimp Paradox Information Evening	21 st February 2018 27 th February 2018
Y3	Paultons Park	12 th March 2018
Y4	Public Speaking	26 th February 2018
Y6	Lamps Upcycling Project	9 th February 2018
Lion King	Audition Information Letters	26 th and 27 th February

Dates for Next Week

19 th February	5B Stream Study Visit R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
20 th February	5CH Stream Study Visit
21 st February	5H Stream Study Visit R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
22 nd February	R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
23 rd February	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 Y4 Beowulf performance

HSPTA News

Car Boot Sale

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



Pre-booked cars £5 or £6 on the day. Cars accepted from 1-2pm on the day. Pre-book car and purchase a ticket through www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta.

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Quiz Night

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



Tickets sold out in a record 6 minutes!

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**.

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Easter Egg Hunt

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

Tickets are £3 and are available on line now at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta. As we get closer to the event we'll be asking for help with baking cakes and during the event itself.

Available HSPTA Positions - Help Needed!

Over and above the calls for help in the run up to events, there are always roles and tasks for which help is needed behind the scenes. These are very valuable, vary in required time commitment and some fundamental to our ability to run as a charity. To raise awareness of these roles there's now an "Available HSPTA Positions - Help needed!" event on our website. This lists the positions as "tickets" (so that it appears on the home page) as well as "volunteers required" (so that it appears when you go to the checkout). Details are listed with the position but if you would like further information please email info@hspta.co.uk. We are currently looking for:

- * **Summer Fair organisers - URGENT!**
- * Business Directory Representative - needed end June
- * HSPTA Secretary - starting from the AGM in October

For any queries or questions about the events or anything HSPTA related please contact us at info@hspta.co.uk or see our Facebook group facebook.com/groups/hspta.

Helen
(HSPTA Chair)