



## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

As we reach the end of our second term I am amazed at all that has been achieved in a relatively short space of time. There have been trips galore, performances and special assemblies and a variety of presentations to parents. We have seen some incredible personal achievements (both children and staff) and have been privileged to help those in the learning pit as well as to celebrate with those who have achieved something they have been working towards. We have seen more snow than I have seen in my whole time at Hiltingbury Juniors and the busiest book fair ever.

There have been musical moments, another incredible Public Speaking competition and, for half of the school, Lion King auditions. All this in the shortest term of the year!

It is lovely to have Sim Dendy from Freedom Church in Romsey come to do our Easter assemblies today. I do love our special assemblies when we have as many of the school family in one place at one time. I am not thinking about the fact that it will be my last one.

I hope that you and your families have a lovely break over the next two week, that you make the most of the extra bank holidays and come back ready for the longer summer term, full of residentials, sports days, more trips, The Lion King, amazing PTA events... There will definitely be enough to keep us all busy.

Have a lovely two weeks!  
Sam Hunter ☺



## *Brilliant Book Fair!*

Thank you to all those of you who came along to support our Book Fair last week. Between you all you spent the highest total since 2013 meaning that an incredible £1037.25 has been raised for the school library. A big thank you to Mrs Thomas our librarian, our team of Junior Librarians and staff volunteers who made this happen. Amazing!



## Family Orchestra Day 2018



On Saturday we had our 4th HJS Family Orchestra Day, and I think that everyone upped their game once again! The standard was amazing and it was an absolute pleasure to teach and rehearse the pieces. Not that I needed to do much teaching - the day was more about how to make the pieces even better by using a wide range of dynamics (loud and quiet) and articulation (shortened/smooth/accented notes). We played some old favourites (Oom pah pah took us about 10 minutes to brush up!) and some new challenges (Jupiter by Holst was most challenging for the conductor - all those time changes!).

We began the morning and afternoon sessions with fantastic warm up activities led by Mrs Hall, one which involved finding a cuddly fish by listening to how loudly or quietly the orchestra were playing, and the other which entailed



throwing beach balls around on certain beats.

Mrs Hall also brought along her extensive collection of woodwind instruments for the children to have a look at. Thanks also to Mrs Hall's son Toby, who played along in our sax section, Mrs Butler, whose wonderful piano playing helped add to the texture of our pieces, Mrs Boden, who helped with the violins and played on her E flat horn, and Mrs Andrews, who supported us throughout the day on her sax. I am so



grateful to all staff members involved, who came into work on a Saturday to support us and get stuck in. Thanks also to Miss Chambers, who came and took photographs and videos, and Mr Clark who unlocked/locked the school for us for the 4th year running!

Well done to all of our wonderful children who took part, including several Thornden pupils who returned to lend their expertise, and of course our army of amazing musical parents. I was reliably informed afterwards that our concert was the best yet!

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE JRSOs!



This year we are combining 'The Big Pedal' with 'Walk to School Week' so our aim is to get everyone to think ahead and plan ways they can get out of their cars and on to their bikes, scooters or feet! We'd love to get our highest numbers yet!



We know this can be tricky because parents work, some people live too far away to walk, mornings are busy, siblings need sorting out and there are all sorts of other obstacles! So - the JRSOs asking everyone to spare it some thought, plan and prepare where you can!

Here are some of our TOP TIPS!

- Set an alarm so mornings are less rushed- enjoy the fresh air of a sunny, spring morning!
- 'Park and Stride' where possible.
- Get everything ready the night before and put it by the front door.
- Could this be a possibility for older children to begin to become independent - can groups of local children walk together some of the way? Consider how many other school families' homes you might go past on your way to school.
- Talk to neighbours / friends from the HJS community - can families help each other to help us reach our highest numbers yet?!

The dates for 2018 are May 21st - 24th (as 25th is an INSET Day!) so let's all put our best feet forward and make this OUR BEST YET!



## We Care Certificates this week



Lexx H (6W) Super Spelling Support  
Natasha F (3O) Encourages, supports, celebrates!



Phoebe T (5B) Samba Extraordinaire  
Daniel P (5CH) Persistently Persevering



Lara F (6B) Music to my ears  
Charlotte H (3DN) Fabulous French Fancies



Sardor A (6C) Striving to Improve  
Jessica M (5H) Rhyme and Rhythm  
Jaidan R (4S) Amazing Independent RE  
Isla H (4R) Super 'Scoo be' Solo  
Natalie F (3P) Remarkable Role Model



Lola D (4P) Putting into Practice



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	SRE Information Evening	10 <sup>th</sup> May

## Dates for Next Week

16 <sup>th</sup> April	5B Cycle Training 13:00 – 15:00 (Mon – Thur)
17 <sup>th</sup> April	School Photographs
18 <sup>th</sup> April	
19 <sup>th</sup> April	
20 <sup>th</sup> April	5CH Sharing Assembly 09:15