



Hello from Mr Clark



Since Mrs Hunter is unwell and recovering at home, I have the opportunity to talk to you about my new year's resolutions which I shared with the children in assembly last Monday. I fear I have made a rod for my own back as I asked the children to support me with keeping them going. Apparently I have already failed as the path in my back garden wasn't finished overnight and I haven't turned myself into a fit premier league footballer! On a more serious note, I talked to the children about the crisis of plastic rubbish in the world's oceans and my resolution to do my bit. It would be great if we could all think about the plastic we use and how it is disposed of.

School trips are a regular part of the Hiltingbury curriculum and it is always rewarding to listen to the children come back from these experiences bubbling with enthusiasm about what they have seen and done. It doesn't all stop there, as our school trips are tied into learning in the classroom and this can often bring topics to life. Behind the trips sit a rigid structure of planning and approval to keep the children as safe and secure as possible. Colleagues will talk through their planning and procedures with me to ensure that all potential hazards have been considered and risks minimised. With that in mind I am really looking forward to hearing about the Year 3 Art Gallery visit today and the Year 6 trip to the Sea City Museum in Southampton on Monday.

Lastly, our lost property mountain seems to be growing at an alarming rate. Please do come in and rummage if you can't find an item of school clothing!

Mr Clark ☺

Dinosaur Mural



Yesterday afternoon, the Year 3 children added their hand prints to the dinosaur mural that Sally Hyett is currently creating for the Infants playground in memory of Sasha. Mr King has been lending his hand and some parents have been involved in contacting local companies to donate materials. The boards that Sally is using, for example, were donated by Jewsons. Once finished, the mural will have pride of place on the blue and green wall between the Infant and Junior school playgrounds.



Parents' evenings/days – 7th & 8th February 2018

For parents' evenings/days in years 5 & 6, the appointments are 15 minutes long. This means that the children can do their approx. 10 minute presentation and then the children will leave (and return to class if the appointment is during the school day) so that parents can ask teachers anything further in the remaining 5 minutes. This change has been made in response to feedback from last year when lots of parents requested time on their own with their child's class teacher. In year 3, the children will not be invited to attend the meetings. In year 4, parents have a choice as to whether they wish their children to attend the appointment or not.



Cake Sale – Thursday 25th January at 15:20

As part of their Junior Citizenship award a group of Y6 pupils are holding a cake and second hand book sale after school in the school playground – all proceeds will go to charity.



Year 3 – WE CARE certificates

As Y3 are at the art gallery today and won't be in assembly they will award two WE CARE certificates next week

We Care Certificates this week



Zoe R (5B) Supportive Scratch Expert
Jasmine L (4S) Great Group skills



Mya P (4P) Keen to contribute
Haroon Q (4R) Always contributing confidently



Finn H-J (5CH) Setting a Fantastic Example
Euan M (5H) Giving His All
Leo W (6B) Can do attitude



Livvy S (6W) Listening, Reflecting, Wowing



Sardor A (6C) Will this work?

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Parents Meetings Booking System	7 th and 8 th February
Y3	Geography Food Tasting	W/C 29 th January

Dates for Next Week

22 nd January	NO HJS NETBALL Y6 SeaCity visit R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
23 rd January	
24 th January	R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
25 th January	R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Y6 Cake Sale 15:20 – 15:45
26 th January	Y3 Art Gallery 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

HSPTA News

Quiz Night

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

The much enjoyed Quiz Night will be running again this term on Friday 9th March in the Junior School Hall. Tickets are £5 per team member and an extra £4.50 per food order for your team. All will be on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta in February and the date will be advertised so that you can jump on and book your team's place! All you need is a team of up to 8 people with one person booking for the whole team.

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.

Can you help organise and run the Summer Fair this year?

We're again looking for a new team of people to organise and run one of our main events, this time the Summer Fair. Ideally 2-4 people are needed to start planning and organising the fair and the sooner the better!! Last year's team is on hand to help out but due to other commitments are unable to run it again this year. Please get in touch via info@hspta.co.uk, or our Facebook group if you can help with this. The event last year raised £2,600 which is third only to Spooks and Sparks and the Christmas Fair in the amount it raises. Without anyone to run it the fair will be cancelled and our fundraising for the year will be significantly less. Moreover, the fair is a lovely family part of the school year and it will be a loss if we have to cancel it.

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)