

Hello from Mrs Hunter

This Saturday is the official day for Remembrance, with Sunday being the focus for many special services. This coming Monday is the time that we will stop as a school family and celebrate and remember all those people who have risked or given their safety or their lives to protect the peace and wellbeing of others. Pope Francis recently spoke to the astronauts working on the International Space Station. At one point he asked them what have they found most striking being where they are. Randy Bresnik, a US astronaut and the mission controller, talked of the joy of seeing the world from God's perspective, looking down on the earth with no borders or conflicts. He said, 'the future of humanity looks better from up here'. Remembrance Day always gives us the chance to be grateful for the peace that has been achieved through the amazing gift of sacrifice from so many and to thank those who continue to put their lives in danger for the hope of peace that is yet to come.

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Children in Need

Our newly reformed Charity Group has now met and is full of enthusiasm. They have decided they would like to support Children in Need, which this year falls on Friday 17th November. The theme this year is 'The Great Spotacular' so we are inviting all children to come to school in their spotty best, whether that's a whole outfit, spotty socks or a hair bow. If your wardrobe doesn't include spots, be creative - can you make some spots to add to your outfit? Children in Need/Pudsey clothing is, of course, also acceptable. We will be collecting donations for Children in Need on the day.



They are also collecting any old pound coins that you find so please send any that you would like to donate into the school office.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to now be in a position to share with you that Mrs Charlotte Harvey will be our new Head of Year 5. She will be joining us from Sarisbury Green Junior School after Christmas. After a full-on interview process she impressed us with her professionalism, energy and warmth. A letter with further details has gone to Y5 parents regarding transition plans. I am sure that you will make her feel welcome!



Chimp Paradox Evening 2 – by popular request!

Having received many requests from parents, Mrs Hunter is going to run a second parent interest evening on Dr Steve Peter's theory of chimp paradox. This will happen in the new year on Tuesday 16th January (6.30pm to 8.00pm) if there is still enough interest from those who were unable to attend the first evening. Please get your chimps at the ready and a letter will be coming out in a few weeks' time.



More ideas for our Toy and Gift Christmas Giveaway...



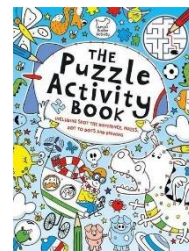
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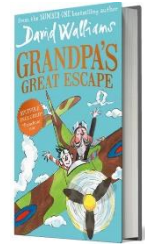
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An update from the Junior Road Safety Officers!

**SPEED
DOWN
SAVE LIVES**

**Road
Safety
Week** 
20-26 November 2017

In the UK speeding is still a major problem. It causes needless crashes, untold suffering and stops people living safe and healthy lives.

Driving is unpredictable and if something unexpected happens on the road ahead – such as a child stepping out from between parked cars – it is a driver's speed that will determine whether they can stop in time and, if they can't stop, how hard they will hit.

We cannot control other drivers on the road but we can make sure that we do our best to keep ourselves safe. During **Road Safety week**, in a fortnight's time, the children will be reminding themselves of the Green Cross Code and the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing – so as to be most easily seen both during the day and in the dark.

Wear your brightest and most reflective clothes on **BE BRIGHT BE SEEN DAY - Thursday 23rd November!** The 'brightest' child from each class will win a prize and be invited to take part in a short fashion show!



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

| Group | Content | Date of Event/Deadline |
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| Whole School | Carols Round the Tree | 7 th December |
| Choir | Brambridge Carol Singing | 12 th December |
| 3P | Sharing Assembly | 23 rd November |
| Year 5 | Teacher/Head of Year Appointment | January 2017 |
| Year 6 | Isle of Wight Residential | June 2018 |

Dates for Next Week

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| 13 th November | HJS Y6 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from 5B R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room |
| 14 th November | 3DN and 3P Stonehenge Trip - 07:45 Parenting Course starts 13:30 |
| 15 th November | 3O Stonehenge Trip – 07:45 HSPTA Uniform Sale in 3O – 15:30 HJS Y6 Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from 6W R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room |
| 16 th November | R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Bedtime Stories 18:00 |
| 17 th November | Children in Need – Non Uniform Day 5B Sharing Assembly 09:15 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

School Disco's

Friday 24th November, Years 1&2 16:45-18:00, Juniors 18:30-19:45

60% of the Junior and 50% of the Infant school disco tickets now sold! Get in quick before they sell out. Early bird tickets are **£3.50** and are on sale from our website (www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) **from now until 17th November** (£5 after this date). Price includes a snack and a drink.

Don't fancy shuttling back and forth from home whilst your little ones dance - why not volunteer to help out? We're looking for volunteers and first aiders for both discos. Please sign up via www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or contact us at info@hspta.co.uk.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 15th November, 30 classroom 15:30-16:00

A second hand uniform sale will be taking place in the Junior 30 classroom. This is open to all parents, come along and see if there's anything you need.

We are accepting good quality logo'd uniform donations. Please contact info@hspta.co.uk for more information.

Christmas Fair

2-5pm Saturday 2nd December

This week sees the official launch of the Christmas Fair! Hopefully you have received information via book bags and parentmail. We would be grateful if you could take five minutes to read this as there are lots of ways to help to make the event a success. This is a lovely event which last year raised £3501.76 (approximately 20% of the total raised during the year).

Spooks and Sparks update

We raised a phenomenal **£5310** profit at Spooks and Sparks this year! Thank you again to everyone who volunteered, came, oohed and ahed and spent money.

We still have a lot going on this term! 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 enquiries please contact us at info@hspta.co.uk or via our Facebook group facebook.com/groups/hspta.

Helen (HSPTA Chair)