



Hello from Mrs Hunter

I want to start with massive congratulations to our children who have been appointed into the new Pupil Voice groups today. Through a process of application forms and auditions the new members were selected and will shortly start work on a range of new projects. Thank you to all staff who run one of these groups. These usually meet at lunchtimes and require the member of staff to give up their own time to facilitate them. The range of groups that we have is superb and I am excited to see what they get up to this term.

We would like to welcome Jas Sohal to the governing body as our new parent governor. She brings a range of skills from her professional background as well as her experience of being a parent at our school. She has already had her induction with the chair of governors and is keen to get stuck in to the role. I would also like to welcome Mrs Vikki Batten to the team. Vikki started this week as our new School Business Manager and you will get to meet her in the coming weeks in the office. She will be based in the main office behind Mrs Beale.

I wanted to let you know how proud I am of the children who went to IBM this week. Not only did they show a winning streak but they were excellent ambassadors for the school. Judith Rutherford, our chair of governors, was part of the team who took them and was bowled over by how well we used the WE CARE skills in the work that they did and their amazing attitude and behaviour. The IBM speaker was emphasising the philosophy we have of not being afraid to have a go and that getting things wrong is an essential part of the learning process and used the phrase, 'fail early, fail often'. By embracing that they managed to win!

Finally, thank you for your patience and understanding with the issues that we had this week with the Parents evening booking system. I appreciate that there has been some frustration regarding booking slots being used/moved and I am grateful for those of you who have had to change arrangements because your slot has been taken. We are looking forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks for these meetings.

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Hunter 😊

Safety in the Playground

You may have seen that we have put new barriers in the playground. Some of the wooden playground dividers had become rotten and were no longer safe so have needed to be removed. However, as our playground is waiting to be 'refurbished' by the local authority we need a semi-permanent solution until that happens. We would ask parents to supervise younger children at the start and end of day to prevent them from playing on them as they do look quite attractive!



Fun in the Forest!

Forty adults and five dogs had a great time in the New Forest last Sunday. There was mud, rope swings and wellies full of water. We all loved it! Thank you to Mr Clark for organising this for us.

Cracking the Code

On Monday 2nd October 12 lucky children in Year 5 were chosen to go to IBM which stands for International Business Machines. We arrived at IBM at 9:15 and started our activities at 9:30. We competed against 9 other schools which was quite challenging so we needed to be really ambitious and enthusiastic! Our day was filled with a range of exciting activities which enabled us to try some of the latest technologies. One of the best activities we tried was robo-coding where we coded a robot to fight another robot. We also had the opportunity to try Cannon Conundrum where we had to use our working together skills to hit a variety of moving targets with cannons. Both teams had a fantastic day and did very well. A big congratulation to Team 2 who scored the highest points and were announced the winners at the end of the day.



Zoe and Imogen N (Year 5)

We Care Certificates this week



Aki K (3DN) Terrific Top Tip!
Harmony J (6C) Using her Learning



Blake H (6B) Eager and ready
Ruby H (4R) Engaged in Everything
Sophie H (6W) Enthusiastically Excelling



Daisy H (3P) Reasoning in maths



Eleanor R (5H) Gripping story unfolds
Nandar L (4S) Remarkable Rosetta-Stone Research



Karam D (4P) Listens, Reflects, Acts
Phoebe L (5CM) - Reads, Reflects, Responds



Jaxxon H (3O) Hands in the air!
Kit L (5B) Spotting links in learning

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Orchestra Club	On going
Y6	Isle of Wight Interest Evening	8 th November

Dates for Next Week

9 th October	6B Harry Potter Trip arrive at school at 07:30am R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
10 th October	6C Harry Potter Trip arrive at school at 07:30am
11 th October	6W Harry Potter Trip arrive at school at 07:30am NO HJS Y6 Football R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Chimp Paradox Interest evening 18:30
12 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
13 th October	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 Quiz 19:00

HSPTA News

Design a Christmas Card

Wednesday 11th October

Please return all Christmas Card orders with their artwork to classrooms by the 11th October. We'd prefer orders to be made online at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta but do accept cheques made payable to **HSPTA**.

Pound Coin Amnesty!

Monday 9th October through to Friday 20th October

The old £1 coin will no longer be able to be used in shops from October 16th 2017. We are therefore running a £1 amnesty. If you wish to donate your old £1 coins to the HSPTA there will be a collection running in each class for the fortnight spanning the deadline, starting Monday 9th October. The class that collects the most £1 coins will be awarded a non-uniform day!

Quiz and Chips

7:45pm Friday 13th October, Junior School Hall

Tickets sold out within hours of coming online! For those who didn't get a space we will be running another quiz later in the school year.

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 13th October**.

AGM

7pm Wednesday 18th October, Infant School Staff Room

The AGM is an important part of being a registered charity. All are welcome and encouraged to come along and hear how the money being raised has been spent over the past year as well as the direction and plans for the current year.

Spooks and Sparks

2nd November - Gates open 6pm, Fireworks at 7pm

Early bird tickets are now available on line at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta, in Andersons or Sparks Ellison Estate Agents.

Can you help:

- * man the cake stall or BBQ?
- * sell glow-sticks?
- * Setup/tidy up?

If yes, please volunteer online at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or contact info@hspta.co.uk.

School Discos

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

Early bird tickets are now available on line at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta. Volunteers are needed to help on the night. Please sign up via www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or contact us at info@hspta.co.uk.

Christmas Fair update

2-5pm Saturday 2nd December

The Christmas Fair is back on!!!!

Thanks to the overwhelming response to our call for help with organising the Christmas Fair we now have an organising team in place and planning is underway! Watch this space for more information as plans unfold.

TheGivingMachine

A really easy way to raise money for causes is through TheGivingMachine <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>. Join and sign up to the causes you want to support (the HSPTA is registered) and then continue with your online shopping as normal, simply navigating to these sites from the Giving Machine website. Thornden PTA raise hundreds of pounds yearly through this. Please keep in mind when doing your online Christmas Shopping!

There's 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 enquires please contact us at info@hspta.co.uk.

Helen
(HSPTA Chair)