



Hello from Mrs Hunter

We have seen some beautiful autumnal weather this week (as well as some rain) and there is a definite nip in the air at the start of the day. I will be keeping my eye on one of the trees in the playground as its leaves turn to yellow in the coming weeks. Sheldon, however, does not seem to notice the cold at the moment due to his heat lamp. However, as we move further into this term he will appreciate the benefit of central heating, including at the weekends. If there are any families who would like to have him at home for the weekend, please either download the form from the website or pop into the office to collect a family application form. We do have all previous forms on file so it might be that you get to have him a second time if you want to.

I wanted to keep you updated on some staffing news. Mrs Benoist in the library has decided that although she loves her job it is time for a change. We are therefore currently recruiting for a new librarian and details of this can be found on our school website. We will miss Mrs Benoist when the time comes but will make the most of her for the next few weeks.

Many of you will be aware that over the past year or so we have been working to form the new LEARN Primary Alliance. We were delighted to hear that our application to train primary school trainees has been successful and you will have seen our flyer come out to you sharing this. Please do pass this on to anyone that you think might be interested or get them to get in touch with me via the school office.

Have a super weekend (hopefully with some Strictly sparkle!) and we will see you all next week.

Mrs Hunter ☺

Car Park Safety Success

As part of our site health and safety monitoring, Mrs Hunter and Mr King reviewed the safety provision in the car park and surrounding paths. To increase safety levels new parking bays were marked in and the pedestrian crossings re-painted. Staff were asked to always reverse into their spaces so that they have really clear visibility of pedestrians as they drive away. New painted foot prints and signs were put in place to encourage children and adults to keep to the footpaths and not cut through the cars. Whilst at the very busy times at the start and end of the day when the blue vehicle gates are shut and there is limited movement of cars there is still some pedestrian movement through the car park, the vast majority of the time everyone now keeps to the paths. Thank you for encouraging your children to keep to these safe routes and for modelling this to them. It helps to keep us all safe! ☺



Oliver Encore!

Last Sunday saw the recreation ground filled with the excitement of the Hilt Extravaganza. Our choir provided the official opening to the event with a rendition of songs from Oliver. Thank you to Mrs Nurdin and Miss Chambers who rehearsed the children over two weeks to get them ready and to Mrs Rutherford for coming along to support the page turning of the music. It was wonderful to have so many parents there to support this opportunity for another performance. Well done, children. You were brilliant!

Return of our Parenting Course



We are delighted to say that our ever-popular 5 week parenting course is returning after half term. This was previously run by Mrs Evans but as she has left us we have someone new to host the sessions. Lottie Dendy has four children, currently aged from 8 to 18. She has worked with children and families in a variety of ways and is passionate about family life and investment in our children. For those of you who have been at previous Christmas, Easter and Harvest events, you might remember her husband, Sim Dendy.

The sessions will run on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.10pm and we are asking for £10 towards covering the cost of running this. Spaces are limited as we keep the group size relatively small. The feedback that we have had from previous courses has been overwhelmingly positive, with parents asking for extra sessions as they don't want it to stop! It is a safe, supportive environment and Lottie will not be telling school staff anything that is said in the sessions (unless there is a safeguarding issue). Please look out for the letter that will be coming home shortly.

Date for your diary - Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum will be Thursday 9th November at 9.00am.



Hello from The Chair of Governors



I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new year 3 parents and introduce myself as Judith Rutherford, Chair of Governors. We held our first full governing board meeting last week to agree our roles and work plan for the year. I am pleased to announce that Cath Grimer will continue as Vice Chair of Governors and Chair of our Resources committee and we welcome Nicky Wood to her new role as Chair of our Curriculum and Standards committee. We also spent time reviewing the safeguarding arrangements at school and approving the safeguarding policy. As you will be aware from the letter last week we are recruiting to fill a parent governor vacancy, the closing date for applications is Monday 2 October.

Judith Rutherford, Chair of Governors

We Care Certificates this week



Rio V (6W) Helping Others Achieve
Charlotte M (5B) True Team Spirit
Alessandro C (3O) Dependable, responsible, selfless
Claudia G (5CM) Marvellous Team Member



Leo S. (4P) Potter plays football
Thuzar L (4R) Descriptively Dreaming
Abigail B (4S) Imaginative mixed-up dream



Chloe L (3DN) Gives her all
Jade H (6B) Going for gold!
Isabelle M (5H) Consistently Seeking Success
Harrison Warner (6C) Pushing himself further



Imogen C (3P) Absorbing it all



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Parents Evening Booking System Attendance and Penalties Chimp Paradox Interest Evening	Opens 24 th September 18:00 Ongoing 11 th October
Specific Groups	SEN – IEP invite	19 th October
Y5	Autumn Homework Booklet	N/A
Y6	Secondary School Applications	31 st October

Dates for Next Week

25 th September	R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
26 th September	
27 th September	HJS Y6 Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from 6W R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
28 th September	R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
29 th September	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Street Dance whole school 15:30 – 16:30 collect from Hall 3:30 club children to be collected from 6B

AGM

7pm Wednesday 18th October, Infant School Staff Room

Come along and hear how much the HSPTA raised in the last year and where the money has been spent, as well as the direction and plans for the current academic year. Everyone welcome.

Design a Christmas Card

Wednesday 11th October

Over the next few weeks the children will be designing a Christmas Card in class. They will be bringing this home by the 6th October along with the order form if you wish to purchase cards and/or tags of their design. Orders will need to be paid for on our website www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta and the forms and artwork returned by Wednesday 11th October.

Quiz and Chips

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

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new front of house organiser for the Quiz and Chips evening! Tickets for the quiz will be on sale soon. As always, raffle prizes would be very much appreciated, to be dropped at either of the school offices.

Spooks and Sparks

Thursday 2nd November, Gates open 6pm, Fireworks 7pm

The organisation for Spooks and Sparks is well under way. If you can help on the night please contact us at info@hspta.co.uk. Specific volunteer requirements will be circulated imminently and found on our website www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta

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)