



## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

I wanted to start off this week but saying a big thank you to all those parents who have already got stuck into helping support our children in these early weeks of the new school year. There are many of you who are already in hearing readers, sorting photocopying and volunteering for school trips. On behalf of the staff, we would like to say a huge thank you for your time and commitment – you really do make a difference to what we can achieve.

This week in our assemblies the children were hearing from staff members of the opportunities for them to apply to join a pupil voice group. I believe that there are very few schools who have as many of these groups as we do; we really do value them. This year we are asking the children to fill in an application form for the group that they would like to join. They will be doing this in lesson time as part of a wider discussion about applying for jobs. There is one group that is slightly different and that is the new-style 'News Team' who will be creating short news films for you over the course of the year and they are auditioning this afternoon for their role. All the pupil voice groups will be announced in assembly next Friday.

We are now over the mid-point for this half term and therefore parent evenings are fast approaching. If you have not already booked your appointment then please do so. Although the meetings might feel short there is an incredible amount that we pack into them and they are an essential part of ensuring that school and home can work together. We look forward to seeing you on one of the evenings.

Finally, I would encourage as many of you as possible to come along to the HSPTA launch for the new year on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm (at the infant school). Come and have a glass of wine, socialise with new friends as well as familiar faces and hear about the plans for the year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully I will see some of you in the New Forest on Sunday afternoon!  
Mrs Hunter 😊



## *Harvest Festival Update*

We apologise for any confusion with regard to the times of the Harvest Festival assemblies. The letter we send out was correct (as opposed to the times on the 'Dates for the Term'). We will therefore have Upper School at 9.15am and Lower School at 10.15am. We have been made aware that there is a Thornden open morning on the 12<sup>th</sup> October which might mean that there are some parents who find themselves with a clash. However, there are two further opportunities for Year 6 parents to visit Thornden which are the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please refer to the letter for more details of the Harvest assemblies and the particularly items which the Food Bank are hoping for – including Christmas goodies! We look forward to seeing you there.

## *Family Forest Walk – this Sunday!*

Please see the letter (available on our website) for details of the family walk this Sunday. Mr Clark and Mrs Hunter will be there in their wet weather gear, unless it is a serious down pour. We will let you know if it is cancelled by parent mail/and or website on Saturday evening/Sunday morning. More rain does mean more mud so wellies might be the order of the day if we are able to go ahead!



## Dates for your diary

- Parent interest evening – The Chimp Paradox: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm
- Harvest Festival – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15am and 10.15am
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – first session of five for our Parenting Course, 1.30pm
- The next Parent Forum will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am



## We Care Certificates this week



Ellie-Mae N (5H) Supporting, encouraging, succeeding



Bradley P (4R) Incredible Learning Attitude  
Lewis H (4S) Consistently contributing ideas



Amelia S (3O) Phenomenal fable  
Jasmine L (4P) Fantastic descriptive writing  
Adam C (6W) Cracking Christmas Card



Jaydon M (3DN) Marvellous Maths, Fabulous Fable  
Charlie A (5B) Magnificent Maths  
Josh B (5CM) All Round Ambition



Elliot P (6B) Change starts within  
Mikey T (6C) Mental Maths Magician



Alice H (3P) Enquiring extends learning

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Parenting Course Harvest Festival Parent Forum	31 <sup>st</sup> October 12 <sup>th</sup> October 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Y3	Stonehenge Trip	14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Y4	British Museum Trip	3 <sup>rd</sup> November

## Dates for Next Week

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Photos
4 <sup>th</sup> October	HJS Y6 Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from 6W R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 National Child Measuring Programme R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
6 <sup>th</sup> 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

## Quiz and Chips

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

**TICKETS GO ON SALE Sunday 1st October 9am**

Only £4.00 per person for quiz entry. Make a team of up to 8 people. Bring some liquid refreshment, maybe a few nibbles and have a great social night out! Food options (Cod & Chips, Scampi & Chips, Chicken & Chips, Sausage & Chips or Veggie Grill & Chips) are available for £4.50 per food order. The number of teams is limited to 20 teams and entry is on a first come, first served basis.

All bookings are in advance through [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta). To book your team place, only **one** member of your team needs to

1. Select "1" against the team booking option
2. Specify how many people are in the team
3. Specify how many people in the team are ordering food

Before payment is requested, this person will be asked to provide a team name and confirm the food selections for those team members who would like food, and then proceed on to the payment page. All details will need to be completed in the one order.

Places fill up quickly so book early to ensure your team's place!

**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**.

## Other dates:

- \* **Wednesday 11th October** - Design a Christmas card order deadline. We'd prefer orders to be made online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) but accept cheques made payable to **HSPTA**.
- \* **Wednesday 18th October** - AGM 7pm 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.
- \* **Thursday 2nd November** - Spooks and Sparks Firework Display. Early Bird tickets are now available on line at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta), in Andersons or Sparks Ellison Estate Agents
- \* **Friday 24th November** - Junior School Disco 6:30-7:45pm. Early Bird tickets now available online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta).

Volunteering requirements can also 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](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk).

Helen  
(HSPTA Chair)