



Hello from Mrs Hunter

Hello and either welcome back or welcome for the first time! I do love the summer holidays but there is always something very special about getting back to school and getting started again. The children have settle into the new term brilliantly. I would like to say a special well done to the Year 3 pupils who have really impressed us with their enthusiasm and 'grown up' attitude. I loved teaching each of the Year 3 classes for drama yesterday and to start to learn their names. Today I had the pleasure of the Year 5 classes and am looking forward to teaching the rest of the children next week. As well as many new children starting we also welcomed Miss Cheshire who will be teaching classes to cover teachers. We also have Mrs Hanks and Mrs Powell who are joining our team as teachers of Special Educational Needs.

On Monday we had our INSET. One of the things that we spent time looking at as a staff was the book 'The Chimp Paradox' by Dr Steve Peters. It is a simple model for thinking about how our brain works and why we can end up reacting in certain ways that perhaps we'd rather we didn't – this is when 'you chimp is out of its box'. We considered how this model can help us understand why ourselves and other people react, or over react, in certain situations and how that can help us relate to one another better. We discussed it in relation to adult to adult interaction but also how it helps us relating with our children. It was felt throughout the staff that as well as using it in school they would be taking it home to use with their families and there have been quite a few 'chimp' conversations going on in homes this week! We therefore decided to offer the opportunity for any parents who would like to come along and find out what it is all about. It is not a model that we are going to be using explicitly with all the children so it is not an 'information evening' but rather an 'interest evening'. The date for this is Wednesday 11th October, 6.30pm to 8.00pm and a letter will be coming out shortly.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Hunter ☺

Young Carers

We want to see our support for our young carers strengthened this year. While we have some provision in place we feel that this can be improved. We are already aware of who some of our young carers are but want to make sure that we have not missed anyone out. Young carers are children whose life is significantly affected by caring for a family member, like a parent or a sibling, who has an illness, disability, mental health or substance misuse problem. It does not have to be that they spend hours and hours every day doing everything for this person. It means that they are involved with helping that parent or sibling and that the impact of that person's needs can impact on the child's own life. Mrs Hunter would love you to get in touch if this applies to your child so that we can work with you to create the most appropriate support for you.



We Care Certificates

Our weekly celebration of learning will start next week. Watch out for the big reveal of our 'new look' WE CARE re-branding!

A Double Celebration



Miss Buffoni had rather an eventful summer. As well as a big birthday, she also got married. 6B are now getting used to calling her Mrs Blissett.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Blissett



Snack shop update

Further to our communication at the end of last term, we have realised that we have made an error with our poster and that snack-a-jacks are actually just over the 'orange' level for salt. As they are still 'safe' for sugar levels we shall use up the packs that we have left in the snack shop over the coming weeks and then stop stocking them. We have made changes to the posters in the classrooms. In order to ensure that we have got the stock right, we are going to close the Snack Shop next week for a week or so. We will get there in the end!



Forest Family walks

Mr Clark and Mrs Hunter (and Mr Hunter!) will once again be leading a family forest walk. This will be taking place on Sunday 1st October full details will follow next week. We have been running these relaxed walks for a few years now and Mr Clark plots a trail for us that aims to get children as muddy as possible and usually involves paddling in streams and climbing over fallen trees. Well-behaved dogs (and Mrs Hunter's!) are welcome. While the walk is aimed at all ages it is worth checking with Mr Clark if you require access for wheels, such as push chairs and wheel chairs, as we can't guarantee the conditions of the paths that day. Where space and weather allows we have in the past set up an impromptu game of rounders, much to the amusement of watching ponies. If you are a family who are new to the school and would like further information as to how this works then please pop in and see us. However, the basic premise is that children remain the responsibility of the adult who is with them and the role of school is to facilitate the walk. We hope you can join us!

Mrs Pollock's summer holiday Extreme Reading Challenge Reminder

Hello children,

Remember the challenge to get yourself caught reading in the strangest of places during the summer holiday. We asked you to get someone to take a photo of your extreme reading.

Please bring your photo in to school and hand in to Mrs Benoist in the library, by Monday 25th September, for a fabulous whole school display and the chance to win a prize.

Mrs Pollock

Dates for your Diary

The Chimp Paradox: A parent 'interest' evening. Wednesday 11th October, 6.30 to 8.00pm.

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	After School Clubs	12th September
Y3	Aesops Fables	13 th September
	Homework Letter	
	Hiltingbury Rec Walk	29 th September
	Y3 Parental Help	
	Hetty Feathers Tickets	22 nd September
Y5	Parent Volunteer helpers	
Y6	Homework Letter PG Film Permission	

Dates for Next Week

11 th September	Music Lessons commence – Timetables will be on display in classes
12 th September	
13 th September	
14 th September	Y3 Aesop's Fables
15 th September	
17 th September	Hiltingbury Extravaganza



Dates for your diary

Autumn 2017



September	Day	Time	Year/Class	Event
4 th	Monday	All Day	All	Inset Day
5 th	Tuesday	08:55	All	First Day of Term – Autumn 1
14 th	Thursday	AM	Y3	Aesop's Fables
17 th	Saturday	12:30	All involved	Hiltingbury Extravaganza
October				
3 rd	Tuesday	AM	All	School Photos
4 th	Wednesday	AM	3	Walk on Recreation Ground
5 th	Thursday		6	Height and Weight Recording
9 th	Monday	All Day	6B	Warner Brothers Studio - Harry Potter
10 th	Tuesday	All Day	6C	Warner Brothers Studio - Harry Potter
11 th	Wednesday	All Day 18:30	6W Parents	Warner Brothers Studio - Harry Potter Interest Evening - The Chimp Paradox
12 th	Thursday	9:15am 10:15am	Y3/4 Y5/6	Harvest Festival Assembly Harvest Festival Assembly
13 th	Friday	19:00		HSPTA Quiz Night
17 th	Tuesday			Parents Evening
18 th	Wednesday			Parents Evening
20 th	Friday			Last Day of Term
23 rd – 27 th	All week			Half Term Week
30 th	Monday	08:55 10:45	All All	First Day of Term – Autumn 2 Music Service Concert
November				
2 nd	Thursday	18:00	All	HSPTA Spooks and Sparks
3 rd	Friday	All Day	Y4	British Museum
10 th	Friday	All Day	All	Inset Day
13 th	Monday	11:00		Remembrance Assembly
14 th	Tuesday	All Day	3P & 3DN	Stonehenge Trip
15 th	Wednesday	All Day	3O	Stonehenge Trip
16 th	Thursday	TBA	All	Bedtime Stories
17 th	Friday	09:15	5B	Sharing Assembly
22 nd	Wednesday	AM	All	School Photos Absentees
23 rd	Thursday	14:45	3P	Sharing Assembly
24 th	Friday	TBA	All	HSPTA Disco
29 th	Wednesday	14:45	6B	Sharing Assembly
December				
6 th	Wednesday	All Day	Y6	Schools Education Safety Unit – FireEd Team
7 th	Thursday	AM 18:30	Y3/Y4 All	Flu Vaccinations Carols Round the Tree
11 th	Monday	14:15	4S	Sharing assembly
13 th	Wednesday	14:00		Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea
19 th	Tuesday	14:45	4R	Listen 2 Me concert (TBC)
21 st	Thursday	13:30 14:30	Y5/Y6 Y3/Y4	Wishes Round the Tree Wishes Round the Tree