



Hello from Mrs Hunter

I know that I am not the only person to be asking where the half term has gone. The past seven weeks have flown by and here we are getting organised for Spooks and Sparks. I would like to thank the HSPTA for all the hard work that is already going into organising this event – it is one of our key dates in the diary and raises an incredible amount of money for the schools due to the incredibly professional way that is organised and the amazing support from all of our families. I will be on the gate ready to take your tickets – let us hope for good weather. I also want to thank the HSPTA for the super quiz night last Friday evening. As ever it was a sell-out. Well done to the quiz masters for all their hard work into question writing (even if some of them did prove a little too tricky for the staff team!) and keeping us all in order.

We sadly said goodbye to Carolyn Benoist, our librarian, this week but welcomed Mrs Thomas to the team. As the carpet needs replacing in the library her first job is to be boxing the library up ready for removal rather than opening it! We have further staffing news this week following a very successful interviewing day for our new Head of Year 5. We are delighted to have appointed a fabulous new addition to our team to start in January. However, due to their current school needing to manage the telling of their parents that this member of staff is leaving them we cannot tell you just yet who they are! We will, of course, let you know as soon as we can.

We now have poppies on sale for children to purchase in school. We are delighted that our long-standing Poppy Man, Mr Hobbs, will be joining the children for our Remembrance Day assembly which this year will be held on Monday 13th November. Last year we had an amazing response to families sending in photographs and stories of members of their family, who are or have been in the armed forces. These included parents, grandparents and great grand-parents. We will be using last year's photographs again this year as part of our assembly. If there are any families who have joined us since last November who would like to send a photograph in then please do so to the office by Friday 10th November.

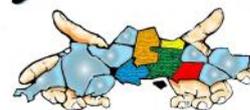
Whatever the weather has in store I hope that you have a lovely half term.

Mrs Hunter ☺

Christmas Complete

The Charity Group are keen to continue the tradition of helping those less fortunate at Christmas, but this year have decided to do something different to our usual Shoebox Appeal, and instead collect toys for local disadvantaged children through the 'Christmas Complete' project. We will be collecting **NEW** toys and gifts for children of all ages, who might not otherwise receive a gift. This will all be happening on the morning of **Friday 8th December** and will form part of a special assembly that parents will be welcome to attend - please do not bring them in early as we don't have the storage facilities. We are sharing this with you now as we know some parents' (and childrens'!) minds might turn to Christmas shopping over the half term holiday. Further details of the project can be found on their website www.scratchcharity.co.uk

S.C.R.A.T.C.H.



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Happy Diwali

We would like to wish a very Happy Diwali to all our families who are celebrating this special festival of light this week. Fireworks, candles and lamps will be used in abundance to help celebrate the victory of light over darkness or good over evil. We hope you enjoy the feasting and celebrating with your friends and families!



Creativity with Pumpkins at 3:30 Club!



The pumpkins grown by our lovely, volunteer school gardener, Chris Chanter



Parenting Group

Our latest Parenting Course, run by Lottie Dendy, starts on the first Tuesday back after half term, starting at 1.30pm. We have four spaces left on this course. Please speak to someone in the office if you would like to join the group.

We Care Certificates this week



Millie S (3DN) Sharing Ideas Always
Raheem A (5B) 'Helping Others Succeed'



Maxwell N (6W) Dribbling, Shooting, Impressing
Louis M-S (5H) 'Hooked on HIBA'
Tia W (4R) 'Enthusiasm with a smile'
Cal M (6C) Never giving up



Chloe M (3P) Unique maths strategy
Kyson B (4P) Super, surprising similes
Ellie G (4S) Imaginative poetic images



Kyle M (3O) Superb independent writing
Will B (6B) Never gives up



Tilly G (5CM) 'Excellent Enquiry in French'

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	S.C.R.A.T.C.H. assembly	8 th December
Y3	Stone Age Tool Belt	29 th November
Year 5 5CM	Mayan Day Teacher/Head of Year Appointment	1 st November Spring Term

Dates for Next Week

30 th October	HJS Y6 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from 5B R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
31 st October	Parenting Course starts 13:30
1 st November	HJS Y6 Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from 6W R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
2 nd November	NO R&R Upper School Tag Rugby HSPTA Spooks and Sparks 18:00
3 rd November	Y4 Visit to The British Museum arrive at school at 07:45 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

A massive THANK YOU!!

The figures are in...we raised a phenomenal **£17919.76** net profit last year! As always this money is split across the two schools according to pupil numbers. The Junior school is spending their money on the refurbishment of the ICT suite and the Infants on enhancing book corners. Both schools are looking to enhance their outdoor spaces with the money being raised in this current academic year: outdoor gym equipment and quiet reflection areas being considered. Thank you to everyone who helped raise this money by supporting the events.

Spooks and Sparks

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

Early bird tickets are still available on line at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta, in Andersons or Sparks Ellison Estate Agents until **29th October**.

Help needed!!! Can you:

- * 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.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 15th November, 3O classroom 15:30-16:00

A second hand uniform sale will be taking place in the Junior 3O 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 update

2-5pm Saturday 2nd December

Watch this space for more information as plans unfold.

School Disco's

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.

Quiz and Chips - result £850 profit!!

Thank you to everyone who took part in last Friday's quiz night, bought raffle tickets, donated raffle prizes and ordered food. It was a fantastic night! Thank you to "8 out of 10" who set some great rounds and to Dom who (having never been to an HSPTA quiz before) stepped up to host which meant the quiz could go ahead. Congratulations to the winning team, "The Bash Street Kids" who have agreed to set the next quiz in the Spring term.

AGM

Thank you for everyone who attended the AGM. This is an important part of being a registered charity. The following committee members were voted in for the 2017/2018 academic year:



Helen Beeken
(Chair)
Year 3 & 5



Nicky Wood
(Vice Chair)
Year 1 & 5



Sarah Hill
(Secretary)
Year 3 & 5



Carol Jones
(Treasurer)
Year 4 & 6

Please be aware that the four of us are all starting our second of an allowed maximum of 3 years holding of these roles.

Other committee members are: Hanette Watson (Yr 1), Kate Randall-Coles (Yr 1 & 4), Kaiyee Burnet (Yr R & 4), Erin Newcombe (Yr 1), Delphine Stewart-Jones (Yr 1 & 5), Rob Gair (Yr 2 & 4), Clare Home (Yr 2 & 5), Nina Silson (Yr 3), Dominic Hagyard (Yr R) with Katie Ford as the Infant School teacher representative and Jess Beer and Freddie Hayes as the Junior school teacher representatives.

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)