



## Hello from Mr Clark



As Mrs Hunter is unwell, I am writing the contribution this week. What a great and eventful week to have my first chance to write the Highlights!

The week started with our Remembrance Assembly which helped the children to understand the sacrifices made by others. Our Poppy seller, Mr Hobbs, spoke briefly about his service in Burma during assembly and was subsequently interviewed by our News Team who will be sharing their news cast in the near future.

Despite a very long day and cold, damp weather, Y3's visits to Stonehenge were, once again, amazing. Thank you to all the parents who got their children to school early so that they could enjoy a full day.

Thursday's Bedtime stories was a lovely evening full of hot chocolate and exciting tales. Miss Chambers read Paddington's Picnic on the River. It's hard to imagine on this cold, wet November morning that our next one will be on a bright, sunny evening.

This morning the hall was full of *spottily* dressed children and their parents enjoying the first of this year's sharing assemblies. I don't know whose smiles were bigger, the children or their parents.

And once again, you have all been extremely generous and we raised a whopping £521.72 for Children in Need – thank you for being such very special, supportive parents.

Mr Clark ☺

## Upcoming Toy and Gift Christmas Giveaway – some more ideas!



£1.00



£2.99



£5.81



£7.98

## Christmas lunch



This year's Christmas Lunch will be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017**.

Children will be able to choose from:

Roast turkey with half a sausage or Quorn fillet with half a vegetarian sausage, both served with stuffing ball, roast potatoes, garden peas, baton carrots & gravy. For dessert there will be a Christmas Shortbread.

No pre-booking required children will book as normal in class on the day. Please send your payment of £2.15 in on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December should your child wish to have the Christmas lunch.

## Stepping back in time

Another year sees another trip to Stonehenge, however it never fails to amaze year 3! With all four seasons in two days, world heritage wonder, the chance to be an archaeologist and even grinding flour for dinner, there was certainly a lot of variety.



Zoe B (3DN) said: 'It was fun when we go to see the stones for real. They looked like giant Lego bricks!'

Max L (3P) Enjoyed dressing up in Stone-Age outfits, including a cloak of goat skins. He said it felt realistic and added that History is his favourite subject.

Alice T (3O): 'We pretended to bury someone on top of a barrow with all of their belongings. It was interesting but quite funny too!'

## Egyptian Magic

Recently, Year 4 went to the British History Museum in London. We travelled in two coaches and after a very early start, we arrived at 11 o'clock. First, we went to see some Ancient Egyptian paintings.

We carried a booklet so that we could do lots of activities. At the paintings, we wrote down what we saw as well as fun things like 'spot the flamingo'.

We all had an amazing time in this huge cinema. At the front, a lady told us lots of information about mummification as she showed slides on the projector. Later we ate our tasty packed lunches in a room full of benches.



Pippa and Thomas B, 4S

## Y3 on display



In our English lessons in Year 3, the children were set a challenge by Mr Sparks of Sparks Ellison Estate Agents to write a flyer to welcome children who have just moved into the Hiltingbury area.

The brief was to write an eye-catching flyer that would share information that children would want to know about living in Hiltingbury. First, the children were taught about non-fiction writing and the tricks of the trade for writing an information text. Next, they had to learn how to write with the audience in mind: how to write in an informal way for children. Our visit to the Rec really helped with thinking about how children use this space and what other places in Hiltingbury children might want to know about. When they were ready to write, the children wrote a draft first, before creating their vibrant top copies.

The hardest part this year was choosing only 8 flyers from each class to send to Sparks Ellisons for display in their shop window, as the standard of writing and presentation was so high. We are so proud of all the children in the Year group. Please do go up and have a look in Spark Ellison's window at the work from the following children:

3DN:

Noah G  
Duncan D  
Jaydon  
Alex W  
Ellie H  
Zoe B  
Charlotte H  
Millie S

3P:

Natalie F  
Sargun K  
Jack H  
Alice H  
Max L  
Oscar L  
Freya S  
Lucy M

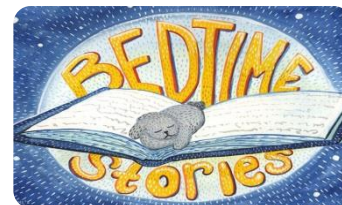
3O:

Sophie M  
Amelia S  
Charlotte W  
Lily M  
Ellie S  
Yaseen M  
Nirunjun B  
Evelyn J

Mrs Pollock, Mrs Deacon, Mrs Nurdin and Mrs Oldham

## Bedtime Stories

Thank you to everyone who turned up last night to our annual bedtime stories in the hall. There was a wonderful turn out of parents and children. The library was open for browsing and taking out of books, before we moved in to the hall for hot chocolate, biscuits and storytelling, where yet again Mr Clark provided a fabulous finale. Last night was extra special as we had three new guest readers: Miss Chambers, Mrs Thomas (our new librarian) and Tamara, sister to Leonie in Year 5. It is so wonderful when ex-pupils return and have the confidence to read to a room full of adults and children. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Penney and Mrs Tombleson who stayed behind after school to make the hot chocolate for us all to enjoy. Another successful evening. Look out for news about our Campfire stories in the spring term. Sadly last year's had to be cancelled due to high winds and rain - let's hope the weather is kinder to us this time round! Mrs Pollock



## We Care Certificates this week



Victor M-S (3DN) Listening, responding, succeeding  
Daniel D (6B) Listens, supports, improves  
Emily H (4S) Support and inspiring



Owen H (3O) - Stonehenge superstar  
Jemima G (4P) Raring to go!  
Alex C (5H) Terrific Times Tables  
Georgia B (6W) Going the extra mile



Findlay L (4R) Fun with Fractions



Siddharth R (5B) Mastering Multiplication  
Sadie Y (5CM) Marvellous Multiplication  
Lila G (6C) Just not stopping



Jessie M (3P) Reflecting on learning



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Year 5	E Safety Letter	Ongoing

## Dates for Next Week

20 <sup>th</sup> November	HJS Y6 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from 5B R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parenting Course 13:30
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Absentee School Photos 6B Sharing Assembly 14:45 HJS Y6 Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from 6W R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Be Bright/ Be Seen Day – non uniform, bright clothing, no donation Y2 Open Morning 09:10 3P Sharing Assembly 14.45
24 <sup>th</sup> November	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room <b>NO Street Dance</b> HSPTA Disco 18:30

## HSPTA News

### Total money raised this year so far: £6273!!

Thank you for all your support already this academic year. The amount we've raised so far is a testament to this and the wonderful volunteering! There are still two more key events to go this term: The **School Disco's** and the **Christmas Fair!**

### School Disco's

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

Early bird ticket sales **close at midnight tonight** (Friday 17th November)! They are £3.50 and can be purchased from our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta). Tickets can still be purchased after this date via our website or from one of the pop up shops being run by the main school gates on Monday 20th November before and after school and Tuesday 21st November after school, but for the price of £5. Tickets include a snack and a drink. Please note, **no tickets will be available for purchase on the night.**

**Volunteers still needed!** We're still looking for volunteers and first aiders for both discos. Please sign up via [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) or contact us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk). Thank you to everyone who has volunteered already. An email will come out next week with details about the night once everything has been finalised.

### Christmas Fair

2-5pm Saturday 2nd December

**Santa's grotto tickets are on sale now** on our website [www.pta-events.co.uk](http://www.pta-events.co.uk).

Last week saw the official launch of the Christmas Fair. Hopefully you have received information via book bags and seen the posters! More games are being planned this year, along with crafts, pocket money presents, the bottle stall, festive face painting and the cafe. We will be running both a raffle and silent auction. Watch this space for details as to when these become live.

Please also do sign up on our website to volunteer for an hour during the fair!

### Online Black Friday and Christmas Shopping

If you're planning on doing some online shopping on Black Friday or general Christmas shopping please consider doing this through The Giving Machine and registering "Hiltingbury School" as one of your causes <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hiltingbury-school/>. Thornden School PTA raises hundreds of pounds through this. It's an easy way to raise money for the school **through no extra effort or cost!**

### PTA Social

7pm Friday 8th December, Bay Leaves Larder

We are planning to reserve some tables at Bay Leaves Larder on the evening of Friday 8th December. Come and join us for a much deserved end-of-term (or almost) social evening. Please drop us a line at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk) if you're interested in coming to give us an idea of numbers.

This is a very busy term with lots of events, lots of donations asked for and lots of volunteering hours required. We do very much appreciate the time and support everyone gives. 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](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk).

Helen  
(HSPTA Chair)