



Hello from Mrs Hunter

First of all, I have to say a MASSIVE thank you to all of the HSPTA who worked so hard to create another hugely successful Spooks and Sparks evening, as well as to members of staff who stayed on to lend a hand and members of the Rotary club. It was incredible! The weather was very kind to us and a large number of us came to enjoy the atmosphere and colour. Having heard Year 3 in the midst of firework poetry writing this week I was certainly in the mood.

After a brief closure, our library re-opened this week. The damaged carpet was replaced and a new desk is in there too. More excitingly is that **from next week the library will be open on Fridays from 3.30pm to 4.00pm each week** so that families can come in and make the most of it together. Mrs Thomas will be on hand to help with book swaps and recommendations. We hope to see lots of you so that we can see that it is a worthwhile idea. Don't forget that we also have our bedtime story session on Thursday 16th November.

Finally, just a reminder that you have until Friday 10th November to send in any photos of relatives who are currently or were in the armed forces. Please send them in to the office and we will use them as part of our special Remembrance Assembly on Monday 13th November. All those that were sent in last year will be part of the presentation. We are delighted that our regular poppy collection veteran will be joining us this year as well as our kind volunteer who comes to play the last post. It is a very moving assembly – I just wish I had room for you all.

Mrs Hunter ☺

Upcoming Toy and Gift Christmas Giveaway – some ideas!



£1.00



£1.99



£3.99



£7.99

Music concert



On Monday we were treated to a concert from Sue and Vicky from Hampshire Music Service. They played us 3 different woodwind instruments and 3 different brass instruments, as well as telling us lots of interesting facts about the origins of each instrument, how they are made and how low/high they each go. We got to hear a variety of different pieces of music, many of which we recognised from films such as 'Star Wars' and 'Harry Potter'. It was particularly surprising to see just how many notes Vicky could play on an instrument made of a mouthpiece, a piece of garden hose and a funnel!

See if your child can remember anything they learned about the instruments, for example:
Which brass instrument has the biggest range (distance between lowest and highest notes)?

Which instrument can be a bit dangerous for the people sitting in front of those players?

Which instrument was invented 120 years ago and was designed to play jazz?

Which instrument has been around for 42 thousand years and was originally made from bone?

An update from the Anti-bullying Ambassadors



In a fortnight's time, Hiltingbury Junior School will be supporting the national Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week has been announced by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and will promote difference and equality in schools with the tag-line 'All Different, All Equal'. During this week, the children will complete some activities. The idea is to help children and young people celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in school able to be themselves without fear of bullying.

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



What is it?

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, Monday 13th November to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. Looking for advice about bullying?

Check out this Interactive anti-bullying tool for parents from the Anti-bullying alliance. https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/opigno_scorm_extracted/scorm_41/story_html5.html?lms=1

Pupil Voice Badges

Pupil Voice groups are now in full swing and badges have been handed out to all groups. We are asking that children wear their badges with pride and then hand them back at the end of the year. If badges are lost or not handed back in at the end of the year, we ask that you support us with a £2 contribution to cover the cost. Thank you.

We Care Certificates this week



Danny B (5CM) Communicates, Collaborates, Contributes



Adam W (3O) - Marvellous metaphors
Ollie H (6B) Super Cold Write



Amber H (6C) Detailed evidence gathering
Codey R-C (5H) Being his best
Annabelle M (5B) Cracking cold write
Thomas F (3P) Dedicated to learning
Charlotte W (3DN) Mathematical Determination
Lucy J (6W) Striving towards success



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Year 5	Fairthorne Manor Residential	17 th November

Dates for Next Week

6 th 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
7 th November	Parenting Course 13:30 Y2 Parents Evening 18:30
8 th November	NO HJS Y6 Football R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Y6 Isle of Wight Information evening 18:30
9 th November	Y2 Open Afternoon 14:10 R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
10 th November	Inset Day

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School Disco's

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

It's time to dig out those dancing shoes - the school disco is back!! Early bird tickets are £3.50 and are on sale from our website (www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) from now until 17th November (£5 after this date). Price includes a snack and a drink.

We still need helpers! The discos are a great event to volunteer at. If you hold a valid DBS at either the Infant or Junior school then we'd love to hear from you. Please sign up via www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or contact us at info@hspta.co.uk.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

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

A second hand uniform sale will be taking place in the Junior 30 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

2-5pm Saturday 2nd December

Next week sees the official launch of the Christmas Fair! Please look out for more information via book bags and parentmail. We would be grateful if you could take five minutes to read the information as there are lots of ways to help to make the event a success. This is a lovely event which last year raised £3501.76 (approximately 20% of the total raised during the year).

December Social

Friday 8th December

Time and venue to be confirmed.

Spooks and Sparks update

Thank you to everyone who ooh'd and ah'd at the fireworks last night and supported our biggest fundraising event of the year. Thank you to Cath, Sophie and Annetie for organising such a fantastic event and to everyone else who helped contribute, from baking cakes to volunteering to help on the night. We could not run these events without your support. Each and every person makes a difference, so thank you! We also thank our event sponsors: Sparks Ellison and the Chandlers Ford Rotary Club. The final numbers are still being crunched and we will publicise them when we have them.

There's still 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 enquiries please contact us at info@hspta.co.uk.

Helen
(HSPTA Chair)