



Hello from Mrs Hunter

We made it! There were points this week when I wasn't so sure but here we are on the last school day of 2017. This week saw year group parties in the hall (I do love doing those each year!), 4R's Listen2Me concert, two lots of wishes round the tree, our end of term trophy assembly and the highly polished staff panto. I also managed to get to the infant school to watch the Year 2 nativity play. This week has seen lots of staff illness so we have made changes day by day to ensure we have kept going so there has been the odd film session more than normal to help keep us all sane. Having said that, in the vast majority of cases there were still full-on lessons happening across the school right up until yesterday! I enjoyed a couple of days in the office attempting to replace some of our office team who have been poorly – thank you to those of you who were very patient with me when I was trying to help you out. 😊

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas break with you families and that it is a special time for you. Thank you for all your support over the year and I look forward to seeing you all back at school for 2018.

Mrs Hunter 😊



Hiltingbury Has So Much Christmas Talent!

Massive congratulations to all 16 finalists for last week's grand final; what an inspiring time it was. Here are the winners:

Lower School Third place – Emily (Year 4) singing *All I want for Christmas Is You*

Lower School Second Place – Sophie, Dolly, Ruby, Isla and Megan (Year 4) *Mrs Claus Takes Charge*

Lower School Winner - Eleanor (Year 3) reciting *The Night Before Christmas*

Upper School Third Place – Ben and Jacob (Year 6) with their stand-up comedy

Upper School Second Place – Will and Kylie (Year 6) – gymnastics routine to *Santa Baby*

Upper School Winner - Lucy (Year 6) gymnastics on the block

We did film all the finalists and hope to share this with the school family at some point in the new year. Watch this space!

SCRATCH Toy and Gift Giveaway

We wanted to share with you a photo taken by Mr King of the SCRATCH van that came to take away our incredible donation. One of our parents volunteers for the charity and told us about how lovely it was having been at the assembly to then see the Hiltingbury gifts arrive at the centre ready for distribution. She told us that it was quite overwhelming. The feedback from parents has been really positive about the giveaway with many saying they have found it easier to contribute to than the shoebox appeal. We will pass this on to the Charity Group to help them decide what we will do next year.



First Day Back in 2018

We look forward to seeing you all back on THURSDAY 4th January for our two days on Russia.

Learning Ladders at Home Updated



Please log into Learning Ladders at Home from today to view your child's reading, writing and maths Learning Ladder. You will see updates since parents' evening. Your log in will be the same as last academic year. If your child is new to the school, you were sent a letter in September with your log in.

Governance Matters

It's been a busy few weeks for governors at the school. In addition to our full governing body meeting we have met as both curriculum and finance sub committees along with holding performance management and pay committee meetings as well. This Christmas term in particular also gives us many opportunities to visit the school and enjoy the various events taking place. Governors have attended the recent visit by our local MP, joined celebration assemblies, sang carols around the tree, supported the Christmas fair and even spent a day on the Hiltingbury's Got Talent judges panel. As I write this I am looking forward to my favourite assembly of the year, wishes around the tree. This time in school allows us to celebrate all that we do so well at Hiltingbury but importantly, as Governors, it helps us to really know our school and use that knowledge to continuously improve our governance.

On behalf of the governors I would like to wish you all an enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

