



Hello from Mrs Hunter

Many of my friends and family have children in Year 6 and they have been talking to me about the end of key stage assessments. They share with me the messages that their children are hearing in their schools, from the headteacher or class teacher, and the high expectations that are on them. They talk to me about the fact that since September all that they have been doing in class in maths and English, that booster classes started back at Christmas and that the reputation of the school is on their shoulders. Unfortunately for schools, the end of Year 6 SATs tests carries high accountability. The results are published and are scrutinised by the Department for Education and Ofsted for any perceived dip in performance. Therefore schools, feel under so much pressure, in turn put pressure on their children and the hot-housing culture starts. I am proud that this is not the case at Hiltingbury. We have approximately eight weeks of focused timetabling and booster groups which, out of their whole four years with us, is not excessive. We fight to get the balance right between the children feeling prepared and ready to show off what they know without it becoming the be all and end all. Our mantra to them over and over again is 'just try your best'.

As we approach these final days until the assessments in the week beginning the 14th May, if you have a Year 6 child or you know one out of school, please encourage them with the following:

- Unfortunately, tests are a way of life so let's view this as a chance to put our growth mind-set to the test and explore how we feel about the situation. This is a new experience – what can we learn from it? By the time they get to tests that are really important to them (such as learning to drive!) they won't be so phased.
- All we ever want in life is for them to try their best – that is ALWAYS good enough.
- Even if they score zero, the world will still spin and no one's life will be in danger. They are loved and safe.
- All a test tells you is how you are doing on that day at that given point in time. It is NOT an indication of future successes. That is down to them to decide that and not the result of a test.

I hope that this proves helpful for you and your children. I am so, so proud of our Year 6. They are fab-u-lous!

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing you all back in school next Tuesday.

Mrs Hunter ☺

Eastleigh Young Carers

Last week, Eastleigh Young Carers Project came into school to deliver an assembly on what a Young Carers is and how the project can help to support the Young Carers at our school. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Mrs Massa



LEARN Primary Alliance Cross Country Event

On Wednesday 2nd May, a team of Hiltingbury Juniors from year 3 to year 6 headed out for the LEARN Primary Cross Country Event hosted at Thornden Secondary School.



After the event had to be postponed back in February due to snow, we were so excited to see the rain dry up and the sun come out just in time for our races. The ground was a little boggy, but this only added to the 'cross country' fun!

We competed alongside teams from Scantabout, Merdon, Fryern and Shakespeare Juniors, who are all part of our school's alliance.

Well done to all who took part. It was a great event and we would like to send a big thank you to all the children, parents and teachers who attended.



We Care Certificates this week



Omar T (6W) Supportive, helpful, encouraging



Ria S (5CH) Steering to success
Freddie S (4P) On Fire!
William N (6B) Giving his all



Sophia O (5H) Zebra Art Reflection
Arinda M (5B) Abstract African Art



Alex V (3DN) Pushing himself further :-)
Phoebe J (4S) écoute française fantastique



Esha D (4R) Fantastic Explorer Comparison
Darshil S (3O) A noticeable change
Emma C (6C) Using feedback successfully



Sargun K (3P) Always extends learning

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Stories Around The Campfire Lion King Props Request	5 th June 2018 Ongoing
Y6	Swimming Letter	Various

Dates for Next Week

7 th May	May Bank Holiday
8 th May	
9 th May	Y5 Residential meet in the school hall 09:00 – 09:15 Uniform Sale 15:30 in class 5B R&R Cricket Lower School 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
10 th May	R&R Cricket Upper School 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room SRE Information Evening 18:00
11 th May	Y5 Residential Return collect at 14:15 R&R Tennis Whole School 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Street Dance Whole School 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

HSPTA News

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 9th May, Junior School Classroom 5B 3:30-4pm

We are running a second hand uniform sale on the 9th May in 5B at the Junior School. Uniform for Infant and Junior children will be on sale.

NEEDED: Logo'd jumpers and cardigans. Please leave donations at either school office.

Coffee Morning

Friday 11th May, Infant School Staff Room, 9-10am

Following the success of last terms Coffee Morning we are pleased to announce that we've arranged for another one this term. This is open to all parents and careers of Infant School children. Come along for a slice of cake and a cup of tea/coffee.

School Discos

Friday 18th May, Junior School Hall - Yr1/2 16:45-18:00,
Juniors 18:30-19:45

We are dusting off the glitter balls again - the school disco is back!! On Friday 18th May, the junior school hall will host two discos. Early bird tickets are just £3.50 and are on sale now until 11th May (£5 after this date). Prices include a snack & drink. Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment!



HELP NEEDED: It's a fun event to volunteer to help at, if you hold a valid DBS (at either school) we'd love you to join the disco team! Please register at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta.

Summer Fair

Friday 8th June, Junior School Field 15:30-17:30

With now 5 weeks to go we need to start recruiting volunteers to help on the day. Please sign up for an hour at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or contact us at info@hspta.co.uk.



URGENT: Can you coordinate the BBQ for the summer fair? There is a list of things needing to be done in the run up for the BBQ and we need someone to oversee this and ensure everything gets done (but not necessarily do all the jobs themselves!).

For any queries or questions about the events or anything HSPTA related please contact us at info@hspta.co.uk or see our Facebook group facebook.com/groups/hspta.

Helen (HSPTA Chair)