



## *Hello from Mr Clark*

Mrs Hunter is currently in Devon visiting her new school so this gives me a good opportunity to practise writing the highlights ready for September!

One of my roles in school is Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) where I oversee and approve all day visits and residentials that the children go on. As you can imagine, this involves a lot of paperwork and discussions around keeping the children safe. However, I am also lucky enough to see the other side as I am taking part in three of the four residentials this year and I love seeing the children in a totally different setting where they can shine away from the classroom. I particularly loved watching my group of year 5 children at Fairthorne Manor undertake the challenges of paddle boarding and raft building where not one of them escaped a soaking in the lake! I have my camping things all packed ready to join the year 4 children at Woodmill and am already preparing my night walk for the year 3 sleepover on the school site. However, having been for many years, I have a special place in my heart for the Isle of Wight residential. As we waved off the year 6 children on Monday, I was reminded of the lovely manor house the children stay in, the magnificent grounds, the beach within an easy stroll and of course the many children that I have seen blossom in that environment. I would like to say a big thank you to all my colleagues who go 'above and beyond' with their time and effort to make these wonderful visits happen.

On the subject of thank you – a big one goes to Mrs North – Hill and her HSPTA team for the School Fair last Friday. Despite being heavily pregnant, she oversaw a lovely evening.

## *Parent Information Evening*

Instead of a parent forum this half term, we will be holding a parent information evening on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30**. This will give parents an opportunity to discuss any whole school issues such as the new head teacher appointment.

### **Additional dates for your diary:**

Y3 Sleepover Information (**NO CHILDREN**) Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 18:00  
Lion King Performances Week Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Mrs Butler's Music Concert 4<sup>th</sup> July 09:15  
Open Afternoon Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 15:30 – 18:00  
4P Listen to me concert Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July PM (actual time to be confirmed)  
Mr Kellett's Guitar Concert Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 09:15  
Y2 Information Evening Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July  
Y6 Productions Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July PM and evening



## Sponsored Read

A big thank you to the children that have been busy reading as part of the Usborne Sponsored Read and also to their families and friends for supporting them. They have raised an AMAZING amount of money for our school. Usborne Books have also donated 30% of the total raised in extra free books so we have a **grand total of £625 to spend on Usborne books**. A book order has already been placed to include books for the school library and the classroom reading areas. We can't wait to have these new books for the children to enjoy reading both at home and at school.



Thank you to these children who were busy reading over term to raise money for new books:

James (3DN)	Lillie Mae (3DN)	Noah (3DN)	Oliver (3DN)
Mae (3P)	Shaan (3P)	Sophie (3P)	William (3P)
Jasmine (4P)	Mya (4P)	Olivia (4P)	Bradley (4R)
Matthew (4S)	Tom W (4S)	Imogen (5B)	Niamh (5b)
Phoebe (5CH)	Andrew (5H)	Aravis (5H)	Freya (5H)
Leonie (5H)	Alicia(6C)		

## Seeds of Knowledge

Yesterday, Year 3 visited Hillier Gardens to enhance our plants unit in science. It was certainly a day of two halves, with light drizzle in the morning and glorious sunshine in the afternoon!

The children wowed all the teachers and the Hillier staff with both their knowledge and the questions that they asked to extend their learning. All the adults felt that they learnt many fascinating facts during the day too!

The children were involved in a 'seed survival' game, acted out the parts of the tree, looked at veins in leaves, learnt about how animals and plants camouflage themselves and had great fun pond dipping for newts and dragonfly larvae, etc. In addition, they learnt much about some very special plants in the garden - including a tree that Luis (3P) suggested should be used to make fire retardant pillows or teddy bear!



## We Care Certificates this week



Ellie H (3DN) Infectious Hilliers Happiness  
 Sanavi V (5H) Dancing Queen  
 Amber H (5B) Strutting Her Stuff  
 Millie T (5CH) Street Dance Super Star  
 James F (4S) Sensational Symmetry



Jacob M (4R) Terrific Tanka Poems  
 Thomas RC (4P) Tremendous Tanka



Amy T (3P) Determination = Success



Evelyn J (3O) Forever curious

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
	None this week	

*Dates for Next Week and beyond...*

18 <sup>th</sup> June	R&R Athletics Whole School 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Swimming Y3 Sleepover Information Evening 18:00 ( <b>no children</b> )
20 <sup>th</sup> June	R&R Cricket Lower School 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
21 <sup>st</sup> June	R&R Cricket Upper School 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 Residential 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 Update

# Quiz'n'Chips

Friday 22nd June, Junior School Hall, 7:45pm

There are still 4 team spaces left for the popular school quiz! Book before **20th June** to avoid disappointment! If you've already booked a table, **please order food by today** (15th June) so we can process it.

Our wonderful quiz masters for this event have been hard at work sourcing some fantastic raffle prizes from local businesses, including: Weatherspoon voucher + VUE cinema tickets, £20 Maya Voucher, £30 Farmhouse voucher, Prosecco and Bayleaves afternoon tea for two, 2 Costa cups and two free drinks at Cafe Nero, Starter fish tank and month family swim at Fleming Park amongst many other things. Book your team a table to be able to participate in the raffle!



## Summer Fair

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

A massive **Thank You** to everyone who helped ensure the event was a success: everyone who volunteered, supported their children in the displays or running the games and importantly came along and enjoyed the event. Thank you also to Eric Robinson Solicitors who sponsored the event, both financially and by attending the fair with Eric the Owl. The final expenses are being processed but the event raised in the region of £3,500 which is incredible.

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

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