



## *Hello from Mr Clark*

After a gentle introduction and a welcome back to the new term, this week has been back to normal – full on and very, very busy! Here are some of my highlights!

One of the most difficult jobs is choosing the House Captains. There are so many children to consider and yet, to paraphrase a line from a film, ‘there can be only eight!’ I am sure our new House Captains will represent their houses and the school with pride.

On Wednesday evening the HSPTA met to look at the programme of fund raising / community events in detail for the Autumn term and ahead for the whole year. I am extremely grateful to this super group of people as there would be key things that we would not be able to do as a school, especially in the current financial climate. If you are able to spare any time at all, then please do let me know and I will pass this on to the HSPTA. Look out for regular bulletins in the highlights for forthcoming HSPTA events.

The governing body met this week, and we went through a packed agenda looking at a range of topics from teaching and learning to agreeing the governor’s plan of work for the year.

I spent a morning joining each class for lessons and was impressed by how quickly the children have settled down to learning. It reminds me why I became a teacher when I engage in interesting discussion with a child about their work and what they have learnt, and it is especially enjoyable when they invite me to join in with the activities!

Have a good weekend everyone.

Jon Clark

## *Our School Library*



Our school library is open every Friday after school from 3.30pm till 4pm for children and parents to come into school to browse, select and issue books (siblings are welcome too). If you would like to find out more about the new Hiltingbury Junior School 100 challenge or would like the opportunity to look at copies of these books please pop along any Friday after school. I look forward to seeing you in the library soon.

*Please remember:*

- 17th September- closing date for our Extreme Reading Challenge. Please hand in photos to Mrs Thomas.
- 21st September - children please bring in your Mischief Makers reading challenge certificates from the local library into school.

Mrs Thomas

## Choir - change of day

The school choir will be up and running again next week, and I'm going to trial running it on a Monday this year. This is to avoid clashes with other clubs. I have already shared this information with the children, but please do remind them that if they would like to come to choir it will be on a Monday at 12.30 in 3DN.



New members from all year groups are very welcome. It is non-audition to become a member, and we have fun, while learning to sing a range of songs to a high standard. All I ask from members is enthusiasm and commitment 😊

I'm excited to get going - our first gig is already booked!

Mrs Nurdin

## Parental Alert

A parent phoned me this week to alert the parent body that there are groups of teenagers, possibly not from this area, who are targeting younger teenagers and threatening them. This has been happening at the BMX park at Knightwood. It might be a good time to reaffirm to any older children (Year 5 and 6) what they should do if they are caught in a potentially threatening situation.

## We Care Certificates this week



Dylan D (6H) Wonderful Wizard  
Ruby R (3DN) Setting the Standard 😊  
Naomi CW (3O) What a start!  
Tegan K (6W) Always Infectiously Enthusiastic



Seth K (3P) Edible Wow!  
Thuzar (5B) Wowing With Words  
Andrew (5W) Our Class Poet  
Sophie M (4S) Creative with numbers  
Freddie W. (4P) Imaginative window design



Marissa G (4E) Amazing two weeks!  
Daniel P (6C) Independence reaps rewards



Emily H (5R) Cracking the Code



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Sports Clubs Information	W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> September

## Dates for Next Week

17 <sup>th</sup> September	6W Harry Potter Trip R&R Whole School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
18 <sup>th</sup> September	
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Street Dance whole school 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the hall
20 <sup>th</sup> September	R&R Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
21 <sup>st</sup> September	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

## HSPTA Update

Planning for the Autumn term events and activities is well under way. The full list of dates for your diary is:  
[HSPTA Autumn dates for your diary](#)

September	Friday 21st	9am-10am Infant School Staff Room, <b>Coffee morning</b> for the parents and carers of all Year R children
	Saturday 22nd	2-4pm <b>Car Boot Sale - tickets on sale now!</b>
October	Wednesday 10th	7pm Infant School Staff Room, <b>HSPTA AGM</b>
	Friday 12th	Junior School Hall, <b>Discos</b> (Infant Disco Years 1 and 2, Juniors Years 3-6)
	Friday 19th	9-10am Infant School Staff Room, <b>Coffee morning</b> for all infant school parents. Note the change of date!
	End October	<b>Christmas card</b> orders due before half term. Exact date to be advertised.
November	Thursday 1st	6pm, <b>Spooks and Sparks Fireworks Display</b>
	Thursday 15th	7pm Junior School Staff Room, <b>HSPTA Committee meeting</b>
	Friday 16th	6:45pm, Junior School Hall, <b>Quiz'n'Chips</b>
December	Saturday 1st	2-5pm Junior School, <b>HSPTA Christmas Fair</b>

### Ways to support the HSPTA

Donate every time you do online shopping, not costing you a penny!

- **The Giving Machine:** Register "Hiltingbury School" as one of your causes (<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hiltingbury-school/>) and go through The Giving Machine when you do your online shopping.
- **Amazon Smile:** Select "HSPTA" as your charity and when you shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to us.

Finally, use our Business Directory <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/index.cfm?event=business-directory> as the first point of call if you want to support local businesses. These companies support the HSPTA by subscribing to the directory.

We also want to thank Gair Gas and Sparks Ellison Estate Agents for kindly agreeing to be our main sponsors again this year. These two companies help pay for the use of our website as well as sponsoring the Christmas Fair and Easter Egg Hunt respectively.



We are looking for a third company to sponsor the HSPTA Summer Fair. Please contact us if you are interested in doing this.



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).

Helen (HSPTA Chair)