



## *Hello from Mr Clark*



I am sure you have received the communication from Judith Rutherford, our chair of governors, about the appointment of Ms. Roisin Phillip as the new headteacher of our school. We look forward to welcoming her officially into this post in January, however, we will be inviting her to a couple of school events this term so that you may get the chance to meet her beforehand.

I've had the pleasure of meeting many of our parent volunteers for their 'chat' about health and safety around school and keeping children safe. I want to use this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued support, time and commitment in supporting your children at School.

You may have seen that we are starting to fill our new playground planter on the edge of our new playground. Our thanks go out once again to Mr Chris Chanter, our volunteer gardener, for supplying some plants to get us going! We look forward to developing this area more over the coming weeks.

As we are now coming to the end of week 4 we would really appreciate if parents could say goodbye to their children in the morning and wait behind the fence rather than on the playground. This helps us to keep our children safer by more easily identifying if there are any unknown adults on the playground.

Let's hope this spell of nice weather continues into the weekend!

Jon Clark

## *Introduction from our new Headteacher – Roisin Philip*



My name is Roisin Philip and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Hiltingbury Junior School. I have been a Teacher and Senior Leader in a range of schools in Southampton for the past 10 years, my most recent post being at Tanners Brook Primary, alongside leading the Portswood Teaching School Alliance. My main passions outside of school are spending quality time with family, listening to music and reading. I am very impressed by the love of reading shown by both pupils and staff alike at Hiltingbury!

I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to take over the leadership of a school with an outstanding reputation and such an outward-facing and creative ethos and vision. As the leader of the school, my main job is to make sure your child is safe, happy and achieving well. Working together as a team, myself and the staff aim to provide a supportive and caring environment, inspirational teaching, and a rich and engaging curriculum, to ensure all pupils dare to aim high, with the strong belief in their abilities to achieve.

I know that Mrs Hunter will be a very hard act to follow, as I had the pleasure of working with her previously. You can rest assured that I will be working tirelessly to build on her good work to ensure that the school continues to flourish. I know I can count on the continuing support of the parents, the governors and the staff in taking Hiltingbury Juniors forwards. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future, at school events, assemblies, social occasions or a quick chat on the playground!

## Extreme Reading



Well done to all the children who took part in Mrs Pollock's and Mrs Thomas' extreme reading challenge over the summer holiday. Wow! It was impressive to see how imaginative the children could be in finding places to read. Please pop into the library to see some of the amazing photos, including the winning shots.

The lower school winner was Katie B (30) who managed to read whilst doing a headstand whilst floating on water. The upper school winner was Harvey T (5R) who could successfully save a goal whilst reading!

These children have been highly commended for their extreme reading:

RJ N-P (3P) Marissa G (4E) Ollie J (4E) Thomas R-C (5R) Annabelle M(6W)

## Dates For Your Diary

15<sup>th</sup> November HSPTA Pre-Owned Uniform Sale 3:30 in 30



## School Disco – where to buy the tickets

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Years 1&2 16:45-18:00, Juniors 18:30-19:45

Early bird tickets are **£3.50** and are on sale from the HSPTA website ([www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta)) **from now until 5<sup>th</sup> October** (£5 from 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October).

## We Care Certificates this week



Annabel V and Kyson B (5R) Diamond Debating Duo



Mikey H (6H) Endless energy for learning



Sanavi V (6C) Imagery with words



Freya S (4S) Amazing, ambitious attitude



George F (3DN) Editing, Improving, Achieving  
Thalia E (3P), Reflecting to improve  
Marc M (3O) Instant response to feedback  
Charlotte M (6W) Absorbing Advice



Tom W (5W) Asking Mathematical Questions  
Christopher W (5B) Finding Alternative Solutions  
Amelia S (4P) Great scientific questioning  
Jack (4E) Curious, Creative Questioning

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Headteacher Appointment	January 2019

## Dates for Next Week

1 <sup>st</sup> October	R&R Whole School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Whole School Photos Flu Vaccination Letters come home – deadline for return 9 <sup>th</sup> October
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Street Dance whole school 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the hall
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Hildingbury Walk R&R Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
5 <sup>th</sup> October	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

## HSPTA Update

### Quiz'n'Chips

Friday 16th November, Junior School Hall, 7:45pm

Tickets for this very popular event go on sale **9am Sunday 30th September**. As with last time each team needs to log on to the [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) site and purchase a table for the price of £40, providing a team name. You are then able to purchase food for the team members who wish to have food, entering the same team name so we can match up the food orders with the teams. You can also go back and order food later if you so wish. There are 16 tables for sale and it's on a first come first service basis. Please only purchase food if you have been successful purchasing a table. Your team can fill the table with up to 8 people.

### HSPTA AGM

Wednesday 10th October, Infant School Staff Room 7pm

All welcome at the HSPTA AGM. Come along to find out where the money raised last year has been spent and vote on this year's committee. Some of our committee members are stepping down this year so if you're interested in getting involved please contact us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk).

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We 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](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta) or contact us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk).

### Spooks and Sparks Fireworks

Thursday 1st November, Gates open 6pm, Fireworks 7pm

Tickets are on sale now!!! Please also sign up to volunteer if you can. We are very fortunate to have the support of the Rotary Club and Sparks Ellison but we still need a few more volunteers.

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://www.facebook.com/groups/hspta). Don't forget to also support the HSPTA by using The Giving Machine or Amazon Smile when you're doing your online shopping, or visit the Business Directory <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/index.cfm?event=business-directory> to support local businesses.

Helen  
(HSPTA Chair)