



## Hello from Mr Clark



In assemblies this week the children have been finding out about the pupil voice groups that will be on offer this year. I am really pleased with the number of opportunities we provide as very few schools have as many groups as we do. Miss Chambers has spent a lot of time this term gathering the views of the children, especially those who were unsuccessful in their application to be in a group last year, to try to come up with as fair a process as possible. (There is a detailed explanation of this elsewhere in the highlights.) Our children really have shaped the application process! If your child is interested in being in one of these groups, could you support them with the application process at home and in dealing with their expectations if they are ultimately not successful in being in the pupil voice group that they applied for. Thank you for your support.

Next week is parents evening; please make sure you have booked an appointment if you haven't already done so. Although the meetings might feel short, there is an incredible amount that we pack into them and they are an essential part of ensuring that school and home can work together. We look forward to seeing you on one of the evenings.

Lastly, the HSPTA AGM is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 at Hiltingbury Infant School. It would be lovely if you could attend and find out more about what this amazing group of people do to support both schools and the children that attend them.

Jon Clark

## Giving our pupils a voice

On Monday, Miss Chambers shared our approach to pupil voice this year. There was a whole school assembly and she explained each group on offer this year as well as what children need to do to get involved. We have talked about how lucky we are as a school. The majority of schools only have one School Council and our wonderful colleagues have volunteered their time to put 10 groups on offer!

Pupils have already been using their voices so far this year, as it is a working party of children (those who have and haven't been in groups before) who have decided every step in our approach this year. The children have chosen:

- 1) To do presentations to the pupil voice group leader about why they are right for the role, rather than choose in class or complete application forms.
- 2) That presentations can be a few notes to say, a poster to talk about, a PowerPoint slide printed off or a speech to share.
- 3) That some time would be given to start their presentations in class and that the rest would be completed at home. In assembly, children shared that when preparing for this you 'can put in as much time as you would like – you don't need to go over the top, just do your best effort!'
- 4) That children all have the right to apply to any group but they can only choose one
- 5) That we should not prioritise children who haven't been in a group before. However, Year 6s who haven't been in a group before would be prioritised, if they showed a genuine interest and some important skills for the role.
- 6) That this approach means there will not necessarily be a representative for every group in every class and that instead the pupil voice group leader will be responsible for choosing the *best* presentations, where 'best' means the people who show themselves to be right for the role.

On the afternoon of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, the children need to be ready to share their presentations with the pupil voice group leaders. As this is our first year of trialling this new approach, chosen by the children, we are aware that one afternoon might not be long enough to get through every presentation, but we will do our best. We are so excited that this year the way we select the members for each group has already been led by the voice of our pupils!

## Spooks and Sparks – where to buy the tickets

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Early bird tickets at £4 each are on sale from the HSPTA website ([www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta)) **from now until 28<sup>th</sup> October** (£5 from 29<sup>th</sup> October if still available).

## We Care Certificates this week



Marnie C (4P) Supportive, focussed partner  
Deiya S (6H) excellent explanations to others



Megan G (3DN) Energetic links in learning  
Max J (5B) King of Cardio  
Jessie M (4S) New Forest history expert



Nathan M (6W) Determined Multiplication  
Natalie F (4E) She believed then achieved!  
Alfred BH (6C) Working on presentation



Izzy T (5R) Super Scientific Questioning  
Daisy Q (3P): Involved in discussions  
Charlie Q (3O) Exploring scientific possibilities  
Jemima G (5W) Constantly Generating Questions



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Harvest Festival Assembly Steve Brine's Christmas Card Competition	October 19 <sup>th</sup> November 12 <sup>th</sup>
30	Staffing Update	October 18 <sup>th</sup>
Y5	Mayan Day Information and allergy letter	November 7 <sup>th</sup>

## Dates for Next Week

8 <sup>th</sup> October	R&R Whole School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccination Letter deadline Parents Evening 15:40 – 19:00
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 15:40 – 19:00
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Height and Weight R&R Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
12 <sup>th</sup> October	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room HSPTA School Disco



## Steve's Christmas Card Competition 2018

### First Prize

*A family ticket to this year's Pantomime  
'Beauty and the Beast'*  
courtesy of Theatre Royal Winchester

### Year Group Winners

*Family tickets to Marwell Zoo*  
courtesy of Marwell Zoo

**plus Finalist Certificates and Certificates for all  
Entrants**

### *Competition Rules*

Closing date Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November (received in school by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November)

1. The competition is open to all primary school children up to 11 years of age,
2. Only individual entries can be accepted. Paintings should be original pieces of work by the pupil and produced on A4 paper - either portrait or landscape.
3. For reproduction purposes, please avoid using lead or coloured pencils, glitter or anything stuck to the paper.
4. The following details should be printed clearly on the back of the painting:
  - Name of pupil
  - Age
  - Year Group
  - Name of school
5. Children's entries must be submitted with prior permission, from the parents.
6. All entries must be completed **12<sup>th</sup> November**
7. A shortlist of paintings will be on display in the Children's Library at the Winchester Discovery Centre up until Christmas and judging for year group winners and first prize will take place in November. The overall winning painting will be used on the front cover of Steve Brine MP's Christmas card. The winner will be announced in the press in November and a full list of prize winners will be published on the MP's website.
8. Finalists paintings can be returned by prior arrangement.

## HSPTA News

### Design a Christmas Card

Monday 8th October

If you'd like to have your child's Christmas Card design professionally printed, please return their artwork and order form to their class teacher by **Monday 8th October**. Please clearly print your child's name and class at the bottom of the order form. Payments should be made via the HSPTA website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta>. We are accepting cheques made payable to **HSPTA** with your child's name and class written on the back. Unfortunately we cannot accept cash. For any questions please contact us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk).

### 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).

### School Disco's

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

Early bird tickets are **£3.50** and are on sale from our website ([www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta)) **until TONIGHT** (5th October). The price then rises to £5 until **sale end date 10th October**. Price includes a snack and a drink. To help ensure the safety of the children attending, please ensure you have bought your ticket before the 10th October and do not swap tickets.

We are running a pop up shop to sell tickets at the school gates on Monday 8th October in the afternoon at school pick up.

**HELP NEEDED:** help is still needed for the discos, particularly first aiders. 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)