



Hello from Mr Clark



I can't quite believe it's half term. The weeks have fairly zipped by! One of the things I have found in the role of acting headteacher is that there is an awful lot of paperwork that I have to do that prevents me from being in the classrooms as much as I would like. It is therefore, always a pleasure when I hear a knock at my door and see a face peeking through the glass window revealing a child wanting to show me a piece of work that they are proud of. The paperwork is flung aside and I have a lovely chat about their work, how they've improved and what they have learnt. It is a real special moment. All too soon, they have to head back to class and the paperwork returns!

Thinking ahead to after half term it will soon be time for Spooks and Sparks on Thursday 1st November. I would like to thank the HSPTA for all the hard work that is already going into organising this event – it is one of our key dates in the diary and raises an incredible amount of money for the schools due to the incredibly professional way that it is organised and the amazing support from all of our families. I would also like to thank The HSPTA disco team who put on a lovely event for the children last Friday.

Have an enjoyable half term!

Jon Clark

Anti-bullying News

A huge congratulations to all of our new Anti-bullying Ambassadors who were appointed this week! I was blown away by your presentations and know you are going to be a huge asset in our journey. Your badges have been ordered and should be here after half term.

With just under a month to go until Anti-Bullying Week, I wanted to share with you that we are once again going to be taking part in Odd Socks Day. This will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 12th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.



Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate individuality. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

Anti-Bullying Week is held from **Monday 12th – Friday 16th November** this year and has the theme '**Choose Respect**'. The aims of the campaign are to support schools and other settings to help children and young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online



Further information can be found at: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Dates for your



Some Additional Dates for your diary

Tuesday 30th October – Y2 Information Evening 18:30

Thursday 1st November – HSPTA Spooks and Sparks

Tuesday 6th November – Learning Ladders at Home Information Evening 18:30

Thursday 8th November – Y6 Isle of Wight Information Evening

Thursday 15th November – HSPTA Uniform Sale 15:30 in 30

Friday 16th November – 4S Sharing Assembly

Thursday 22nd November – 3P Sharing Assembly

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor which we are now looking to fill.

Hiltingbury Junior School has always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing its financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body are aware of the views of parents and the local community.

We meet as a full governing board twice a term and also have a number of subcommittees and working parties. The meetings take place within school at varying times of the day / evening.

We welcome applications from candidates with a passion for getting the best outcomes for our children along with the commitment and time to devote to the role. Previous governance experience (in any sector) or finance/ HR knowledge would also be desirable.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office for an application form (or download from the link provided below) the form will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on the 31st October 2018.

For more details please look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer. Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to an identity check.

Multi Academy Trust Update

We wanted to update you on the progress of our work to investigate the joining together of Thornden and Hiltingbury Junior Schools to become a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). The Governing Bodies are continuing to work together to assess the benefits of such a change. We are consciously prioritising making the right decision above making a rushed decision and will continue to keep you informed and updated as this progresses.

The original letter relating to this was issued at the end of last term and can be seen on the school website <https://www.hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Information-for-parents-and-other-stakeholders-Multi-Academy-Trust-informal-consultation.pdf>

We Care Certificates this week



Issy F (5B) Positive, Patient Partner



Grace C (6C) Offering Ideas
 Alex N (5R) - Powerful Punchy Performance
 Jemima L (6H) Going for Gold
 Owen (4E) Electrifying Enthusiasm in Everything
 Albert BH (4P) Brilliant Badminton
 Woody LB (3DN) Always Eager to Learn :-)
 Lucy S (5W) Taking Learning Home



Jaden S (3O) - Jaden's 'Goldilocks' analogy
 Harper D (3P) - Creative RE Thinking



Alfie S (6W) All Round Desire
 Lucy M (4S) Persevering to badminton success



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Learning Ladders at Home information evening Parent Governor Vacancy <i>by email</i>	November 6 th 18:30
Y6	Isle of Wight Information evening	November 8 th 18:30

Dates for Next Week

29 th October	R&R Whole School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
30 th October	Y2 Information Evening 18:30
31 st October	Street Dance whole school 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the hall
1 st November	NO R&R Y5 Netball - Spooks and Sparks HSPTA Spooks and Sparks 18:00
2 nd November	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

Spooks and Sparks Fireworks

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



Less than 2 weeks to go until the schools' **SPOOKS AND SPARKS FIREWORK SPECTACULAR** on **THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2018**.

Please support this fantastic fundraising event for our schools. New for this year: face paint small motifs, Year 6 games and stalls and Bark & Brisket pulled pork. We also have the DJ back by popular demand with Spooky Disco! Plus the Cafe and BBQ and glow novelties for sale.

Early bird tickets £4 until 28th October. £5 per ticket thereafter, subject to availability. 2's and under free. You can buy your tickets online at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or at Anderson's Newsagent or Sparks Ellison.

Help still needed - please volunteer online (or e-mail: info@hspta.co.uk). We still need help setting up (from 3.30pm), serving on the cafe and clearing up afterwards (this only takes 30 minutes with enough people).

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](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)