



Hello from Mr Clark



A few weeks ago I wrote about our children deciding on the charities they wish to support. Next Friday (7th December), we will be having an assembly to support SCRATCH's 'Christmas Complete' project. This local charity supports children and families that have nothing for Christmas by providing good quality second-hand toys and games. It is quite a powerful message for the children to think that within a few miles of where they live, there will be children who will not receive anything for Christmas. Mrs Preston is busy working with the charity group to prepare their contribution for the assembly.

I would be very grateful if you were able to support this worthwhile charity by donating any items that you do not want. Mrs Penney has given some examples of what to donate in the previous two highlights. Please remember to send these gifts in unwrapped. However, the charity are keen to receive donations of wrapping paper, gift tags and sellotape too that they can use with parents to wrap their children's presents with them. As with the harvest festival, if gifts come in carrier bags that can be really helpful ready for bagging up at the end of the morning.

I just want to say a big thank you to all the families who turned up to bedtime stories on Tuesday night. It allowed me share my passion of reading and with Mrs Pollock (who was ill at home) unable to read, I got a double turn of reading out loud to the children!

Mr Clark

The Christmas Post Box opens on Monday

The first posting day will be **Monday 3rd December**.

The last posting day will be **Wednesday 19th December**.

Please ensure that all cards have the child's full name AND class otherwise they may end up in the HJS dead letter office 😊

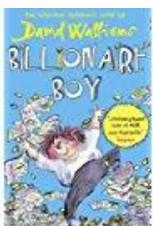


Reminder Parents Forum

Our next Parents' Forum is on Monday 3rd December at 9:15 am we hope that you will be able to join us

Ideas for our Toy and Gift Christmas Giveaway...

More ideas from the Scratch Amazon Wish List



£4



£3.99



£13.99



£24.95

Hiltingbury's Got Christmas Talent

So you've signed up

What happens next?

- Auditions will take place on Monday 10th December in front of a panel of judges.
- There will be three year group winners and these acts will go on to perform in a final on Thursday 13th December in front of the whole school.
- Results Friday 14th December

Good luck preparing your performance.

From Pupil Forum



Pathways



In assembly today, we recapped with children about walking with their bikes on the pathways in school and also near the school gate to avoid any accidents. We also reinforced the message that children should 'follow the feet' and use the pathways to enter and exit the school site, not go straight through the car park – again for safety reasons. We would appreciate it if you could also remind the children of this when you are walking to/from school.



School Gates

A reminder that the car park should only be used by school staff. If the school gates are locked open, it means they are not working. Please do not drive into the school car park as there will be children moving around and we are worried about their safety.



Hot Chocolate and Stories



On Tuesday evening this week the school hall was filled with onesies, pyjamas, sleeping bags, bean bags, pillows and the glorious smells of hot chocolate! It could only have been 'Bedtime Stories'! Mr Clark, Mrs Thomas and Miss Chambers read from some of their favourite books, including an engaging introduction to the brand-new Ice Monster by David Walliams, a snippet from Mary Poppins and her bag of surprises and a very dramatic reading of Hairy-McClary! Thank you to the wonderful Junior Librarians who also got involved with reading stories and shared a book that has been part of the Hampshire Illustrated Award this year. It was an excellent evening of storytelling and showed us all why sharing books is quite such a special thing to do.

Sheldon Weekend Retreats

As we move further into the Autumn and the weather turns colder, Sheldon will appreciate the benefit of central heating, including at the weekends. If there are any families who would like to have him at home for the weekend, please complete the form from the website or pop into the office to collect a family application form. We do have all the previous forms on file, so it might be that you get to have him for another visit if you would like to.





December Dates for your Diary

7 th December	Christmas Gift and Toy Giveaway
11 th December	Carols round the tree – numbers required no tickets issued
18 th December	4S Listen2Me concert
20 th December	School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
21 st December	Wishes round the tree – ticket applications required



We Care Certificates this week



Emily G and Lewis H (5R) Musical Mayan Market



Noah B (6H) Fits in splendidly
Dolly C (5B) Marvellous Mayan Rondo



Charlie H (3P) Best writing yet!
Dougie F (3P) Super Stone Age Story!
Siddharth R (6W) Thou Hast Shone
Euan M (6C) Unique Proofs
Ethan V (3O) Super dooper Sewer
Morgan D (4E) Astounding Artwork



Deane H (5W) Resilience in Multiplication



William T (3DN) Reflecting + Responding = RESULTS
Natasha F (4S) Exciting, descriptive leaflet :-)
Vicky W (4P) Fantastique en francais!



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Breakfast Club Price Increase	January 2019

Dates for Next Week

3 rd December	Parents Forum 09:15 R&R Whole School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
4 th December	Choir singing at Brambridge
5 th December	Street Dance whole school 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the hall Hiltingbury Y6 Football 15:30 – 16:20 Hiltingbury Y6 Netball 15:30 – 16:20
6 th December	R&R Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
7 th December	Toy and Gift Giveaway Day R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

Christmas Fair - Tomorrow!!!!

Saturday 1st December, 2-5pm

We are so excited and have loads of new, exciting things for you to do as a family. We have listened to your feedback and we have more activities and stalls aimed at the adults and older children this year as well as a variety of free activities to keep the whole family entertained:

- Light UP drama group will be running **FREE** drama workshops at 2.30pm and 3.30pm in the Infant School Library – Children will venture to the North Pole and live as an elf! This will be followed by Christmas stories and games at 4.15pm
- Both Choirs are performing in the Junior School Hall. 3pm for the infants choir and 4.45pm for the Juniors Choir.
- The amazing Michelmersh Silver band will be performing in the Junior School Hall throughout for your enjoyment!
- We have a brilliant array of commercial sellers this year ranging from Year 6 stalls in support of their Citizenship award to external stall holders selling wonderful locally made Christmas gifts, books, toys, sweet treats and even Christmas wreaths. So make sure you have plenty of cash available to start your shopping!!
- A Beauty room – drop in for threading, a mini manicure or a mini facial whilst sipping prosecco in the Infant school staff room
- Visit our pop up photo booth and mess around with the props in your best (or worst) Christmas hats and jumpers!!!
- John from Meon Valley Christmas Trees will be selling trees in the Infant School car park for those of you that missed the preorder deals. Pop and see him, his trees are beautiful and make a brilliant profit for the school.
- Grotto tickets are selling out fast but we expect a limited supply available on the day, if you don't want to miss out book at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta
- The raffle is huge this year and there are some truly amazing packs of prizes – don't forget to drop in your tickets to the stall in the Juniors School Hall.
- Complete one of our free scavenger hunts and visit our sponsor Gair Gas to collect your prize!
- Our Christmas cake off trophy will be awarded to the best family bake – not too late to enter, simply drop off to the school hall by 1pm Saturday.
- The Silent auction is live until midnight on the 1st – there's still some amazing bargains on there so log on to www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta and take a look.



We also have our Christmas Cafe selling sweet treats, hot and cold drinks and mulled wine, a hot cocoa bar, the brilliant crafts and glitter tattoos and of course Father Christmas will be there with a gift for the children.

We so hope you can join us so don your festive knits and see you tomorrow at 2pm!

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).

With love from Helen (HSPTA Chair) and the Christmas Fair team

