



Hello from Mr Clark



I'd like to start this week by saying a big thank you to the HSPTA (in particular to Liz, Nyree, Kim and their team who organised the event) for putting on such a lovely Christmas Fair across the two schools last Saturday. A lot of hard work went in to the organisation of the event so thank you also to anyone involved in the setting up and clearing away of the event. Thank you to those families who were able to come along and enjoy the various stalls and activities. Being on the door with Mrs Moden and our new head teacher for January, Miss Philip, we observed that there seemed to be many more families attending than in previous years. A special mention goes to the year 6 children, either helping with stalls or running their own as part of our junior citizen project.

Once again, I have been bowled over by the kind generosity of Hiltingbury families who have supported the SCRATCH 'Christmas Complete' charity. This morning we had tables full of donations of quality toys that will be distributed to local families that have little or nothing for Christmas. I was particularly touched by Finlay in 5W who brought one of the first gifts in and had used his own money to buy it. I'm sure there are many other children who have done the same thing. In assembly, The Charity group helped me to convey to the children what Christmas might be like without any presents. We also discussed where the gifts would be going and what the impact would be for families in the Eastleigh and Southampton area. I'd like to sign off this week by saying a big thank you to you – our caring and generous Hiltingbury families.



Mr Clark

Look out for our Careers Afternoon – Wednesday 3rd April 2019



We are very excited that next year, on Wednesday 3rd April 2019, we will be holding a Careers Afternoon at school. We ran this very successfully a few years ago and our children were so inspired by all the different careers they had the opportunity to find out about (as were all of the staff!) I still remember learning about computer aided design, oceanography and pharmaceuticals, to name but a few!

To make our Careers afternoon happen, we need you! We would like to invite parents, neighbours, friends and members of our community to come in and talk to the children about your job and what it involves. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our children to find out the wide range of opportunities available to them and to inspire them about what they might like to go on and do.

I will write more formally with all the details at the start of next term, but I wanted to give advance notice in case this was useful for rearranging work schedules. To get involved, you would need to be available for the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd April. Watch this space for more information about how to get involved next term.

Supporting Singers



This Tuesday, 30 members of the HJS choir performed a half hour set of Christmas carols at Brambridge Garden Centre, to raise money for Marie Curie. This is the 3rd year running that we've been invited to this lovely event, and once again the feedback was very complimentary. Thank you to the wonderful parents who kindly drove the children there and back, and to all of the family members who came to support the choir.

Well done also to all of the choir members who came to sing at our Christmas fair on Saturday, particularly the new singers who were performing in front of a big audience for the first time. They all sang brilliantly!

I have been particularly impressed with our choir this term: the high numbers, strong attendance and excellent singing. They just get better and better and

I'm VERY proud of them!

Mrs Nurdin



We Care Certificates this week



Jamie C (3O) Perfect Poetry Performance!
Alex W (4P) Football Fair Play
Millie C and Lucy B (6H) Strong structural designs



Alice H (4E) Sunshine in motion!
Niamh O (6W) Dickens Delight
Georgie T (5R) All round Amazing!



Adam W (4S) Hundertwasser inspired masterpiece.



Jordan H (5W) Future Journalist!
Lucy T (3DN) Remarkable rhythm and rhyme!
Holly T (3P) Growing in confidence
Andrew M (6C) Depth of answers



Oscar S (5B) Magi Myth Busting



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Y6	Class Party Letter	17 th December

Dates for Next Week

10 th December	Hiltingbury's Got Christmas Talent Auditions R&R Whole School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
11 th December	Carols Round the Tree 18:30
12 th December	Hampshire Fire and Rescue Y6 Street Dance whole school 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the hall
13 th December	Hiltingbury's Got Christmas Talent Finals R&R Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
14 th December	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

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Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Christmas Fair last weekend. I'm sure you'll agree it was an amazing event! A massive thank you to the organising team who have been working tirelessly to put on the event. Your hard work paid off! Thank you also to all of you who volunteered yourselves and/or supported your Year 6 children who were amazing running the games and selling their wares as part of their Citizenship Award. We cannot put on these events without you. Thank you too to the fair sponsors Gair Gas, whose sponsorship and support at the event are very much appreciated. Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who came to the fair. There is no point putting on these events if people do not come! Your support makes the organising worth it.

Watch this space as we're still crunching the numbers for how much the event raised along with how much we've raised this term...

Christmas Trees - still on sale!

Friday 14th December

If you haven't already bought your Christmas tree and like to put it up a bit later than the 1st December, then there's still time to order your tree from Meon Valley Christmas Trees through the HSPTA website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>. Tree's will be ready for collection on 14th December at the school. We've had lovely feedback about the quality of the trees from those who picked theirs up last weekend.

Online Christmas Shopping

When you're doing your online Christmas Shopping, don't forget to support the HSPTA at no extra cost or effort to yourself! Simply go to The Giving Machine (<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>), select "Hiltingbury School" as your cause (<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hiltingbury-school/>) and navigate from here to a wide range of retailers who then donate to your selected cause. The HSPTA is also registered with Amazon Smile.

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 visit the Business Directory <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/index.cfm?event=business-directory> to support local businesses.

Helen
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