



Hello from Mr Clark

Gosh! My last highlights, as I will be handing over to Miss Philip in January. Where has the time gone?

This week has been a busy week with class parties and extra assemblies sandwiched between continued learning for the children. I have been so impressed with the children who have coped brilliantly especially when you throw in staff sickness this week as well. I would particularly like to mention 3O who, for such relatively young children, have been superstars in helping out myself, Mrs Massa, Mrs Walkinshaw and others when we have been in to teach them. Yesterday, I spent an hour in 6W and the children were absorbed in their cubist drawings with not a peep out of them. It was like being in a dream that I didn't want to wake up from!!



We had a lovely parent helper tea on Wednesday and I would like to use this opportunity to say once again a big thank you to any parent who has helped out in school, on trips or in any other way. You make a massive contribution to the school.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Howlett, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Fryar who have all been at the school for many years. In fact, it was quite interesting to work out who exactly had been at Hiltingbury the longest (Mrs Howlett – 22 years!). They are all going to use their spare time to try new things and spend more time with family and friends. They will be hugely missed!

I'm sure your child/ren will fill you in on the staff panto from this morning! I'm still trying to get over the shock of a wig and dress combo and had the remains of the makeup on for wishes round the tree. Thank you to all of you that were able to attend Wishes Round The Tree – I did think at one point we were not going to fit you all in! The children's sentiments were lovely and shows that they are able to think about the greater meaning of Christmas.

Personally, can I say a big thank you to any of you, both children and adults, who have sent me a Christmas card or present. You are all very kind. I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas break with your families and that it is a special time for you. Thank you for all your support this term and I look forward to seeing you all back at school for 2018.

Trophy winners



On Thursday we came together as a school family for our special Trophy Assembly. This is an opportunity to celebrate many of the values we aim to develop as a school: enthusiasm for learning, risk-taking, endeavour, citizenship, persistent effort and passion for school life. Well done to all of our House Certificate winners who have demonstrated excellent learning behaviour for the whole of the Autumn term. This term's trophy winners were: Thalia (Lower School Star), Ruby (Upper School Star), Rebecca (Citizenship), Danny (Most Improved Handwriting), Morgan (Art Award), Kennedy (Risk-Taker), Leo (Endeavour), Lucy (Smart Presentation), Lewis (Spreading the Sparkle) and the Hiltingbury Learner Star (Jemima).

News Team 'bring tidings of great joy!'

On Wednesday this week the Autumn Term 2018 video, produced by the News Team, made its premiere at our parent helper afternoon tea. Then, during our Trophy assembly on Thursday, the whole school was able to watch the video, which was a celebration of everything we have achieved, enjoyed and participated in over the term. Topics, chosen by the children themselves, ranged from school news, such as Spooks and Sparks, welcoming our new staff and the work of pupil voice, to current news items, such as whether we should celebrate Halloween and how to survive a cold winter. Miss Chambers and Mrs Pollock are incredibly proud of the children and what they have achieved: their enthusiasm, their professionalism and their commitment to the role! We owe a huge thanks to Mrs Hepworth for volunteering to support us and for producing such an incredible video. It really is a celebration of Hiltingbury Juniors and what a special school this is. Please do watch it! It will be posted on our school website very soon.



Panto fun

This morning there were lots of laughs and shouts of 'Oh no it isn't!' and 'Oh yes it is!' coming from the hall which could only mean one thing – Hiltingbury Junior staff had once again donned their costumes and make-up for another Oscar-worthy pantomime performance! A huge thank you to all of the staff for their hard work (hours of rehearsals!) and their enthusiasm to give the children a performance to remember! Can you spot who is who in the photo?



Thank you and Happy Christmas!

Thank you to everyone for your support of the HSPTA this term! The autumn term is always our busiest with many events running, such as the Discos, Spooks and Sparks Fireworks Display, Car Boot sale, Quiz and Christmas Fair. As well as parent coffee mornings, second hand uniform sale and our ongoing initiatives such as the Business Directory and Golden Draw. We also appreciate that especially in the run up towards Christmas there are a lot of requests for help and donations and that everyone has other commitments, so 'Thank You!' again!

We don't have the figure for the total raised this term yet but are very pleased to report that the Christmas Fair made a whopping **£5400!**

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 (HSPTA Chair)

Dates for Next Year

7 th January	NO AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS OR DANCE CLUBS Music Lessons start
8 th January	
9 th January	
10 th January	Spanish Club Starts
11 th January	

