



Wow... This week seems to have flown by, even more quickly than last! School trips and visits are a regular part of the Hiltingbury curriculum, to enhance learning in the classroom and bring topics to life. This week has been a busy one! Year 3 have learned all about the importance of healthy food choices from the fantastic Warburtons team. We hope they enjoyed their healthy sandwiches, and the other goodies they brought home to share with you! Perhaps they will lend a hand making packed lunches from now on? The children in Year 4 had a truly multisensory experience at the Mandir in Southampton, learning about Hindu religious practices. They were fully immersed in the beating of drums, ringing of bells, and the rich aromas of incense and candles and came back bubbling with enthusiasm.

We are sad to share the news that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Smith, who has all been at the school for many years, on 1st February. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her dedication to making a difference, and many of you will have first-hand experience of how transformative her ELSA support has been to so many of our pupils. She will be hugely missed, and we hope not a stranger moving forwards.



Miss Philip

Thank you from the Infant School

The infant school have asked us to say a big thank you for all of the toys you have donated to Year R, the response was fantastic and will make a real difference.



Pay for trips, dinners, sports club 24/7



Convenient, online payments

We have removed the lower limit and extended the range of items that you can now pay for online. If you aren't currently registered and would like to register please contact the school office for a registration letter.

If you don't see a trip/charge online please contact the school office.

Some wonderful news about our fantastic SCITT Programme

In December, Terry Russell (an external examiner) came to evaluate our SCITT and we are delighted with the outcomes of his report. The lessons observed identified that trainees are able to plan and deliver engaging lessons, demonstrating good subject knowledge. He judged the mentor support, management of the programme and training as excellent. We were most delighted with the following statement: 'It was not evident at all that this is the first term of the primary training element and much praise should go to the SCITT Director and Primary Lead for developing such a detailed, quality provision so early on.'

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in training to teach, please do get in touch!



A thank you

Thank you for your support with our new signing in and lanyard procedures, we feel this is helping us to safeguard our children very effectively. A gentle reminder that office hours are 8:30 - 4:30 Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 - 4:00 on Fridays. Don't forget you can email adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk out of these hours.



We Care Certificates this week



Ollie J (4E) Helping 4E achieve!
Mille S (4P) and Zach R (4P) Super paired writing



RJ NP (3P) Focused & Keen
Bradley P (5W) Blowing my socks off!



James F (5B) Success with Fractions
Tommy B (5R) Fantastic French
Millie T (6C) Keeps on going



Ella P (6W) World War Response
Laila S (3DN) Thoughtful, kind, attentive
Alex G (6H) Perfect Punctuation



Matty S (3O) Widening his world
Sophie M (4S) Questions that inform others

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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Sports and Dance club offer letters	Spring Term
Year 6	SATs support Groups	Spring Term

Dates for Next week

21 st January	Inset Day – school closed
22 nd January	
23 rd January	Street Dance whole school 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the hall
24 th January	In School Winter Sports Competition (Games kit and warm clothing required) R&R Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
25 th January	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

6 Myths about the HSPTA



Myth 1: The HSPTA is part of the schools.

No. The HSPTA is a registered charity in its own right and whilst affiliated with the Hiltingbury schools, is not a part of them.

Myth 2: The schools are responsible for where the money raised is spent.

No. The HSPTA committee work closely with the schools as to where the money raised is spent. The schools are best placed to know what they need but the committee is responsible for approving expenditure.

Myth 3: The HSPTA events (Christmas Fair, Summer Fair, Easter Egg Hunt, Discos etc.) would all continue if the HSPTA disbanded.

No. The HSPTA has a huge amount of support from the schools for the events we run but the events themselves are organised and run by HSPTA volunteers.

Myth 4: The HSPTA can continue if no one comes forward for the roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer for the next academic year (2019/2020).

No. The HSPTA as a charity must have these officer roles, along with the secretary role, filled otherwise the charity must be disbanded (shut down and assets distributed).

Myth 5: The HSPTA committee run and organise all HSPTA events.

No. The HSPTA have event organising teams who organise and run the events. These sometimes include members of the committee, but not always. We have event documentation on a shared drive to make it easy for event teams to run their events, and to handover when the time comes.

Myth 6: There will be no help for people taking on the roles of HSPTA Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

No. The HSPTA has a shared drive where lots of information is kept, for example for the Chair role this includes a month-by-month breakdown of what needs doing and when. We are working hard to ensure that the handover will be as easy as possible and are always on hand for questions. A lot of work has gone in to making the running of the HSPTA something which can be easily picked up.

Dates/Events for the Spring Term

- Wednesday 23rd January: Committee meeting, 7pm Infant School Staff Room
- Friday 1st February: Coffee morning for the parents and carers of Infant School children, 9am Infant School Staff room
- Thursday 7th March, Committee meeting, 7pm Junior School Staff Room
- Friday 29th March: Easter Egg Hunt, 3:30pm Junior School field

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)