



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe a half term could fly by as quickly as this half term has. It feels like only yesterday that I was pulling into the carpark on my very first day, but the warm welcome I have received has certainly made me feel very much at home from the first moment. It has been a pleasure to begin to get to know the pupils, staff and families here, and I look forward to getting to know more of you as the Spring term rolls on. With that in mind, I would be delighted to see as many people as possible for a cuppa and a chat at the 'Getting to Know You' sessions on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March (7pm-8pm) or Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (9:15am-10:15am).

This week, the children have been reflecting on 'Acts of Kindness' during assemblies. It has been a joy to see children making random acts of kindness their priority during the week, whether that be letting someone else go first, giving a kind compliment or doing a little something to help out or simply make somebody smile. I still have not discovered who left a beautiful picture and lovely messages on my office desk, but it certainly did the trick! I think we can all be inspired by the children in this; I know I am going to add more random acts of kindness to my daily 'must do' list.

Finally, a huge well done to all pupils who auditioned for parts for the 'Mary Poppins' production this week. The hall was buzzing with phenomenal singing, dancing and acting, and the panel were overwhelmed by each and every one of the performances. We know this is going to be an incredible show, and would not be surprised to see some Hiltingbury pupils on the West End in the future. Well done to you all.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy half term, whether you are staying home or going away, and we will see you for the start of the second half of the year on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Miss Philip

## Sensational News

Just before we broke up for Christmas, our Autumn edition of the News Team video, produced by the News Team, was shared with the children in school. After some technical hitches, we are pleased to announce that it has now been uploaded to our school website for the whole school community to enjoy: <https://www.hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk/information/news-team-videos/>

Once again, we owe a huge thanks to Mrs Hepworth for volunteering to support us and for producing such an incredible video. This video really is a celebration of Hiltingbury Juniors and what a special school this is. Please do watch it!

As this goes to press, we are already busy working behind the scenes on the Spring edition.

Mrs Pollock and Miss Chambers



## Dates for your diary

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 19:00 Meet the Head – click [here](#) to let us know you are attending
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 09:15 Meet the Head – click [here](#) to let us know you are attending
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 19:00 MAT consultation meeting – click [here](#) to let us know you are attending



## MAT consultation

As you will have seen, Hiltingbury Junior School and Thornden School have commenced the consultation period to explore whether it would be in the best interests of both schools, and most importantly our pupils, to form a Multi Academy Trust. This process take place for 5 weeks from **Thursday 14 February to Friday 22 March 2019**, we will attempt to answer any questions that are raised, adding to the frequently asked questions on both school websites. Both schools will hold a meeting for parents and interested members of the local community to provide as much information as possible and attempt to answer questions that are raised. Meetings will take place at **Hiltingbury Junior School on Tuesday 12 March at 7:00pm** (Click [here](#) to let us know you are attending) and at **Thornden on Thursday 14 March at 7.00pm**, after which all responses and comments will be formally considered.

Alongside the consultation with Thornden, we are also working closely with our colleagues at Hiltingbury Infant School, as we are fully committed to maintaining our close working relationship regardless of the outcome of the MAT consultation. We are establishing a joint working party to ensure that full consideration is given to any potential benefits or implications which relate to the collaborative work between our two schools.

Please do see the school website for further information, as we will respond to any questions or queries which we receive here:

<https://www.hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk/information/multi-academy-trust-consultation/>

We would welcome any questions or enquiries to support us in this process. Please send these directly to: [matconsultation@hiltingburyjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:matconsultation@hiltingburyjuniorschool.co.uk)

## We Care Certificates this week



Codey R-C (6C) Engagement, energy, endeavour  
Hannah B (6H) perfect presentation  
Lily M (4P) Keeps on learning  
Ruby H (5B) All Round Enthusiasm



Oliver H (3O) Marvellous myth  
Hera B (3DN) Inspirational Project  
Daniel S (5W) Perfect, Pretty, Peacock  
Eve C-W (5R) Powerful Poetry



Milo L-B (3P) Super week of learning  
Surgun K (4S) Detailed digestion facts  
Amy T (4E) Sprinting for Gold!  
Libby P (6W) Always gives 100%



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

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Whole School	Meet the Head Multi Academy Trust consultation (Email)	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> March <a href="#">Link to letter</a>
Year 5	Stream Study	March 2019

*Dates for Next Week*

25 <sup>th</sup> February	R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
26 <sup>th</sup> February	
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 HJS Football and Netball collect from classroom Street Dance whole school 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the hall
28 <sup>th</sup> February	R&R Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
1 <sup>st</sup> March	R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room

## HSPTA News

### Trustee Roles

In the school highlights, on our Facebook group and in our newsletter which has gone home this week in book bags we've been talking more about what's involved in the three trustee roles which need filling for the next academic year. Please consider if you'd like to get involved in any way. We're going to be in Bayleaves for coffee a couple of mornings in March if you'd like to come and find out more, or pop into the Hiltonbury Farmhouse on the 8th March, or catch us in the playground! There's also always emailing us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk). As mentioned before, the HSPTA needs these roles filled otherwise it will have to be closed down.

### Dates for your diary: Spring term

In the second half of this term we have quite a lot planned. More information will follow.

- **7th March** - HSPTA Committee Meeting, 7pm Junior School Staff Room. All welcome!
- **8th March** - Pop in for a drink at the Hiltingbury Farmhouse with the committee.
- **15th March** - Come for coffee and meet some of the committee, 9am Bayleaves
- **15th March** - Quiz'n'Chips, 7:30pm Junior School Hall
- **27th March** - Come for coffee and meet some of the committee, 9am Bayleaves
- **28th March** - Easter Egg Hunt, 3:30pm Junior School Field

### Dates for your diary: Summer term

We are starting to plan some of the events for the summer term. In order for these to go ahead we need volunteers to come forward now!

**School Discos:** Are you a first aider? Can you help at either of the two school discos?

In order to put on a safe disco we need two first aiders at each of the school discos. The provisional date for these are Friday 3rd May. We cannot put these on without first aid volunteers coming forward asap.

**Summer Fair:** Would you like to be part of the organising team for the Summer Fair? Can you help behind the scenes?

The summer fair is planned for Friday 8th June, 3:30pm on the Junior School field. In order to put on this wonderful event we need at least 4 people to come forward and be on the organising team. We already have someone to be the main coordinator but the different areas of the fair (games, cafe, BBQ and cakes) each need someone to coordinate. We have lots of experience to draw on so you wouldn't be left on your own! It's also great fun being part of an event team!

For any queries or questions about the events or anything HSPTA related please contact us at [info@hspta.co.uk](mailto:info@hspta.co.uk) or see our Facebook group [facebook.com/groups/hspta](https://facebook.com/groups/hspta).

Helen

(HSPTA Chair)