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Key Dates:	
6 th October HSPTA Quiz	12 th & 16 th October Open mornings for prospective new parents
10 th October flu immunisations all year groups	16 th & 17 th October parents evenings
10 th October Non uniform for mental health day	30 th October INSET Day
12 th October 7.30pm HSPTA AGM Meeting	

Communications this week:	
Ofsted Report and letter	School Photos
Harvest Festival	World Mental Health Day
School's Out Magazine	Parents Evening
Y1 Writing Journal & Fruit Tasting	YR Curriculum News

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for all your positive comments and emails following the publication of our most recent Ofsted report. We are so proud of the whole school community; your children are a real credit to you. I would once again like to thank the whole staff team for their hard work and dedication to the children and school.

We have had a wonderful harvest festival today, the children enjoyed singing lots of harvest themed songs. Some of our Year 2 children led the assembly. Thank you for all your wonderful donations. The volunteers from the Larder at the Methodist Church were so grateful and thankful for such a wonderful amount of donations which will really help to support families within our local community. For any families wanting to use this service it is open 24/7 so you can turn up at any time to collect any essentials that you need - please pass this information to anyone you know who maybe experiencing financial difficulty.

World Mental Health Day

A letter went out about our non-uniform day on Tuesday next week for World Mental Health Day. The children will be undertaking kindness challenges throughout the day. We are raising money for Childline - please follow this link to add your donations for non-uniform day: [Hiltingbury Schools Community is fundraising for ChildLine \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Hiltingbury-Schools-Community-is-fundraising-for-ChildLine)

Save the Date - Little Wandle Information Meetings

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about the best time for our Little Wandle information sessions. It was 50/50 split for morning and evening so we will be holding two sessions. Please put the following dates in your diary:

- **Tuesday 14th November at 9am**
- **Thursday 16th November at 6pm**

English as Additional Language Coffee Afternoon

As a school alongside Hampshire Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) we are putting on a coffee afternoon on Monday 6th November at 2.15pm. Please sign up for this event via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ktFJDcldRx> We will be providing an opportunity for you to:

- Meet other parents/carers with bilingual children and the professionals who work alongside the school
- Find out how you can help your children with their learning
- Understand how you can work in partnership with schools - on key issues such as promoting good attendance
- Talk about which language(s) to use at home
- Find out about your rights and responsibilities as a parent/carer
- Ask questions

Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

Year R

This week in Reception we have been learning about our families and what is the same and different between our families. The children have all had the opportunity to share with their friends about their family and who is in their family. Thank you for all the photos that have been sent in, we will be making a class display of these so if you haven't already, please send a family photo into school. In maths, the children have been learning about sorting and how we can sort different objects into different sets according to their attributes (e.g size and colour). In RE, we have explored the concept of 'belonging' through our class, families and other groups that we might 'belong' to. The children sang our harvest song 'Big Red Combine Harvester' so well in our harvest assembly that we went to this morning. In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds ck, e, u, r and the tricky word 'l'.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have been very busy this week. They have been designers in their D.T sessions as well as great geographers.

In the week, the children explored then evaluated different fruit salads from Waitrose, Coop, Sainsbury's and Tesco's. They then created a class design criteria and in small groups created a new fruit salad. Keith came to talk to the children about what they had made and whether it was colourful, full of different textures and whether it was nutritious and healthy.

On Thursday, the children visited Hiltingbury on a short field study for Geography. Whilst on the walk they learnt to identify human and physical features and to mark their route onto a map. The teachers were incredibly proud of the children's behaviour on the walk. Well done Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 started their week with a walk of the local area. During the walk, they identified human and physical features. We were extremely proud of the children; their knowledge was fantastic! The walk supported children's learning in geography and the children later developed their own map with a key. In literacy, children applied their learning of sentences with different forms to write a recount of their walk to Hocombe Mead. We were really impressed with how well they had remembered their learning to punctuate their sentences accurately with a capital letter and appropriate end mark (full stop, question mark, exclamation mark). In maths, the children have been learning about estimation and have used this to estimate missing numbers on a number line. On Friday, the children enjoyed a Harvest festival. We would like to thank Mrs Ford and Mrs Williams for teaching them the songs; the children sang beautifully. Thank you so much for all your generous Harvest donations.

Maths Multiply Event

We had a great turn out at our maths games evening hosted by multiply maths team from Hampshire. Children loved playing a range of maths games with their families.



Have a wonderful (hopefully sunny) weekend.

Kind Regards

Phillippa Longman

