



Headteacher Newsletter 12th January 2024

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Key Dates:	
16 th January HSPTA meeting	2 nd February – Year R people who help us dress up day
18 th January - Year 2 visit to orchestra	7 th February – 9am Hiltingbury Hub parent support meeting

Communications this week:	
Y1 Curriculum News	Census Day Lunch
YR Curriculum News	Y2 Food Tasting

Dear Parents & Carers,

A massive thank you to the HSPTA for their Christmas present of a pantomime for all the children this week. On Wednesday the children loved watching the production of Beauty and the Beast. It was an all singing and dancing show and totally captivating, there was even a teacher dance off! Thank you again to the HSPTA for all the amazing fundraising opportunities throughout the year, it really does make such a difference in what we can provide for the children whilst working within tighter school budgets.

Governor Parent Election

We have not received much interest in our parent governor vacancy at present so please do get in touch if you are interested and would like to find out a little more. Please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Amy Ingram our Chair of Governors.

Have Your Say on Crucial Proposals for Future Services in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council has launched an important public consultation, inviting people to provide their views on the future of some local services in Hampshire, as part of steps by the local authority to help meet a £132 million budget shortfall by April 2025.

The **Future Services Consultation runs from 8 January to 31 March 2024**, and signals the next stage in the County Council's plans to ensure it can focus support to the most vulnerable people in Hampshire – such as protecting children from harm, social care for older people, and supporting adults and children with disabilities and additional needs - while meeting its legal duty to deliver a balanced budget in 2025/26.

Hampshire is in a better position than many other councils, but rising costs and more people needing important local services, like social care for vulnerable children and adults, is putting council budgets under huge strain in the county, and nationally. With much less money available, and no national funding solution to address the higher costs and demand pressures facing the whole of local government, tougher decisions and deeper savings are needed in Hampshire to ensure the local authority can keep providing critical services after April 2025 for those people who need its help the most.

Complete the consultation online

The County Council would like to hear from as many people in Hampshire as possible, including across Hampshire schools, to help understand and consider the potential impact of any changes proposed.

Feedback can be provided by using the consultation Response Form, available online via the consultation webpage: www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation

Reminder –School Applications Deadline

A reminder to everyone in Year 2 that the application deadline for applying to junior school is on Monday 15th January. Applications can be [submitted online](#). Please speak to the school office if you are having any difficulties in completing the applications through Hampshire.

Keepers Kitchen

I had a wonderful time celebrating with our children that were chosen for Keepers Kitchen from last half term. I was so proud of how they always remember our three rules of being Safe, Kind and Ready, displaying these behaviours day in, day out. Well done!

Cecily - Cherry Class	Euzu - Beech Class	Lily - Spruce Class
Zara - Plum Class	Ruponti - Chestnut Class	Advika - Holly Class
Paige - Apple Class	Karis - Hazel Class	Anya - Cedar Class

Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

Year R

This week in Year R, we have been learning about the signs of Winter and how the seasons have changed. We all enjoyed a fresh, icy welly walk on Tuesday morning where we were able to find, see and feel some ice! We noticed how hard and crunchy the ground was when we were walking around. In Drawing Club this week, we have been learning the story 'Lost and Found' and some new vocabulary linked to the story. Please look on Seesaw for the new words we have learnt this week and try and use them with your child at home! The children have explored drawing the characters and the setting from the story. We have also been learning about where penguins live and how this compares to our country. We have learnt about the similarities and differences that we notice. In maths this week, we have been learning to subitise, represent and find more and less than numbers to 5 using a variety of practical resources.

Year 1

A highlight this week was 'The special clothes day' on Monday. The children looked brilliant in their traditional outfits, uniforms from various clubs, outfits from special weddings, christening gowns or birthdays and their party clothes. In all three classes the children were keen to explain why they were special to them. Thank you for all your support with this special day. During the week the children have learnt about the reasons why certain clothes are special to the jobs that people do. In groups the children talked about how clothes or uniforms are protective, reflective or clear for all to spot within the community.

On Wednesday the children loved seeing the Pantomime of 'Beauty and the Beast' performed by the M&M actors. Thank you to the HSPTA for giving the children this wonderful opportunity to enjoy this traditional story and see it being brought to life on stage.






Year 2

The weather has certainly matched our learning in Year 2 this week! This week, the children have learnt what the equator is and how hot and cold areas are determined by their relation to the equator and north and south poles. They have used globes to support their learning and identify that the equator separates the northern and southern hemisphere. In English, the children have been learning about how adjectives are used to form noun phrases and have practised this writing skill when writing about geographical places they have learnt about.

In maths, the children have continued their addition and subtraction learning journey to develop a range of strategies to support them in solving problems. In science, the children have been busy learning about humans (including animals) needs for survival and you may have noticed the wonderful bird feeders hanging around the outside areas, that the children have made. They will be observing these and discussing the effectiveness over the next few weeks. Next week, children will taste a range of fruits and vegetables as they continue their scientific learning on healthy lifestyles (please do read the separate communication about this). Finally, we would like to say a massive thank you to the HSPTA for funding the pantomime on Wednesday afternoon. It was so wonderful to watch the children enjoying the show and having fun and exposure to this will greatly support their creativity, storytelling and enhance their writing.

Learners of the Week – This week we are incredibly proud of

					
Daniel Apple Bakhtawar Hazel	Edward Beech Bryony Beech	Samuel Apple Oktay Cherry Rosie Plum Jesse Hazel Siya Chestnut	Amiya Holly Bahadur Cedar Dylan Cedar Adeena Spruce Sky Spruce	Freya Cherry Charlie Plum Tanya Beech Joscelyne Chestnut Albie Holly	

Beauty and the Beast Pantomime in Action!



Kind regards

Phillippa Longman

