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| Key Dates: | |
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| 18 th March - Bling Your Ride competition | 28 th March - last day of term |
| 22 nd March - HSPTA Easter Egg hunt | 15 th April - first day of term |
| W/B 25 th March Holi celebrations | W/B 15 th April - Eid celebrations |

| Communications this week: | |
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| Governor Advert | Spare Clothing Needed |
| Y1 Welly Walk | |
| Y1 & Y2 Tennis Club | |

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our parent session on executive function skills with educational psychologist Jerry Brown, I have heard some very positive feedback and we will continue to look at further external visitors we can invite in for parent sessions.

The children loved dressing in bright colours for **Red Nose Day** and we are pleased to have so far raised an **amazing £770** – thank you to everyone who has donated. If you have not yet done so and wish to donate please follow this link [Hiltingbury Schools Just Giving Page](#)

HSPTA

Please see the attached poster to find out all about future events run by the HSPTA. I have heard the quiz was a great success last Friday and we are all looking forward to the Easter Egg hunt on 22nd March after school. They are looking for more volunteers so if you are able to give up some of your time it will be greatly appreciated, these events can only go ahead with volunteer support.

Subtitles

Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is a great way to get your child reading? Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader.

Please visit <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.

Holi Celebrations

We would love any families who celebrate Holi to come in and share their experiences or support their child with photos/items to share with the class. We will be learning more about Holi in the week beginning 25th March.

Big Walk and Wheel

Well done to everyone that has taken part so far by cycling, scooting or walking to school. The class with the most active travels are having a special visit from our Sustrans teddy bear each day! On Monday 18th March we will be holding a 'Bling Your Ride' competition. This is an opportunity to decorate your bike, scooter, wheelchair or bag (if you are walking) at home and then ride it, wheel it or walk it to school. John will be coming in to judge the competition on Monday 18th March. The theme this year is 'Clean Air and Climate Change'

Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor every day from 12-1pm. Please contact the school office if you may be interested in this role or want to find out more. This is a great way to begin a role within school and develop your experience further.

Governors

Please see the attached poster, we are looking for school governors, please share this with the local community and encourage anyone interested to make contact with the school to find out more.

Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

Year R

Another busy week in Year R this week! In Drawing Club, we enjoyed learning the story 'Stuck' with the new words 'lodged, retrieve, launched, thrilled, persist'. The children have been applying their drawing skills to drawing the main character in the story and the tree that the objects were stuck in! The children have also applied their phonic knowledge to writing a list of the objects that were launched and lodged in the tree. In maths this week, we have been continuing to recognise the smaller numbers within bigger numbers using a variety of resources. We have also been learning to compare numbers to 10 and identifying 1 more and 1 less. In PE, we have been learning to move in different ways to a range of different music, thinking about how the music makes us feel.

Year 1

This week the children in Year 1 have been brilliant historians and learnt more about what happened to Titanic. They learnt the term 'sources of evidence' and sorted those objects that were primary sources or artefacts. The children asked lots of questions and we have started to find out more about the actual names of the first, second and third passengers who were on board.

In Maths the children have been learning about height and length and understanding the vocabulary to compare objects. Please encourage your child to use tall, tallest, taller, short, shorter, shortest, long, longer and longest when discussing measurement. We would love the children to measure objects at home, comparing them using the language. You might like to measure all the people in your family and see who is the tallest and shortest. The children are learning to use non-standard units but we will move onto centimetres and metres.

The children have loved reading the story 'Samson's Titanic Journey' this week and have learnt about exclamation marks. The children have used drama to help them and thought about the emotions that would require an exclamation mark.

Year 2

This week the children have started to write their non-fiction Great Fire of London Book. They have applied all their learning to date to include the writing features they have learnt within their introduction and first section. We have been really impressed with their self-management of using checklists to ensure they have included features as well as their creative ideas. In maths, the children have been applying their understanding of division by grouping to help solve word problems. Please continue to support their developing division knowledge at home by asking them to help share food or objects. In art, the children have applied their understanding of tertiary colours and hues to explore textiles. They will build on this knowledge next week as they begin to create backgrounds for their Great Fire of London artwork. We were really proud of the Year 2 children who represented our school at the hockey tournament today. Well done to all the children involved!

Hockey Tournament in Action!



All the children who attended the hockey tournament today had a great morning and came back very excited to say our team came 2nd – well done to everyone who took part.

Remember we are looking forward to our 'bling your ride' competition on Monday, please decorate your scooter, bike or book bag to be in a chance to win one of the prizes!

Kind regards

Phillippa Longman

