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Key Dates:	
W/B 25 th March Holi celebrations	W/B 15 th April - Eid celebrations
28 th March – last day of term	26 th April – Disco after school
15 th April - first day of term	30 th April – 7.30pm HSPTA meeting

Communications this week:	
Hiltingbury Car Park	The Solihull Approach
R&R Easter Courses	Request for Toys
School Disco	Recorder Club – Summer Term

Dear Parents & Carers,

A massive well done to everyone who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel Challenge over the past two weeks, it has been great seeing lots of children actively travelling to school. John was super proud of all the amazing entries in the Bling your Ride competition and found it really tricky to choose year group winners! Well done to the winners: Eesa in Year R, Matilda in Year 1 and Shourya in Year 2. John felt they had given great thought to the theme 'Clean Air and Climate Change'.

HSPTA

We are really looking forward to seeing many of you at the HSPTA Easter Egg hunt after school today. We continue to be extremely grateful for all the fantastic fundraising the HSPTA do as this supports enhancing the opportunities and provision we can provide for children.

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 next week.

Parking

We sent out information early this week about the changes to the parking restrictions. To remind you the revised times for parking are as follows:

Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm

Saturday and Sunday 9am to 5pm

Monday to Friday - if a vehicle will be parked for 3 hours or more, the driver is responsible for entering their registration number in the tablet provided at either The Hilt or Hiltingbury Sports Hall reception areas.

Saturday and Sunday – outside of these hours, the car parks will continue to be monitored to ensure vehicles are parked correctly i.e. within a marked bay and if in a disabled bay, a blue badge must be displayed.

Bikeability

Please see the attached poster from The Bikeability Team at Hampshire CC. They have a programme of training that parents can book their child into over the Easter holidays. There is a range of venues around the County and differing levels of training available, making it suitable for most age groups and abilities.

Simon Says Charity Football

Simon says are hosting a charity football match, It's on Saturday 25th May at Totton Football Club with a Saints Legends team playing against a Simon Says team. Gates open at 10am and they have over 20 stalls such as a bouncy castle, giant slides, face painting, ice-creams, raffle with amazing prizes and there will be food and a bar available. There will also be the chance to win a 'dream ride' in one of three supercars and shoot a penalty at a Saints Legend for a donation. Tickets cost just £5 and are free to under 16 year olds – please find them on Eventbrite.

Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

Year R

It has been lovely to enjoy some more time in the outside area this week as the weather changes. The children have been enjoying lots of water play, not just in the rain! We have been thinking about different ways to be active this week. Our text for Drawing Club was 'Keep Running Gingerbread Man' where we explored the different ways that the Gingerbread man could keep fit. In maths, we have begun to learn about number bonds and have been exploring different number bonds to 5 and 10 using a range of resources and representations. In PE this week, we had lots of fun enjoying learning a dance taught to us by Miss Cooper. We learnt to look carefully and copy different movements.

Year 1

This week the children have enjoyed learning about weight/mass in their maths sessions. It was great to hear them using the mathematical vocabulary such as heavy, light, lighter, heaviest etc. Please encourage your child to use these words when you are discussing the weight of things in cooking perhaps. The children learnt to compare weight and understand how to measure the weight of objects using non-standard units, e.g with cubes.

Within science the children enjoyed visiting the pond area on their welly walk around the school grounds. They were able to spot the signs of Spring and the signs of new life. The children spotted the wild flowers and garden flowers that are now blossoming such as primroses and tulips. Please encourage your child to spot the garden and wild flowers on your walks, especially over the Easter break.

Beech class had a wonderful talk given by Mr Fowkes. He discussed his job as a captain and explained how ship wrecks can be resurfaced from the ocean. The children learnt a lot about the parts of a ship and they had some wonderful questions to ask him.

Year 2

In writing the children have continued to apply the skills they have learnt to write about 'The Great Fire of London'. They have continued to really impress us with their knowledge of this significant event from the past and how it has shaped changes today. In maths, the children have continued to practise division and have started to explore the inverse relationship between multiplication and division. The children have also explored time this week particularly reading o'clock and half past the hour times. Please could you practise this with your child at home as this will greatly support their knowledge of reading times. If they are confident in these times, please begin to read quarter past and quarter to the hour times on an analogue clock. In art, the children have applied their knowledge of tertiary colours to create 'Great Fire of London' inspired artwork. In DT, the children evaluated a range of existing products as they started to consider what to include in their own design. Well done Year Two!

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

					
Miles Chestnut Chloe Holly Lily Spruce Celeste Spruce		Luke Apple Dougie Plum Thomas Beech Wilfred Chestnut Pippa Holly Alex Cedar	Phagan Apple Esmay Cedar	Laira Cherry Leo Cherry Chinelo Plum Ivy Beech	Ben Hazel Jack Hazel

Bling Your Ride!



Kind regards

Phillippa Longman



Governor Update

This term is always quite busy for governors and this year has been no exception!

Our FGB meetings always have a very full agenda and we have a lot to cover. During our meeting there are always specific items that we need to discuss such as Safeguarding, Health and Safety and this time we had feedback from the chairs of both our sub-committees - Standards and Improvement, and Finance, Building and Resources about the Focus meetings that had been held this half term.

The FBR agenda always has a huge focus on the school budget and how the school finances are being spent in the best possible way to support the children. We are also extremely aware as governors of how important it is for the school to have as many children coming to Hiltingbury in the coming year and I thank the governors for being so engaged in promoting the school, from advertising on social media to attending the open mornings, these all make a big impact on the schools future.

As governors we also have to submit an annual return called the Schools Financial Value Statement (SFVS) which asks 30 questions about the financial position of the school. Our chair of the FBR, Mohamed, gave very in depth answers to these questions and I thank him for his time to ensure we are completing this as competently as we do.

We also have the ability to benchmark our school against other similar schools which allows us to ensure that the budget for each of the different areas is within the norm compared with these other schools. It is a really useful tool and I know that expenditure is being very closely monitored by governors to ensure the finances are being spent in the best way.

I think that of all the Standards and Improvement meetings that we have, this term's focus meeting is always my personal favourite because we go into the classes across the school to see what the children are learning and speak to them about it. We had a reading and writing focus this time and we managed to pack a significant amount into 2 hours! It was great to go

and see Little Wandle reading groups in action and the new spelling lessons in Year 2 to begin with. We then had an update from Katie Ford about reading and the most recent LLP report which was very insightful. This specifically commented on the consistency of the teaching of phonics across the school and that the support for the SEND children is individualised and they are well supported.

We also had the opportunity to observe writing lessons in Y1 and Y2 which was a real highlight. Year 1 had been visited by someone from the Titanic and they were writing questions to ask the visitor when they came back. Year 2 were writing some fantastic diary entries all about the Great Fire of London and we could see the learning that had happened prior to the lesson to enable the children to complete this confidently and competently.

The highlight in Year R was being able to observe drawing club and as governors we were astounded by the language that this lesson teaches. They were learning some really fantastic words and all the children were so excited to be able to use them! Laura Flood gave us an update about writing across the school and shared learning journeys and knowledge progression with us.

It was a very full meeting but so useful for us as governors to see evidence for the School Improvement Plan ourselves.

As you can see, it has been a very productive half term and, as always, I thank all the governors who give up their time to ensure that our children have the very best. On that note I want to say a huge thank you to Steve Wills who has sadly resigned this week. He has been such an asset to the governing body and I know that he shall be greatly missed.

Amy Ingram
Chair of Governors