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Key Dates:	
W/B 10 <sup>th</sup> June phonics screening week	22 <sup>nd</sup> June- School Summer Fair
17 <sup>th</sup> June - sports day	27 <sup>th</sup> June - 6.30pm New Year R entrants parents meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 visit Gurdwara	4 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July - Transition mornings into new classes

Communications this week:	
Ticks	
Yoga Club Cancelled	
Class Photo Reminder	

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the academic year, I hope you all had a wonderful half term. Next week is national phonics screening week which means all children in Year 1, and any children in Year 2 who did not pass last year, will be undertaking the phonics screening paper. The result of this screening will be shared with you through your child's end of year report.

### Staff Changes

It is that time of year when there will be staff changes from September, we are sad to be losing some very long-standing members of staff but are very excited for them and their new ventures!

Katie Ford (Year 1 leader and teacher) is moving onto a new school in September in a part time role so that she can develop some of her own art interests and ventures further. Mrs Ford has worked at Hiltingbury for 17 years and is a fantastic asset to our leadership team, she will be greatly missed but we look forward to keeping in touch and following her exciting journey with her.

Julia Leahy (Year 1 teacher) is retiring at the end of the summer term after working at Hiltingbury for 19 years! Julia has worked consistently over these years bringing great experience and expertise to the teams she has worked within. We wish her all the very best for a wonderful and relaxing retirement!

Fran Masters (SENCO & Year R teacher) is relocating to Devon at the end of the summer term and is going to begin her own exciting career ventures! Fran has worked at Hiltingbury for 7 years, initially as class teacher and then as SENCO for the past 4 years. Mrs Masters will be greatly missed by us all and we wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Niamh Beckley (Year 1 teacher) is moving back towards her family and planning on travelling abroad next year. Miss Beckley has been with us for the past year, we hope she has a fantastic time travelling and exploring the world!

We will be welcoming some new staff to our team:

Caitlin Osman and Megan Dobbin will be joining our teaching team in September. Ellie Peters will be returning from maternity leave and Laura Flood will be taking on the SENCO role as well as deputy head from September.

### Congratulations! Multiply

National Numeracy Day was a tremendous success for the Multiply team and they send their thanks to you for supporting them in their step counting challenge and quiz. Together they achieved an astounding **1,822,457** steps, exceeding their ambitious target of 1.4 million steps, equivalent to Hampshire's population!

Thanks to you as parents' for participating in the challenge. We are very lucky that our school has been randomly selected as **the lucky winner of £250 worth of maths equipment!** Thank you so much, we really look forward to purchasing some new maths equipment for the children in school.

## **Sports Day**

We are looking forward to our sports day on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. We will be enjoying a mix of team activities and races. You are welcome to join us for the time slot for your child's year group as follows:

9.10am-10.25am - Year R

10.30am-11.45am - Year 1

1.30pm-2.40pm - Year 2

## **Transition**

There will be two transition sessions for children to go to their new class to meet the teachers and other children that will be in their new class. These will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. There will be social stories you can share with your child over the summer to support this transition further.

## **Learning Highlights from Each Year Group**

### **Year R**

It was so lovely to welcome all the children back into school on Monday and hear about their half term holidays. This week, we have been learning about how we can grow things and what we might need to do to help things grow healthily. The children have all planted their own seeds this week and are looking after them well. In Drawing Club this week, we have learnt the story of the Gigantic Turnip and explored the meaning of the words 'swell, yanked, beckon, craned, victorious.' In maths, we have continued our learning about sharing equally using a range of practical resources and begun to explore the concept of grouping equally. In phonics, we have learnt CVCC and CCVC words with long vowel sounds e.g. toast, growl, float etc.

### **Year 1**

The Year One children have settled well back into school after the half term break and we have had a very busy first week. This half term our topic is called 'One small step'. This topic is heavily focused upon History and the children are learning about Neil Armstrong and how he is a significant person in history. Through an inspiring workshop with The Open box Theatre Company, the children learnt about the Apollo 11 moon landing, how an astronaut is trained as well as how significant Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins were. It was wonderful to see the children immersed in the drama and also the facts about the mission to the moon. They loved acting out the actual lift off!

In Maths the children have been learning more about halves and quarters of shapes, lengths and quantities.

Please could we ask if the children could bring in sunhats to school. We are busily practising for Sports Day on the field and although we try to stay in the shade it is important that they wear their sunhats. Thank you.

### **Year 2**

What a great first week back for year 2! On Tuesday, the children enjoyed learning all about Florence Nightingale at Royal Victoria Country Park, ready for our history topic this half term. We were so impressed with the level of knowledge the children already had about Florence Nightingale. In English, they wrote a recount about their half term and the trip, applying and using the writing skills taught this year. They then started to identify revisions and additions needed within their writing and edited these with a purple pen. In maths, the children have been finding the whole when given part of a fraction, they have applied skills such as multiplication or repeated addition to support them with this. In art, they explored different techniques to manipulate clay, they used skills from Year 1 and began to think about how they would join clay together.

## Year 1 Open Box Theatre in Action!



Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards

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Headteacher

