

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16 September 2022

From the Governing Body

A warm welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to new staff and pupils at Hook Junior School. We hope that you had a restful and happy summer break.

We held our first full governor meeting of the new academic year on Tuesday 20th September and were pleased to hear from Mrs Martin that the children have settled well into their routines with a high level of confidence and organisation.

First on the agenda was the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the governing board, with Gareth Evans remaining in place as Chair and Chris Bass continuing in his role as Vice Chair. We discussed the governing body roles, committees, link governors and structure of the board for the next academic year. We received an update from the Safeguarding Lead Governor and reviewed and agreed key policies.

We discussed and reflected on the fantastic year 6 SATs results published at the end of the last academic year, and the tremendous efforts from the teaching staff to support the children who outperformed against both local and national averages.

The school sent out details of the current vacancies for governor positions earlier this week, it is a great opportunity to get involved with the development and strategy of the school, and as governors we would be happy to have an informal chat with you if you would like to know a little more about what is involved.

The Governors.

Teddy Tombola and Book Sale

Straight after school on Friday 23 September at Hartlett's Park, Hannah and Lucy are holding a teddy tombola and book sale to raise awareness of Mitochondrial Disease and fundraise for The Lily Foundation who support families affected by the disease. Please do go along to support the charity.

Applications for Secondary School

Applications for a place in year 7 at Secondary School are now open for those children in Year 6. **The deadline for applications is midnight on Monday 31 October 2022,** applications received after this date will not be considered until after all on-time applications and you will be less likely to be offered a place at one of you preferred schools. For further details, and to make an application, click here.

Village Connect Trail

The <u>Hook and Odiham Lions Village Connect</u> <u>Trail</u> takes place this weekend, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September 2022.

The Village Connect Trail is a sponsored walk to raise money for local schools and the Lions Ukraine appeal offering participation and engagement for all in an outdoor activity, connecting our community in one event.

All children are returning home today with a printed flyer giving more details and a link to register and donate. On the reverse there's a wildlife spotting sheet for children to complete as they follow one of the suggested routes.

More resources including a map of all the route segments can be found on the Hook and Odiham Lions website.



Local Roadworks

Thank you for the efforts you have all made to ensure your children arrive on time this week while the closure of Griffin Way South has been in place. Further roadworks are scheduled in the locality and these are likely to have an impact on your journey to school for the foreseeable future, in particular the long term works to the roundabout at the intersection of Griffin Way South and London Road. Together with the Parish Council, we are seeking clarity on the specific closure(s) and traffic management arrangements that will be in place. Whatever the arrangements, your journey is likely to be affected by roadworks, diversions or increased traffic:

- please consider whether you can walk to school, or 'park and stride'
- if you must drive, please plan your journey in advance and take note of changes to traffic management to ensure you can arrive on time
- allow additional time to reach us each morning children are expected to arrive at school on time

We will share further details with you as these become known. You can view updated information about local works <u>via the one.network website</u>.

We have no influence or control over local roadworks by any contractor, nor are we always informed of their presence. We will always be pleased to know of any roadworks or incident that may be affecting travel to school, however it is unlikely that we will be able to resolve any such issue. If you have a complaint about local roadworks or traffic management, please direct this to the contractors directly. Contact the emergency services directly only in an emergency and if appropriate.

Community Parking

We regularly remind all users of the Community Centre car park that as a community space, the parking made available by the Parish Council is open for all to use throughout the day. At peak times – and usually only for short periods - the car park becomes very busy. Please respect the 5mph limit that is effective from the Community Centre buildings and beyond, throughout the car park. Always take extreme care when manoeuvring your vehicle and look out for pedestrians, including small children.

As a shared community space, please also be considerate of the needs of others – turn off your car engine and place any litter in the bins provided in Hartletts Park. If you are smoker or user of an e-cigarette, please be considerate of others waiting and ensure that you are well away from the school gates where children may be present. The school grounds are a strictly no smoking / vaping area

As a user of the Community Centre car park and Hartletts Park, if you have been a victim or witnessed any form of unsociable or criminal incident, please always report this to directly to the police.

Dropping your child off at Koosa Kids?

If you are dropping your child at Koosa Kids at the Infant School, please only park outside the school grounds and do not drive your vehicle into the school car park. The Infant school car park is for school staff use only. If you have any questions or comments about accessing the Koosa Club, please communicate this directly to the Infant school.

Would you like to join our team of lunchtime supervisors?

Every lunchtime at school a team of lunchtime supervisors help children enjoy their healthy lunch and facilitate outdoor play. We are looking for further lunchtime supervisory staff to join our friendly and motivated team. The role is only for a few hours each day and being over lunch break it's a convenient time to work if your children are attending school. If you are interested to learn more, please phone the school office and ask for Miss Cooke or Mr Grant in the first instance. Equally, if you know someone else who might have an interest in the role, please do encourage them to contact us.

Favourites Day Menu

Our caterers are offering a special 'favourites day' menu on Thursday 6th October – you can find the menu later in this newsletter.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Marcus P, Jack P. Emma H, Katie G

Year 4: Poppy A, Ben P, Grace P, Jakey S, Arian B

Year 5: Joel D, Isabelle e, Finn M, Isla H, Eleanor D

Year 6: Skye T, Daisy B, Imogen D, Ben A

House Points this week

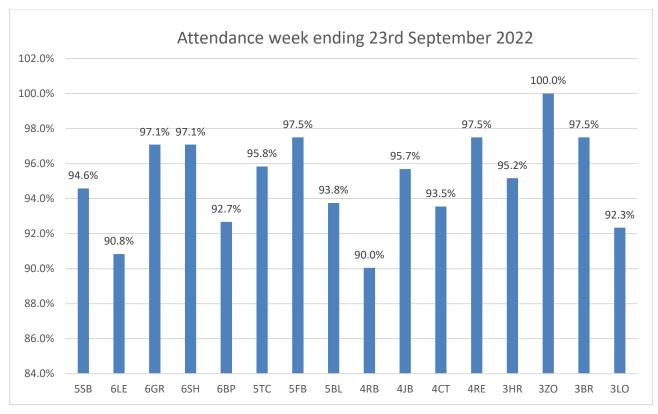
Austen	159
Brunel	162
Nightingale	120
Wellington	120

House point winners this week: Brunel

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Reading Raffle Winner: Archie F, 6LE

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 95.1%

Find out more...

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Key Dates

24 Sep	Hook and Odiham Lions Village Connect Trail
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6 Oct	Favourites Day Special Menu
7 Oct	Deadline to apply for a Governor vacancy
17 Oct	HSCA Annual General Meeting
18 Oct	Flu Immunisations
24 Oct	Autumn Half Term
31 Oct	Year 7 applications close, midnight
31 Oct	INSET day
2 Nov	Learning Consultations
3 Nov	Learning Consultations
5 Nov	HSCA Fireshow
7 Nov	Year 5 Astronomer visit

15 Nov Year 5 Learning Event17 Nov Year 6 Learning Event22 Nov Year 3 Learning Event

28 Nov INSET Day

3 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

6 Dec Year 4 Christmas Production8 Dec Year 4 Christmas Production

14 Dec Carols Around the Tree

16 Dec End of Autumn Term - 1:30 finish

19 Dec Christmas Holiday

3 Jan Spring Term – back to school

13 Feb Spring Half Term

20 Feb INSET Day

22 Feb Learning Consultations23 Feb Learning Consultations

20 Mar Young Shakespeare Company performing to Year 5 & 6

23 Mar Iron Age workshop with Year 3
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31 Mar End of Spring Term - 1:30 finish

3 Apr Easter Holiday

29 May Summer Half Term

19 Jun Sports Day

4 Jul Year 6 Production6 Jul Year 6 Production

7 Jul Annual pupil reports circulated to parents10 Jul Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill

18 Jul Strawberry Tea

20 Jul Year 6 Leaver Assembly20 Jul Year 6 Leaver Festival

21 Jul End of Summer Term - 1:30 finish

24 Jul Summer Holiday



Hook Schools Community Association

AGM

Come along to learn more about the HSCA, our events & vote for your committee!

Monday 17th October
Hook Junior School
7:15 meet for 7:30pm start
Drinks & Nibbles provided!

Online also available, please get in touch for link

contactus@hs-ca.org.uk www.facebook.com/HSCA.org.uk





