



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022

School core values: Respect - Responsibility - Inclusion - Empathy

Dear Hook Junior School Families,

The children are established with their school routines and immersing themselves into the curriculum, we look forward to sharing their learning and progress with you at Learning Consultations after half term. Well done to Y3 children who settled very quickly and have finally come to terms with not having a playtime in the afternoon, they are ready for a break. On a class visit in Y3 recently a child looked at me stating, 'Mrs Martin, I am so tired!' they followed this with a wry smile, and we agreed that it was because their brain had been learning so much and putting in so much effort, I reassured them that I felt the same!

The start of this school year has been an extraordinary period with us recognising the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and witnessing the many changes at government causing much uncertainty for everyone's lives. However, our school, our values, our place in the community with our children at the heart of it remains a constant, stabilising factor. Whatever occurs nationally we recognise the impact on our families, and we remain true to our school values and commitment to providing the best for the children; we thank you for supporting us to keep it so.

Yesterday we held an open morning for our year 2 parents where our Prefects provided them with a snapshot of their personal memories of life at Hook Junior School, and what they treasure about our school. They were so articulate and eloquent – they were impressive - describing what they had enjoyed learning over the past three years, how adults care for them and support them and how much they enjoy the sport, art, music and wider experiences of trips and events that have shaped them.

Collaborating with the school team and governors we have undertaken training on our inset days on safeguarding and child protection, Read Write Inc phonics and further curriculum refining looking at how we sequence knowledge within individual subjects and over time. All of this is part of our school strategic action plan to continue to improve our school based on what we know of our school from our self-evaluation, the significant changes and rise in standards of the new Ofsted framework and what we believe our children in our context need.

There are many exciting events for us to look forward to in the curriculum and the wider life of the school. With that, I wish to extend huge thanks and congratulations to the amazing HSCA who have raised the most money in their history over the past year with an astonishing £36,000.00 raised overall, the Fire Show alone raised approximately £17,000.00! The HSCA will donate £16,000.00 to us and the same to the infant school; we intend to put that handsome sum towards our [Landscape Development project](#). Sarah Brown (Chair HSCA) has been a key factor in the success of the HSCA over the past ten years and with a key team of equally dedicated people who volunteer their time for the benefit of the children and the community they contribute significantly to our school and community experience and to enabling both school s to provide improvement s to the school our budgets may not otherwise allow. I would encourage you to offer whatever time and support you are able to the HSCA; no one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

I wish you all a restful half term, certainly the children need it and I look forward to welcoming them and you back to school life from Tuesday November 1st.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Martin

Headteacher

From the Chair of Governors

We held our second full Governor meeting of the new academic year on Tuesday evening. The key element of the meeting was to review the School Strategic Plan for 2022/23 with a particular focus on the Curriculum and how the school continues to deliver a high level of education for all pupils. Whilst the school's learning outcomes and data remains very strong, we are not complacent and we continue to strive to improve in certain areas.

We want to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the HSCA for the fantastic work they do in raising funds for the Junior and Infant school through amazing events which brings together our local community.

It is incredible how quickly the first term has gone and we are sure that the staff, pupils and parents/carers are all looking forward to a well-deserved and relaxing half term break next week.

Gareth Evans, Chair of Governors

Year 2 Information Morning

This week we held an information morning for Year 2 parents and carers. As part of that meeting, our prefects wrote and shared some lovely memories about their time at the school. All the adults who attended the meeting were extremely impressed at how well all the prefects spoke in front of an audience and carried out informative school tours – well done everyone!

Below are some sample quotes from the prefect's speeches:

"In Year 3, when I first joined, my teachers supported me, especially in Maths. It made me feel more confident and that led me to where I am today."

"Hook Junior School is an amazing place and creates a great environment for your child to learn in. Adults will always help you to achieve your goals and support you all the way."

"I have really enjoyed the opportunities to perform as they have given me a chance to learn to speak in front of people."

"We are proud to be part of Hook Junior School. We are honoured because everywhere you go there is always a smiling face and someone to make you feel better."

Attendance – Reporting an absence

Please can we remind parents of the need to contact the school if their child will not be attending school that day or will be late. We kindly ask that this is done before 9am. Parents can do this via sending the admin office an email (adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk) or ringing the attendance line (01256 762 468, option 1).

When children are absent, we are keen to keep in contact with parents/carers about the progress of their child's condition. We therefore ask that parents contact us on every day of their child's absence in order that we can update our records and the class teacher.

We are grateful that the vast majority of parents/carers do inform us that their child is absent but unfortunately, we do have a number of parents /carers that we have to phone, text and email each day in order to establish where their children are that morning. This is obviously a safeguarding issue as it is essential we know that all children are safe either at school or home.

We thank parents/carers for their continued support around attendance. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance or punctuality, please contact Miss Carne via the school office.

Art Shirts

If anybody has any old shirts they can donate to the school to be used during art lessons to help protect uniforms, they'd be most welcome.

Cash seized and drugs lines disrupted during County Lines Intensification Week

County Lines drug activity affects many throughout the Hart and Rushmoor area and part of our safeguarding commitment is to help work with police and the local authority to support those who may be vulnerable and educate children so they are aware of the potential risk of becoming involved.

[Police in Hart and Rushmoor seized £7,700 in cash and disrupted two drugs lines during County Lines Intensification Week](#). The week of intensification, which ran from Monday 3 until Sunday 9 October, saw officers focus their efforts on county lines.

For more information on spotting the signs of exploitation please visit The Children Society's website <https://orlo.uk/mpy26>.

CFC After School Football - November to December

Chelsea Foundation are continuing to run their after-school football clubs on a Tuesday and Friday. Each session is summarised below. Please use the booking link and invitation code to register.

Tuesday

Booking line: [Hook Junior School Football Club - Tuesday Winter](#)

Invitation code: HJSW1

Age Group: Year 3 to 6

Times: 15:30 – 16:30

First Session: Tuesday 1 November 2022

Last Session: Tuesday 13 December 2022

Individual dates: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13.

Friday

Booking link: [Hook Junior School Football Club - Friday Winter](#)

Invitation code: HJSFW1

Age Group: Year 3 to 6

Times: 15:30 – 16:30

First session: Friday 11 November 2022

Last session: Friday 16 December 2022

Individual dates: November 11, 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16.

The HSCA Fire Show – 5th November

The HSCA will be hosting Hook Fireworks 2022 on Saturday 5th November 2022. The event will be held on the Junior School field and gates will open at 5pm.

The event promises to be a fantastic family night out, with hot food, fairground rides, inflatable fun, sweet treats, bar, live music and of course a spectacular Fireworks display! Purchases your tickets [here](#).

One hour, one event, once a year. The HCSA are dependent on volunteers to enable events like the fire show to take place and you only have to give an hour or two of your time. If you are able to volunteer on the night, please do sign up; volunteers will receive a free drink and have their individual ticket price refunded. Signing up is simple and can be done as part of the check-out process on our ticket website. If you would like to find out more about the volunteering roles, [please contact the HSCA](#).

Applications for Secondary School

Applications for a place in year 7 at Secondary School are open for children in Year 6.

The deadline for applications is midnight on Monday 31 October 2022.

Late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications which will significantly reduce your chances of gaining a place at any of your preferred schools.

For further details, and to make an application, [visit the Hampshire School Admissions website](#).

KOOSA Kids Holiday Clubs

KOOSA Kids are pleased to confirm the dates for our October Half Term, Christmas & February Half Term holiday clubs. We're kicking off our Autumn/Winter holiday club programme with a **Spooktacular Adventure** during October Half Term (24th to 28th October), followed by a **Winter Wonderland** during the Christmas Holidays (19th to 23rd December). Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama and imagination. All from just £24 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm).

Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Mary B, Adam S, Jasmine B, Fabian A

Year 4: Brody H-F, Harry R, Amelia R, Lucy R, Tabitha G

Year 5: Olivia S, Micky T, Bethany L, Megan C

Year 6: Zac S, Tom L, Daniel B, Florence G, Josh B

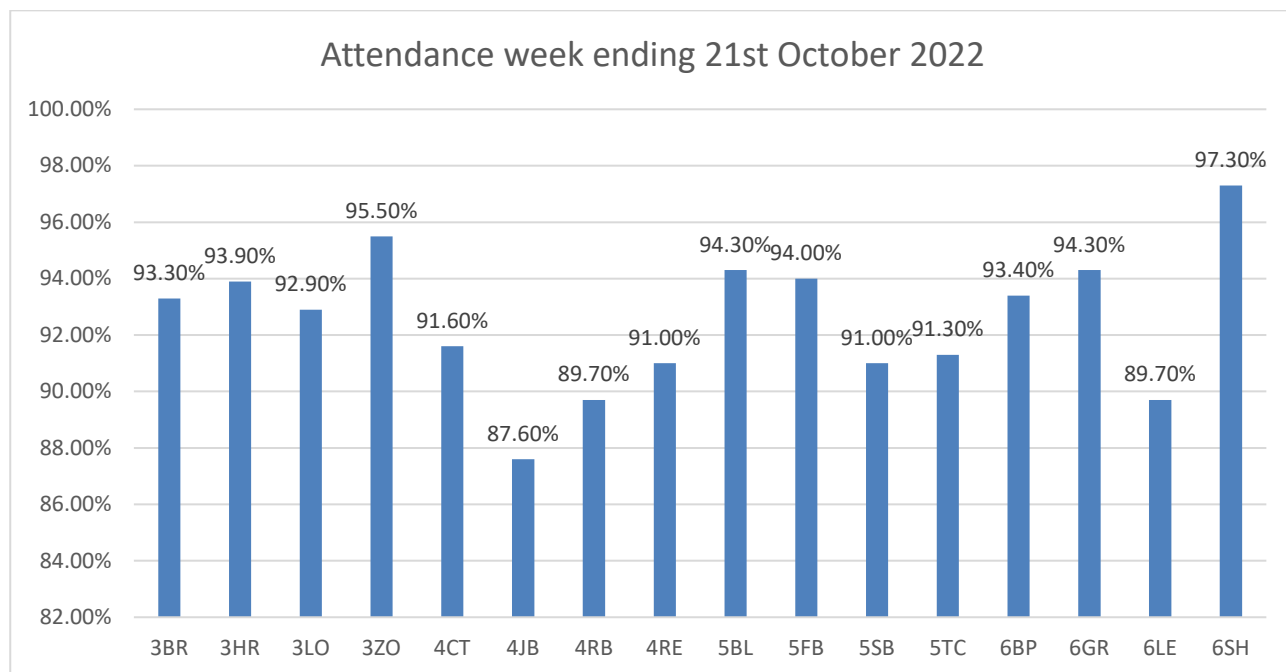
House Points this week

Austen	191
Brunel	204
Nightingale	168
Wellington	196

House point winners this week: Brunel

Reading Raffle Winner: Nicholas, 4RB

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: **92.6%**

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Key Dates – New dates added to this Newsletter appear in green

24 Oct	Autumn Half Term
31 Oct	INSET day
31 Oct	Year 7 applications close, midnight
2 Nov	Learning Consultations
3 Nov	Learning Consultations
5 Nov	HSCA Fireshow
7 Nov	Year 6 Local Artist Workshop, linked to Anti-Bullying week
7 Nov	Year 5 Astronomer visit
8 Nov	Year 5 Local Artist Workshop, linked to Anti-Bullying week
9 Nov	Year 4 Local Artist Workshop, linked to Anti-Bullying week
10 Nov	Year 3 Local Artist Workshop, linked to Anti-Bullying week
14 Nov	Odd Socks Day
15 Nov	Year 5 Learning Event
17 Nov	Year 6 Learning Event
22 Nov	Year 3 Learning Event
28 Nov	INSET Day
3 Dec	HSCA Christmas Fair

6 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production
8 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 Consultations
23 Feb	Learning Consultations
20 Mar	Young Shakespeare Company performing to Year 5 & 6
23 Mar	Iron Age workshop with Year 3
24 Mar	Iron Age workshop with Year 3
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 Production
6 Jul	Year 6 Production
7 Jul	Annual pupil reports circulated to parents
10 Jul	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
18 Jul	Strawberry Tea
20 Jul	Year 6 Leaver Assembly
21 Jul	End of Summer Term – 1:30 finish
24 Jul	Summer Holiday

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Your local KOOSA Kids holiday club can be found at:

Hook Infant School, Hook

October Half Term, Christmas Holidays & February Half Term

See reverse for dates for each holiday period.

OVER 350 ACTIVITIES!

Including... Go Karts, Drama, Rounders, Science, Golf, Uni Hoc, Cricket, Crossbow Challenge, Arts & Crafts, Football, Relays, Parachute Games, Water Play, Space Hoppers, Lego, Obstacle Challenge, Paint Party, Nature Fun. Plus hundreds more!

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HOW MUCH DO THE HOLIDAY CLUBS COST?

8% DISCOUNT
on Full Week Bookings

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ACTIVITY PACKAGE	DAILY	WEEKLY (8% DISCOUNT)
Standard Activity Day – 10.00am to 4.00pm	£24.00	£110.40 (Save £9.60)
Standard Activity Day with AM Extension – 8.15am to 4.00pm	£26.00	£119.60 (Save £10.40)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension – 10.00am to 6.00pm	£26.00	£119.60 (Save £10.40)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension – 8.15am to 6.00pm	£27.00	£124.20 (Save £10.80)

WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE HOLIDAY CLUBS OPEN?

	VENUE	OCTOBER 2022	CHRISTMAS 2022	FEBRUARY 2023
Berks	Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	The Heights Primary School, Caversham	24th to 28th October	21st to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
Hants	Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Court Moor School, Fleet	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Hook Infant School, Hook	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Liphook Junior School, Liphook	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
Kingston & Richmond	Castle Hill Primary School, Chessington <small>NEW CLUB</small>	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	The Vineyard School, Richmond Hill	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Teddington Sports Centre, Teddington	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
Surrey	Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Busbridge Junior School, Godalming	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	St. Joseph's Primary School, Guildford	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Shottermill Junior School, Haslemere	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Danetree Primary School, West Ewell	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Manby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Knaphill Lower School, Woking	24th to 28th October	21st to 23rd December	13th to 17th February

+ Siblings only

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