



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18 November 2022

HSCA Christmas Fair

The HSCA Christmas Fair 2022 is on Saturday 3rd December, 11am to 3pm, across both Hook Infants and Hook Juniors school sites. Entry is free and open to all.

We have been very busy planning lots of fun... including games, crafts, bouncy castle, marketplace, children's secret shopping room, mulled wine, hot food, live entertainment, 2nd hand uniform sale, our magical Santa's Grotto and a fantastic raffle with prizes totalling more than £1,000! Thank you to so many local businesses who are supporting this raffle.



We have some amazing raffle prizes...

1st prize: ghd Oracle Professional Versatile Curler from Hooked on Hair (RRP £189)

2nd prize: £100 Christmas Hamper

3rd prize: Afternoon Tea for two at Tylney Hall

4th prize: Offthhookfest 2023 family ticket

Plus an Aphrodite voucher, afternoon tea, Diverse fitness, Millers Ark family pass, Pathfinder Cafe vouchers, Penny Metcalf mindfulness sessions and many more!

Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance online and at the fair. This year we are also **selling a limited number of Grotto tickets online**. Grotto tickets are just £4.50 per child, which gains access to the Grotto waiting room (think fun activity sheets, letters to Santa & Christmas movie), before each family is called to the Grotto for their visit with Santa. Each child also receives a special gift from Santa.

Both raffle & grotto tickets go on sale on Saturday 18th November at 9am, simply go to www.pta-events.co.uk/hzca

As always, we will need wonderful volunteers to help run the event, so if you love Christmas and want to spread some Christmas cheer there are lots of different roles you can do to get involved, children are also welcome to help. Please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/HSCA to sign up - you'll get a free drink & mince pie to say thanks!

Finally, don't forget Friday 2nd December is a non-uniform day, in exchange for a donation for the school tombolas (chocolate for Infants or a bottle for Juniors). If you are donating a bottle to the Junior school, please make sure that it is sealed, unopened and non-perishable.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair, Merry Christmas!

The HSCA Events Team

Children in Need

It has been great to day to see the all the children being “spotacular” today and supporting this year’s Children in Need appeal.

Thank you for all your generous donations; at the time of writing this newsletter we’ve raised over £856 and we also have some cash donations to count up.

If you would still like to make a donation, you may still do so online via [Just Giving](#). Funds donated via Just Giving are transferred directly to Children in Need.

Your contributions are gratefully received and will support a very worthy cause.



Year 6 Learning Event

On Thursday, Year 6 held their learning event on what they have done so far this term. They had different experts for each subject. Their work was laid out on tables and they stood behind explaining what they have done and showed their books. Most experts created a game or quiz for their parents to complete. At the beginning of the learning event, they sang a song called ‘Everything stops for tea’ and then finished off the event with songs called ‘It’s a long way to Tipperary’ and ‘Pack up your troubles’.

Naomi, Year 6

Here’s what some parents thought of the learning event:

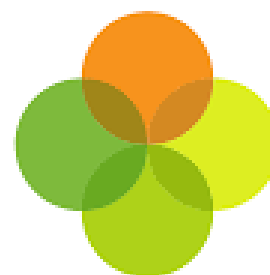
“I really enjoyed the Y6 learning event yesterday afternoon. The children were all chatty and lovely, I was really impressed by so many of them. Thanks to Mrs Prior and Mrs Hislop for putting the event on, I know it must be a lot of extra work!”

“I just wanted to say a big thank you to all involved with the Year 6 Learning Event today. It was great to see all the children’s hard work presented with such enthusiasm. They all look like they are thoroughly enjoying the start to Year 6. My child especially enjoyed showing me all the artwork and then pointed me in the direction of some more really interesting work to be seen”

“It was an outstanding learning event!”

Do we have all your details?

This week we invited parents in year 4, 5 and 6 to login to Arbor, our pupil records system and update the information we hold about you and your child. If you are the parent of a child in year 3, you should already have access. Thank you to everyone who has already logged in to Arbor. Using Arbor enables you to share and update details regarding your child, which is particularly important for emergency contact information, medical details and dietary requirements. Please do have a look and check that all the details we hold are correct. To ensure that we meet our safeguarding obligations, please check that parental contact details are correct and we also have *at least one additional emergency contact* should we not be able to get hold of you directly. If you wish to add further contacts please do. There is also a section on the app for you to give your consent to various aspects of school life your child may be a part of. If you are experiencing issues logging into Arbor, please contact the school office.



Staying Well This Winter

This is the first winter without pandemic restrictions in two years. While children and young people have been able to attend school throughout most of the pandemic, wider social events and

holidays are now occurring and more will be planned over the winter. Mixing will be inside, increasing the chance of infection spreading.

Winter illnesses such as influenza and respiratory viruses in adults and children are on the increase and are returning to pre-pandemic levels. Younger children, especially those just starting school will not have been exposed to many infections and will have less natural immunity. The seasonal flu vaccination is being offered now to all children aged 2 to 11 years and some children in secondary school. There are also many adults eligible for a free flu vaccination.

The COVID-19 vaccination enabled the gradual and safe removal of restrictions on everyday life and remains key to living with the virus in the future. Many adults are eligible for an Autumn booster and the vaccine for children is still available.

Routine childhood vaccination uptake has been negatively impacted by the pandemic and is not yet back to rates that provide the community with robust protection to prevent infectious disease incidents and outbreaks. These can impact on school attendance and learning. Limiting any further disruption to children, who have already missed time at school due to the pandemic, is vitally important.

Childhood Illnesses

The [Healthier Together](#) website is a good place to go for advice and guidance for a wide range of concerns around children's health and well-being.

Advice around specific infections and school attendance can be found here. [Is-my-child-too-ill-for-school?](#)

This [blog](#) is aimed at the health of children under 5 years old but contains some useful information applicable to children of any age.

Vaccinations

Vaccination is the best defence against severe illness and infections. A full list of the vaccines on offer can be found here. [NHS vaccinations and when to have them](#) You can check if your child is up to date by contacting your GP or checking their red book.

More information can be found about flu and COVID-19 vaccinations via the following links:

[Child flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination for children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

MyHappyMind Acces for Parents

This week we invited parents to register and use resources in MyHappyMind, a package that we use regularly in school to build mental health and wellbeing among pupils. We hope that you have been able to login and take a look at the materials on offer. Do talk to your child about how they have used MyHappyMind with their teacher in the classroom.

We would like to clarify that the welcome emails from MyHappyMind are directly from MyHappyMind and do not originate from the school or any of our staff.

World Cup Day Special Menu

To mark the beginning of the World Cup, the kitchen will be cooking a special menu on **Monday 21st November**. They will be serving Stadium Hot Dogs and Pitch Side Veggie Hot Dogs, both come with Linesmen Fajita Spiced Wedges and Crunchy Autumn Slaw, with Golden Football cakes for desert. A blue option, baked jacket potato with beans or cheese will also be available on that day.



Healthy Snacks, Lunches and Drinks

We are a healthy school and as such expect that children's morning snacks and lunch are a reflection of our healthy dietary expectations.

Please send your child to school with a morning snack with them that is healthy and low in sugar – fruit is best. Please do not send chocolate or pre-packaged cereal bars which are often high in sugar and also may contain nuts.

If your child brings a packed lunch with them to school, please ensure that this is healthy and also nut free. We note that some children have pre-bottled, flavoured and fizzy drinks in their lunchboxes. These are not suitable for consumption at school and we request that they do not form part of your child's packed lunch. Water is provided on all dining tables at lunchtime.

Children have access to fresh water all day and can refill their water bottle at regular intervals - please remember to send your child to school with a refillable water bottle each day!

Christmas Lunch for Pupils

This year's Christmas Dinner for the children will be held on **Thursday 15th December**. There will be 2 options: roast turkey and a chipolata or cranberry and roasted vegetable Wellington, both served with roast potatoes and veg with chocolate Christmas Pudding for desert. We will be sending you a link to a survey nearer the time to gather your child's food choice.

Applications for Year R in September 2023

Applications for a school place in year R opened on 1 November. If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2023, they can start school in September 2023.

The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2023.

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

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Harri L, J-Jay B, Emily N, Dilan G

Year 4: Henley P, Cooper O, Caitlin D, Abigail P

Year 5: Aliya H, Paige M, Samy V, Ellie-Mai Burgess

Year 6: Ines A, Jessica V, Maddie B, Gigi B

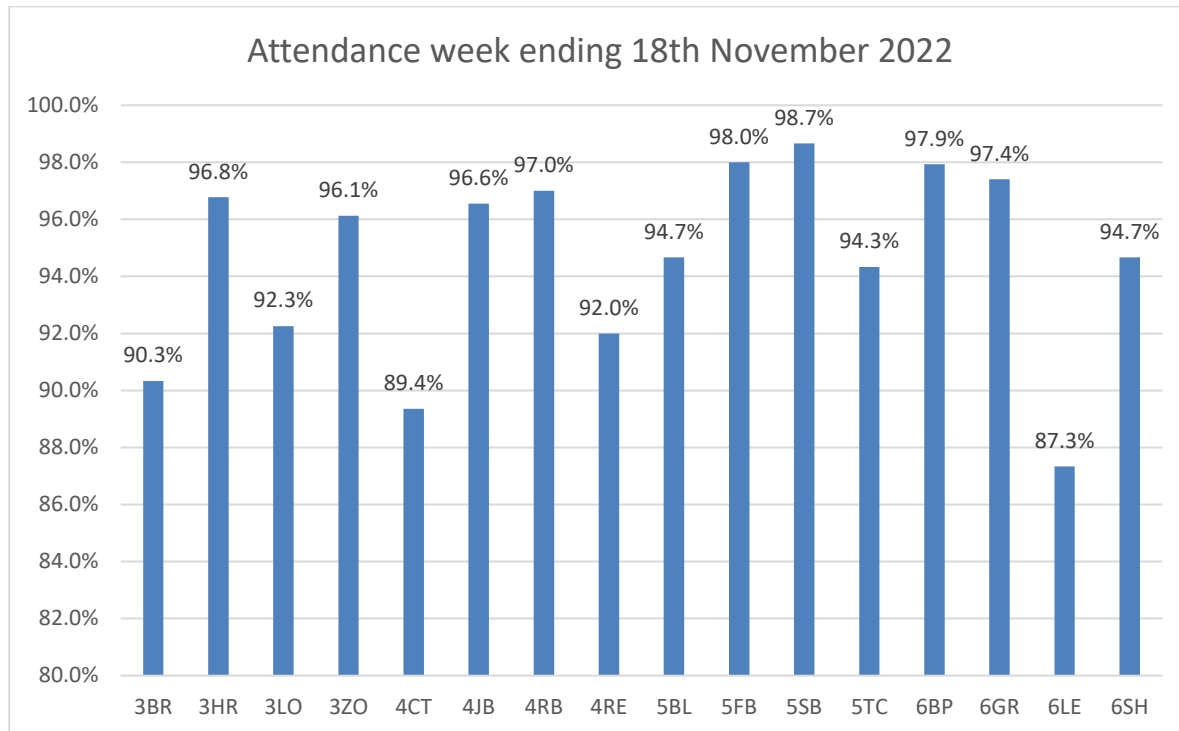
House Points this week

Austen	196
Brunel	212
Nightingale	217
Wellington	195

House point winners this week: Nightingale

Reading Raffle Winner: **Tom, 6BP**

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 94.6%

Find out more...

Follow [@hookjunior on Twitter](#) and [visit our Facebook page](#) for more updates and photos.

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

21 Nov Year 5 Stargazing event – rearranged date

21 Nov World Cup day special menu

22 Nov Year 3 Learning Event

28 Nov INSET Day

3 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

6 Dec Year 4 Christmas Production

8 Dec Christmas jumper day

8 Dec Year 4 Christmas Production

14 Dec Carols Around the Tree

15 Dec Christmas Lunch

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
1 Mar	Bag2School collection
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
16 Jun	Bag2School collection
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



It's not easy being wheezy. Join our asthma webinar.

- Does your child suffer with asthma?
- Have they been given an inhaler?
- Are you unsure what any of this means?



The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team from Frimley Health are running an online education session where you can learn more about your child's asthma



Thur 24th November
7.30 – 8.30pm via Teams
Sign up today - bit.ly/asthmanov

**TWO DANCE FITNESS CLASSES
ALTERNATING EACH WEEK.
TUESDAYS 6PM
HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL**



Set to club anthems from 90's classics to the latest hits, Clubbercise classes and events are held in a darkened room with disco lights and our trademark LED glow sticks.

Broadway Boogie is a high energy workout inspired by Broadway and musical theatre.

You can dance, sing and express yourself while working out to all your favourite musical melodies



Contact details:

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Christmas Fair

at Hook Schools

- Christmas Marketplace
- Santa's Grotto
- Games & Crafts
- Mulled Wine & Hot Food
- Fab Raffle - £1,000 worth of prizes!
- Live entertainment

Free entry!

Saturday 3rd
December
11am - 3pm

Raffle and
Grotto tickets:



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