



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 10 November 2023

Congratulations to our new Head Prefects, Isla H and Evie B

The children in Year 6 decided to move away from the traditional titles of Head Boy and Head Girl and to opt for two children (regardless of gender) who would best represent their roles as Head Prefects. By adopting the title of Head Prefects, the children want to recognise and value the abilities of each individual, irrespective of their gender. This change aligns with our commitment to ensuring that all children have equal opportunities to lead and contribute to the school community.

Our Head Prefects have been elected through a fair and democratic process taking into consideration their leadership skills, commitment to our school values, behaviour, involvement in school life, personal qualities, confidence, humility, independence and an eagerness to serve as role models for their peers. We are confident that our Head Prefects will uphold their responsibilities with diligence and dedication.

In their new roles, the Head Prefects will contribute to the ethos of the school, working closely with the Senior Leadership Team, teaching staff, and children. They will act as ambassadors of the school, providing pupil voice and support implement initiatives that enhance school life for all of the children.

Their selection is a testament to their personal qualities, their active involvement in the breadth of school life, their leadership abilities, maturity, and dedication. We are confident that they will excel in their roles and make a positive impact on our school community.

Year 4 Diwali Parade in Basingstoke

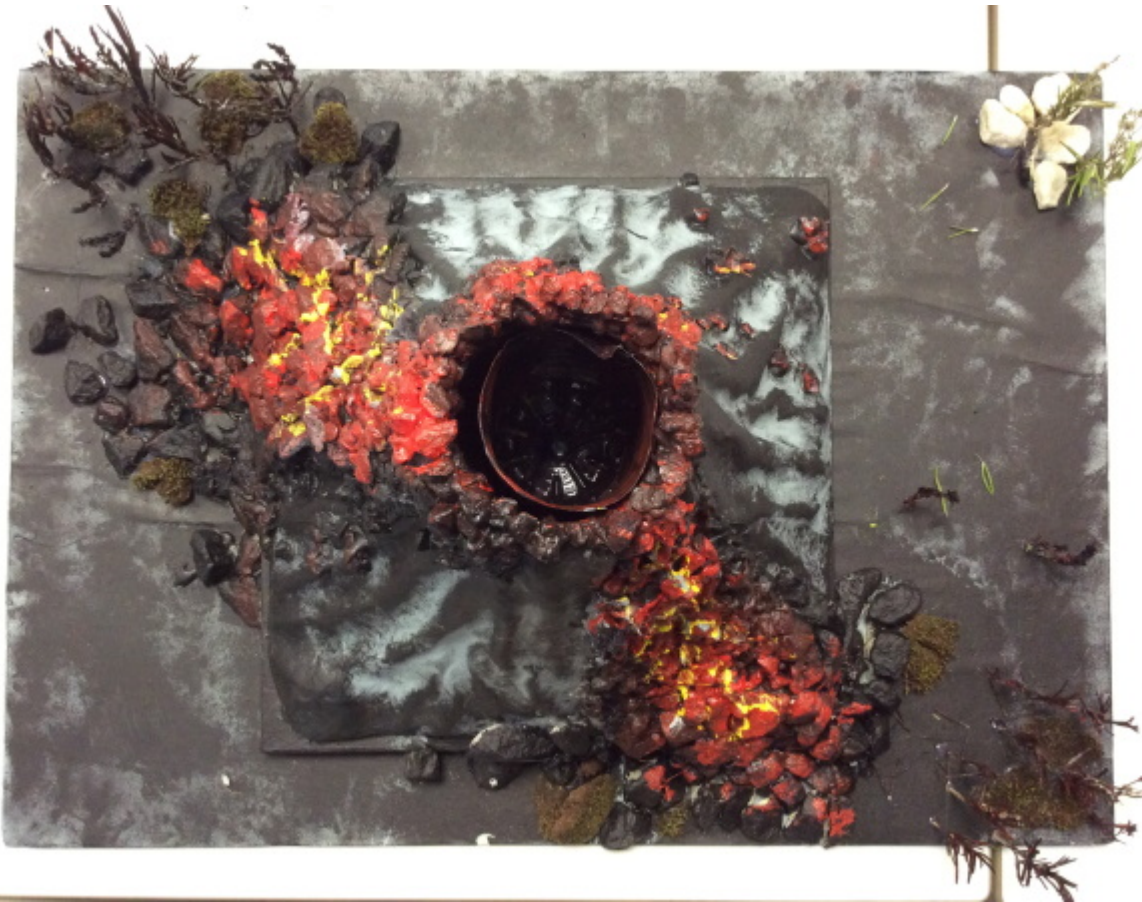
Last Friday, Children from Year 4 attended the Diwali Light it Up festival and parade in Basingstoke, which was organised by the Kala the Arts Centre. The purpose of this event was to provide our students with a hands-on experience, directly linked to their learning, and to celebrate the cultural significance of Diwali. Attending the Diwali festival and parade enabled our Year 4 students to witness the vibrant traditions associated with this festival and gain a deeper understanding of its significance.

Year 6 Maths Challenge at Alton School



On Tuesday, children from Year 6 attended the Annual Primary Maths Challenge. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with problem-solving activities and collaborative learning. The primary aim of this challenge was to enhance the students' mathematical skills and foster teamwork. Our Year 6 children showcased their competency in mathematical concepts and strategies, while engaging in various problem-solving tasks. The event provided a platform for them to put their mathematical knowledge to practical use and develop their logical thinking abilities.

Volcano!



In a spectacular showcase of creativity and knowledge, Year 4 wowed us with their exceptional project homework on volcanoes and earthquakes. Their meticulous models, vibrant paintings, and comprehensive fact files truly stood out. Last Friday, the excitement reached its peak as we witnessed eruptions from some of the stunning models, bringing the science of geological phenomena to life. Year 4's enthusiasm for this project have left us all thoroughly impressed. Well done!

Uniform and Winter Weather

We would like to remind all parents of the uniform expectations for all pupils, [as explained on the Uniform page in the Parents section of our website](#). In particular, please be advised that elaborate hair pieces and hair bands do not form part of the school uniform and should not be worn to school.

As the weather has now turned very autumnal and wet, please make sure that your child is suitably dressed every day. This includes arriving at school with a suitably warm and waterproof coat for them to wear at break or during outdoor learning activities which children will often participate in each week.

Bring some welly boots to school

Outside every classroom at school we have storage for children to keep a pair of welly boots at school. Having a pair of boots at school increases the opportunities for children to engage in a variety of learning activities around the school grounds throughout the year and even during the winter months. Send your child to school with a pair of wellies to keep outside their classroom. Boots should be in good and watertight

condition. It's best if your child can leave them at school so they are always available when an outdoor learning opportunity is available.

Switch Off Fortnight 13th to 24th November

For the next two weeks, the Eco Warriors will be on a mission to save electricity around our school by encouraging their classes to switch off appliances and lights when not in use. [Switch off Fortnight](#) is an energy-saving campaign run by [The Pod](#). As part of this campaign, there is a competition the Eco Warriors have shared with their classes. If your child would like to take part, please find the details below. To support with this energy-saving campaign, why not try to reducing your energy at home by turning off appliances and lights when not in use as well as shutting doors to keep the heat in.

HSCA Bag2School Collection on Monday 13 November

Raise money for our school by donating your unwanted clothing!

Our Bag2School collection organised by the HSCA is this coming Monday, 13th November. Please bring your donations in bin bags (not bags distributed by other charities) and leave in the parking spaces behind the bollards immediately adjacent to the pedestrian entrance gate, or by the Infants vehicle gate in Church View before 9am on the day.

Good quality, second-hand clothes, accessories and linens are accepted. Please go to bag2school.com/what-we-collect for the full list of acceptable donations.

Hook Schools Community Association Fundraising Total



We would like to express our sincere thanks to all members of the HSCA for their terrific fundraising efforts. Over the past year, they have raised an incredible total of £29,600 which will be used for various projects across the Junior and Infant school.

Parking and Drop Off

We hope you agree that the installation of permanent bollards outside the school gates has improved safety for pedestrians of all ages coming and going from school. We would like to remind all drivers that the area immediately outside the school gates, including the area where bollards have been installed and the footpath leading away from the school pedestrian gate is not a suitable location for parking while visiting school or dropping off your child. For the safety of everyone in the immediate vicinity, please only use the marked spaces to allow passengers to leave or enter your vehicle.

Reading FC Tickets

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 2nd Schools and Grassroots Fixtures of 2023-24!

When? Reading vs Barnsley, Saturday 9th December, 3pm

Where? Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance? We would be delighted if you could join us for our 2nd schools and grassroots fixture of 2023-24. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: #HookUnitedYouth in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

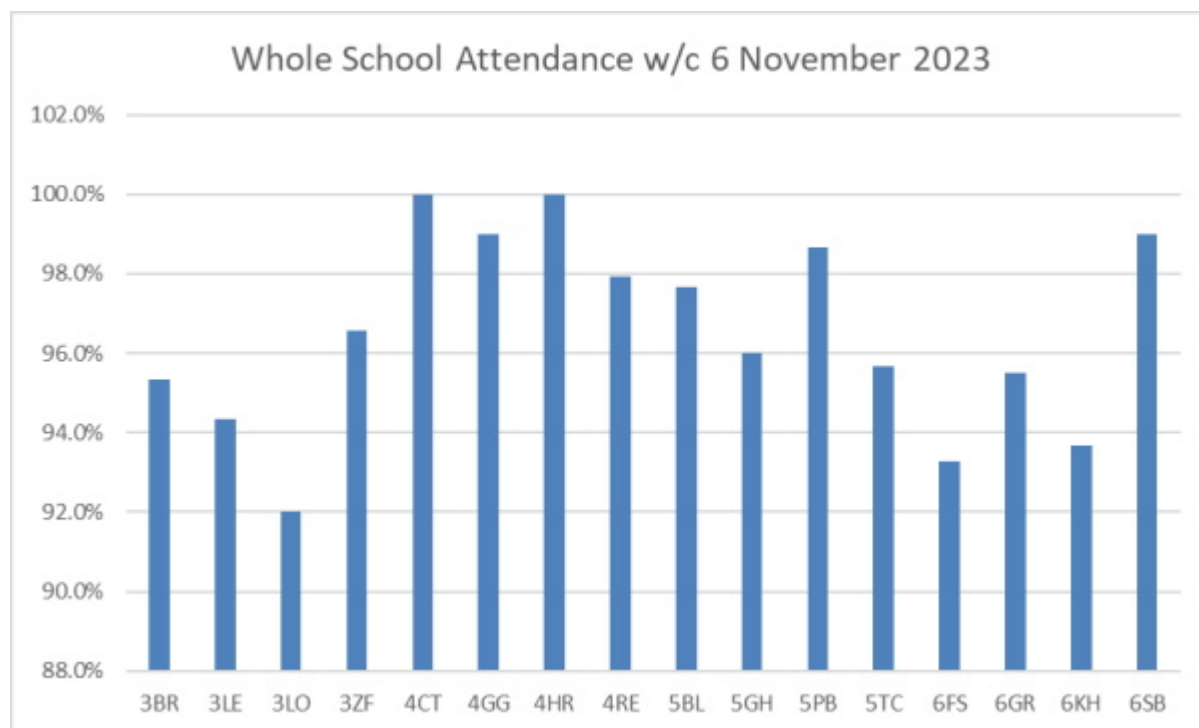
How many tickets can we purchase? There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

If you have any questions about either offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.

Come on URRRZZ!!

Attendance



Whole School Attendance this week: 96.55%

Help for Families

Rushmoor Citizens advice: <https://citizensadvicehampshire.org.uk/>

Hart Citizens Advice: <https://citizensadvicehart.org.uk/>

Rushmoor council cost of living help: <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/housing-benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-help/>

Hart council cost of living help: <https://www.hart.gov.uk/cost-living-support-hub/help-paying-your-bills/cost-living-payments>

The Vine Centre - based in Aldershot - when people use their food bank services they automatically get advice around budgeting: <https://www.thevinecentre.org.uk/>

Christians against poverty: <https://capuk.org/>

Connect to support Hampshire - supporting around budgeting: <https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/>

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Josh K, Memphis K, Molly M, Eva H

Year 4: Katie, Max U-P, Lucy P, Pasha S, Max B

Year 5: Elliott R, Jobe M, Amelia R, Rhian P

Year 6: Hannah V, Noah S, Barney M, Eloise T, Finn M

House Points this week

Austen: 238

Brunel: 222

Nightingale: 199

Wellington: 221

House point winners this week: Austen!

Find out more...

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[Instagram.com/hookjunsch](https://instagram.com/hookjunsch)

Key Dates

New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

13-17 Nov Anti-Bullying Week

13-24 Switch Off Fortnight (*information above*)

13 Nov Odd Socks Day

13 Nov **CANCELLED** Astronomer visit for Year 5 (moved to back-up date, 20 Nov)

13 Nov HSCA Bag2School Collection

17 Nov Children in Need (*information sent to parents w/c 6 November*)

17 Nov Year 5 & 6 Taiko Drumming Workshop

20 Nov Year 5 Astronomer Visit (confirmed)

21 Nov Year 5 Performance (5TC and 5GH) – 9.15am (parents and carers to attend)

22 Nov Year 5 Performance (5BL and 5PB) – 9.15am (parents and carers to attend)

24 Nov Year 4 World Music Workshop

30 Nov Flu Vaccinations in School (*information sent to parents w/c 6 November*)

30 Nov Year 3 Learning Event – 2pm (parents and carers to attend)

2 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

8 Dec Year 6 Learning Event – 2pm (parents and carers to attend)

12 Dec Christmas Production (4HR and 4GG) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

13 Dec Christmas Lunch for Pupils

13 Dec Carols around the Tree – 4pm

14 Dec Christmas Production (4RE and 4CT) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

18 Dec – 1 Jan Christmas Holiday

2 Jan Inset Day – school closed to children

5 Jan Year 5 Swimming starts (*information sent to parents w/c 6 November*)

8 January Year 3 Iron Age Workshop

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16 January Year 6 Natural History Museum Virtual Evolution Workshop (6FS & 6GR)

18 January Year 6 Natural History Museum Virtual Evolution Workshop (6SB & 6KH)

23 Jan Young Shakespeare Company Visit for Year 5 & 6

24 Jan Coffee Morning for all Parents – 8.45am

29 Jan Young Voices Concert (selected Choir members)

5 Feb Learning Consultations – appointments between 3.30pm until 6.30pm

6 Feb Safer Internet Day

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12 Feb – 16 Feb Spring Half Term

19 Feb Inset Day – school closed to children

28 Feb HSCA Bag2School Collection

4 Mar SATs Presentation to Parents – 5pm

7 Mar World Book Day

11 Mar Science Week (all week)

14 Mar Gremlin Dance Challenge

15 Mar Red Nose Day

27 Mar Year 3 (3BR & 3ZF) Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 9.30am

27 Mar Year 3 (3LO & 3LE) Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 2pm

29 Mar – 12 Apr Easter Holiday

23 Apr Year 4 Ufton Court Viking Workshop in school

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29 Apr Open Box Theatre Company visit for Year 5

6 May Spring Bank Holiday

8 May Coffee Morning for Parents of Year 2 Children – 8.45am

13 May SATs Week

27 May – 31 May Summer Half Term

Hook Junior School Weekly Newsletter

14 Jun Class Allocation Letters to Parents

17 Jun Sports Day

19 Jun Information Evening for Parents of Children in Year 2 - 5pm

5 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents

10 Jul Strawberry Tea

24 Jul – 30 Aug Summer Holiday

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Mrs L Martin (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher), Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) or Mrs Boardman (SENDCo) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via www.NSPCC.org.uk or Childline 0800 1111. Any concerns may also be raised directly with Hampshire County Council Children's services phone line (anonymously if you wish) by calling 0300 555 1384. Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.

HOOK SCHOOLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

HOOK

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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Saturday 2nd December



CHRISTMAS
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ROOM



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HOT FOOD



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RAFFLE &
GROTTO
TICKETS

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HOOKED on HAIR Christmas Competition

We invite your children to take part in our a Christmas Competition at Hooked on Hair, by creating festive baubles to decorate our salon brick archway.

To take part please follow these simple steps:

1. Collect your bauble template from the salon between 10th November - 15th December.
2. All Hook Infant & Junior children are invited to decorate the template and return to the salon by **SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER**, clearly labelled, on the back, with their full name and class.
3. All baubles will be displayed on our salon brick arch, and our customers will have the opportunity to make a donation to the HSCA, for our wonderful festive display.
4. From 17th - 24th December our customers will then vote for their favourite festive baubles, with the final 3 winners being announced at close of business on Christmas Eve!
5. The prizes for our winners are: 1st - £15 Smyths gift voucher, 2nd - Festive Hamper and 3rd - Selection Box.



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HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

DANCE CLASSES

MON

Street Dance

5-6pm (ages 4-8)
6-7pm (ages 9-11)
7-8pm (ages 12-16)

THURS

Musical Theatre

5-6pm (ages 4-8)
6-7pm (ages 9-11)
7-8pm (ages 12-16)

FRI

Acro

6-7pm (ages 4-8)
7-8pm (ages 9-11)

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