



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 19 July 2024

Parent Survey

As valued partners we would like to understand what parents and carers think about our school and give an opportunity for comment on the school successes and areas where we may consider improvement could be made. To help us collect this information, [we invite you to complete a simple, short online survey](#).

The survey is anonymous, it offers multiple-choice questions, with some opportunity to add additional text comments. It will take only a few minutes to complete, and will help the school and governing body identify any areas for improvement in our strategic plan for the year ahead. It is important that we get as many results as possible so the results widely reflect the views of parents and carers of the whole school community.

The survey will remain open until 31 July 2024. We look forward to receiving your responses and help them to shape our school.

Governor News

We held the final full governor meeting of the academic year on Wednesday evening. Sadly, it is my last meeting as I have reached the end of my term and will be stepping down as Chair. It's been a privilege to serve as a Governor over the last 4 years and I'm proud to have been a part of a fantastic school. Our Vice-Chair, Chris Bass is also leaving the Governor Board this summer and I would like to say a massive thank you to Chris for his contribution over the last 3 years. Chris was our Safeguarding lead and has done a great job overseeing a complex and critically important area. A new Chair and Vice-Chair will be announced in September.

During the meeting we reflected on all the great achievements, including the excellent SATs results that exceeded the national average again. We have seen an increase in challenging behaviour this year which is having a significant impact on our staffing structure. We continue to support all children at the school and look for new ways of working to manage this emerging trend. Overall the school is in a very strong position and we provide a balanced, expansive and structured curriculum with the interests of the children at the heart of everything we do. We would like to express our gratitude for all your hard work and dedication of our staff this academic year. They create a safe environment for all the children to thrive and provide a solid foundation of both academic and social skills that will support them for the future. Thank you also to all our parents and carers for their support this year. From all the Governors, we hope that everyone connected to the school has a relaxing summer break!

Year 6 Production of Matilda the Musical Jr

The West End came to Hook this week as we welcomed parents and carers to "Crunchem Hall" for the Year 6 production - Matilda the Musical. The children captivated audiences on this week with their outstanding performances! Each show was a true celebration of talent, teamwork, and determination as the children brought the beloved characters of Roald Dahl's classic tale to life; showcasing their impressive singing, dancing, and acting skills. The hard work and dedication of the cast and crew were evident throughout the performances. A huge thank you must go to our wonderful staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this production to life. From the set design to the costumes, lighting, music and 'the chokey' every aspect of the show was truly magical.

We've had some fabulous feedback from parents who watched the Year 6 production of 'Matilda the Musical Jr.' this week:

Wow! Thank you so much for all the work that went into putting on Matilda. The props and staging were absolutely incredible.

The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and clearly enjoyed every moment, as did we in the audience!

What an unforgettable experience for them all and what lucky children they are.

Thank you for inviting us in to come and see it. You had a hall full of very proud and grateful parents.

Dear year 6 team

I want to extend my appreciation and thanks for the wonderful, joyous production yesterday. I loved that every student played their part, whether large or small, centre stage or behind it playing to their talents and dispositions. It was wonderful to witness.

I enjoyed it very much.

Thank you again

Dear All,

I'm sure you will be inundated with emails today following this morning's performance of Matilda, however I must join in: It was wonderful, glorious and completely amazing!

I can see the huge amount of work that has gone into it, by the children and all the staff - and, for that, thank you so very much. The children's sheer joy at performing together, in their school, was plain to see.

I am most struck by the children's confidence - I barely recognised my own child, for whom the idea of playing a role like this on stage even a year ago would have been overwhelming. What a wonderful thing to be leaving junior school with.

With very many thanks once again.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We are looking to recruit a friendly, caring person who enjoys working with children to join our hard working and supportive team of Lunchtime Supervisors.

The role involves:

- Working in the interests of safeguarding all children.
- Helping to set up and organise our pupils in the hall, classrooms and outside areas, encouraging good manners and supporting healthy eating.
- Supervising and supporting play activities and encouraging children to participate in lunchtime activities.
- Promoting independence, equality, fair play and excellent behaviour within the ethos of the school.
- Ensuring the safety and welfare of all our pupils.
- Administering minor first aid

We can offer you:

- Continued professional development.
- Happy, polite and well-behaved children.
- A caring, friendly environment where there is a genuine commitment to raising standards of achievement and care for all.
- Exciting opportunities to work in partnership to shape the future of our successful school and make a real difference.
- A strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff to work alongside you within a supportive and constructive ethos.

For more information and an application form, please contact the school office on 01256 762468 or adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk.

HSCA News

We would like to give a massive thank you to all the parents, carers, teachers and community members who have helped out this year - every hour of time given, every donation and every ticket purchase has been essential in not only raising money, but in enriching the children's experience at Hook schools. It cannot be done without you and we sincerely thank you. We've already started planning for the new school year and we're excited to share our programme with you soon!

Come along to our Annual General Meeting on 19th September to find out how much money you've helped us raise and to meet your HSCA Trustees. Straight after, we invite you to join us at the pub to learn more about the events we have planned for the new school year and how you can help (details to follow).

We hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing and hopefully sunny summer break!



Hook Schools Community Association

AGM

Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Drinks and nibbles provided!

**Hook Infant School (main hall)
Thursday 19th September
18:30 for 19:00 start**

If you are interested in finding out more about the HSCA or getting involved, please join us after the AGM for a Volunteer Information Evening. More details to be announced.



Parentkind
Member Association

Uniform for September 2024

If you require any new, branded school uniform for September 2024, you can [order this via Earth Uniform](#). Uniform requirements are set out clearly [on the Uniform page in the Parents section of the school website](#). An overview of the Earth Uniform offer is included at the end of this newsletter.

We are advised that the supplier of school ties will be shipping Nightingale ties (with the yellow highlight) in approximately three weeks. If you have ordered a Nightingale tie, please remain patient while your order is fulfilled.

The next HSCA pre-loved uniform sale will be on Friday 13 September.

Year 3 Drumming Workshop



This Monday, Year 3 embarked on a musical adventure that transported them straight to the streets of Brazil! Our lucky students enjoyed a Samba workshop where they learned the rhythmic art of call and response and even got to form their very own Samba band. The school halls were alive with the infectious beats and colourful energy of Samba.

Year 3 Persuasive Writing

The writing year 3 have produced has been out of this world! Their latest unit on persuasive writing had the children creating and performing speeches about why Sputnik, an alien from our Guided Reading book, should not destroy Earth. The children were very persuasive and used all the features we had looked at in class. We are pleased to report Earth has been saved...for now.

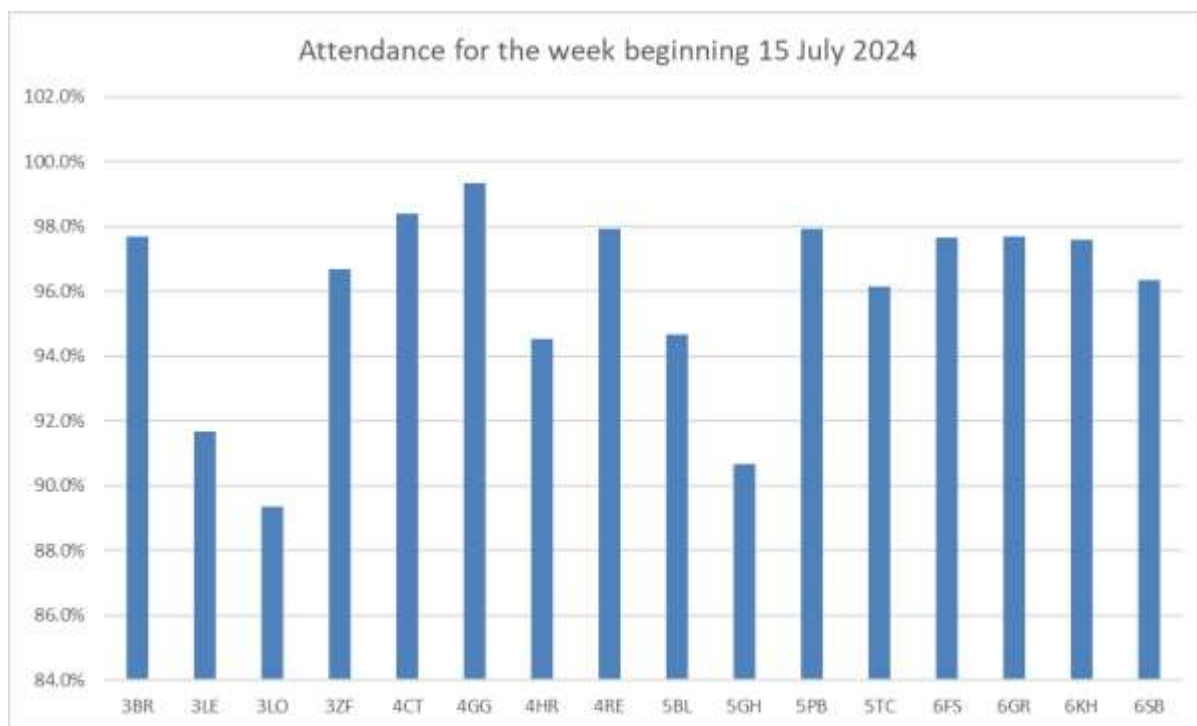
Here we have our alien visitors listening to the speeches.



Shots Foundation Summer Football Camp

The Shots Foundation will be running a half term football camp at Hook Junior School this summer between Monday 29 July and Friday 2 August. More details, including how to book are included in the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Book your child's place via <https://www.letsreg.co/uk/register/SFHook24>

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: %

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Avi S, Alfie B, Thomas R, Dottie P, Teddy T

Year 4: Laura A, Clara M, Willow D, Maxime S, Grace O

Year 5: Claire W, Josie C, Alfie J, Isable R

Year 6: Eleanor D, Pearl M, Harry S, Eloise T, Bavanish N, Ethan P

House Points this week

Austen: 199

Brunel: 174

Nightingale: 240

Wellington: 201

House point winners this week: Nightingale

Find out more...

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Key Dates

22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Assembly

22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Lunch

22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Festival

23 Jul End of Summer Term – 1:20 finish

24 Jul - 30 Aug Summer Holiday

2 Sep INSET Day – school closed

3 Sep Back to School – Autumn term

30 Sep INSET Day – school closed

18 Nov INSET Day – school closed

6 Jan INSET Day – school closed

2 Jun INSET Day – school closed

11 Sep 6:00pm Marchants Hill presentation to year 5 parents

11 Sep 6:00pm Marchants Hill presentation to year Year 6 parents

12 Sep Assembly for International Day of Democracy (on 15 Sep)

13 Sep 3:30pm HSCA Uniform Sale on the playground
18 Sep Portrait photos
19 Sep Year 4 dance workshop with Kala The Arts (session 1)
23 Sep 3HR walk around Hook
24 Sep 3BR walk around Hook
25 Sep 3ES walk around Hook
26 Sep 3CT walk around Hook
26 Sep Year 4 dance workshop with Kala The Arts (session 2)
26 Sep Read Write Inc. workshop with parents of selected children
27 Sep MacMillan Coffee Morning
30 Sep INSET Day – school closed
2 Oct 8:45am Parent Coffee morning for all year groups
7 Oct Whole school photo
7 Oct Harvest assembly and foodbank donation
10 Oct World Mental Health day
10 Oct Year 4 dance workshop with Kala the Arts (session 3)
16 Oct Governor Day
16 Oct 3:30 to 6:30 Learning consultations
17 Oct 3:30 to 6:30 Learning consultations
17 Oct Year 4 dance workshop with Kala the Arts (session 4)
21 Oct Year 6 Residential to Marchants Hill
24 Oct Year 4 dance workshop with Kala the Arts (session 5)
31 Oct Bikeability
1 Nov Bikeability
7 Nov Year 2 parents information morning and tour
8 Nov Diwali Light It Up festival
11 Nov Anti Bullying Week
11 Nov Remembrance Day
12 Nov Odd socks day (for Anti-Bullying Week)
15 Nov Children in Need
17 to 23 Nov Road safety week
18 Nov INSET Day – school closed
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19 Sep 7:00pm HSCA Annual General Meeting
20 Nov Christmas jumper swap rail opens
26 Nov 9:00am Year 5 Learning event
27 Nov 9:00am Year 5 Learning event
3 Dec International Day for People with Disabilities
4 Dec 2:00pm Year 3 Learning event
7 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair
12 Dec Flu Vaccinations
12 Dec Christmas Jumper Day
13 Dec 1:45pm Year 4 Christmas Production to community (4GG and 4CF)
16 Dec Year 4 Christmas Production to school (4KB and 4AS)
17 Dec 9:15am Year 4 Christmas Production to parents (4CF and 4GG)
18 Dec Pupil Christmas lunch
18 Dec 9:15am Year 4 Christmas Production (4BK and 4AS)
19 Dec 4:00pm Carols around the Tree
20 Dec End of Term, 1:20 finish

2025

6 Jan INSET day – school closed
22 Jan 8:45am Parent Coffee morning for all year groups
23 Jan Robert Burns Assembly
25 Jan Burns night (school assembly / activity to celebrate)
27 Jan Holocaust Memorial Day
3 Feb Children’s Mental Health Week
11 Feb Safer Internet Day
11 Feb 3:30 to 6:30 Learning consultations
12 Feb 3:30 to 6:30 Learning consultations
12 - 13 Feb Travelling books book fair
20 Feb Bikeability
21 Feb Bikeability
6 Mar World Book Day
6 Mar Young Shakespeare Co. perform Hamlet to Year 5 and Year 6

7 Mar 3:30pm HSCA Uniform Sale on the playground
8 Mar International Womens Day
10 Mar Science week
10 Mar STEM fair
12 Mar Governor Day
15 Mar Red nose day
21 Mar International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
27 Mar 2:00pm Year 6 Learning Event
2 Apr World Autism Day
2 Apr 5:00pm Year 6 SATS and RSE presentation
3 Apr Easter service at St Johns Church
4 Apr End of Term, 1:20 finish
7 May 8:45am Year 2 parent coffee morning
12 May SATS week
29 May Bikeability
30 May Bikeability
2 Jun INSET Day – school closed
18 Jun Sports Day
4 Jul 2:00pm Year 6 performance to Year 2 and community (6SH and 6LO)
7 Jul Year 6 performance to school (6SB and 6HP)
10 Jul Year 6 play to parents (6SH and 6LO)
11 Jul Year 6 play to parents (6SB and 6HP)
11 Jul Reports circulated to parents
17 Jul Strawberry Tea
22 Jul End of term, 1:20 finish

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Miss L Powell (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.



SAVE THE DATE

19.09.2024

Join us for drinks straight after our AGM to learn more about the HSCA programme for the new school year! Details to follow.

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